



The Fred Morley Centre

“Applying Critical Thinking to Agriculture”

The Fred Morley Centre at Charles Sturt University was established in 2010 to fill a gap in agricultural training. The mission is to *“apply critical thinking to improve the profitability, productivity and animal welfare of the broadacre agricultural industries.”*

The Fred Morley Centre is positioning itself to be the thought leader in Australian agriculture, ensuring critical thinking is applied. The Fred Morley Centre links academia with ‘hands on’ agriculture, and education with farming systems. Through both education and research, the Centre will help ensure agriculture can meet the increasing demands of the 21st century.

Importantly, the Fred Morley Centre will build capacity in the sector through training the next generation of agriculturalists and their advisors. To date the Centre’s achievements have been considerable given the limited resources and short period of existence. A number of research projects have been conducted, and training of Honours and Masters students in agriculture and veterinary science is ongoing.

The Centre is looking to expand

Funding is being sought for a full time position in the Fred Morley Centre. This position is crucial for future success, as it will enable momentum within the Centre to achieve more and varied projects.

A small investment now into the long term future of agriculture and regional Australia

The Fred Morley Centre aims to be self-funding, with any funds generated being reinvested to build up the Centre. The Centre receives limited funding from within the University and any expansion must be done with external funds.

Agriculture is forecast to become increasingly important throughout the 21st century, as population growth fuels demand for food and clothing. With likely increasing climate variability and decreases in agricultural land due to city expansion, and increasing cost constraints, improvements in productivity will be critical for the continued success of agriculture.

Smarter, more effective farming will therefore be essential. Producers will need to critically assess their operations, and implement scientifically proven practices and make decisions based on the best available information. Seeking good information, making informed decisions and re-evaluating practices in changing circumstances will be key tools for successful producers.

Investing in the Fred Morley Centre is a strategic investment in the future of agriculture and regional Australia.



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