



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

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The Role of Farmers in Climate Solutions

Farmers are custodians of about half of Australia's landmass. What happens on farms impacts our food supply, our environment and our country. We're all familiar with alarming price rises after major events like cyclones, floods or heatwaves, but Australia's farmers have a long and proud tradition of innovation and adaptation when challenged by extreme weather and their success underpins the resilience of our food system.

Climate change is ramping up the severity of the challenges. While politicians talk about taxpayer assistance to extend the life of old, polluting coal-fired power stations, many farmers are taking climate change action into their own hands through carbon sequestration, renewable energy and storage, emission reduction and regenerative agriculture. With the support of Farmers for Climate Action (FCA), farmers across Australia are finding a collective voice to challenge a decade of government policy failure.

Dust storms are a familiar sight during prolonged years of drought.



Verity Morgan- Schmidt, now a Sunshine Coast local, grew up on a West Australian farm. She will be guest speaker at the first Friday Environment Forum for 2018 on February 2. Ms Morgan-Schmidt is CEO of Farmers for Climate Action (FCA) and a passionate advocate for transformation.



"If farmers fail, we must all suffer, but this does not have to happen" she says. Ms Morgan-Schmidt will describe how FCA is putting those on the front line of climate change front and centre in creating climate solutions.

Friday Environment Forum is held at the **NPA Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville** starting at **10.30am** with a conservation update before the guest speaker. Coffee and tea available from 10am and the forum concludes at 12.15pm. **All welcome.**

For those wanting to enjoy the birds of Wallace Park, join Valda and other bird observers at 8.30am in the car-park for interpretive birding.