



## CTF UP-2-DATE newsletter

### July to Sept highlights

- New arrival for Tim and Peta
- Topography mapping for Clifton TOPCROP Condamine Alliance project
- RIRDC project on farm mapping software is completed
- NSW CTF workshops
- High resolution satellite imagery
- Webinars

### What's happening in the next couple of months?

- Topography mapping for the Clifton project
- Burnett Mary, Victorian, and Moree NLP projects get into full swing
- **NEW tools** for multiple-years yield map interpretation will be available soon
- Grains BMP manual sections to be finalised

### New arrival

CTF Solutions is happy to announce the safe arrival of Sam Neale (no...not the famous actor). He was born on 31 July.

### NSW CTF workshops

Wayne and Jeff have been very busy delivering CTF workshops throughout Central NSW over the past few months. A total of around 140 participants have now been through the workshops. These have been supported by Lachlan CMA, NSW DPI and CFI. We can do workshops in your area from as little at \$220/head.

### New Clifton Condamine Alliance project underway

Blue is currently completing the mapping using our RTK GPS. He has completed over 3000ha so far. Farm layout and mapping will be combined with agronomic and machinery changes to have CTF systems operating across the district.



### Webinars (story thanks to Farmbis Queensland)

New technology is being used to remotely deliver farmer training courses over the internet.

Web seminars or webinars are beamed to homestead computers in a pilot program which is taking advantage of the increasing availability of high speed broadband in the bush. FarmBis, the Federal-State rural training agency is funding the delivery of 24 webinars covering a range of specialist topics.

The program is one of nine FarmBis Targeted Industry Initiatives, designed to boost rural productivity by helping overcome barriers to rural training and continuous learning. FarmBis also supports farmers undertaking approved management training with a subsidy of 65 percent of course costs.

There had been extremely positive feedback from the delivery of the first 17 webinars on topics ranging from grain futures to spray drift and nozzle selection to controlled traffic farming.

The audio visual courses can have up to 15 participants logged in and interacting with

the presenter. Each webinar is recorded and can be played back on any computer loaded with the program software.

Tim Neale, a director of the controlled traffic farming consultancy CTF Solutions, has presented three webinars and said the potential was enormous.

“It’s a great new way of delivering concise information without wasting time. The presenter can be anywhere and the farmers can learn without leaving their property,” Mr Neale said.

Cindy Coggan has participated in two webinars and found them a great experience. With husband Philip and family she farms a 15,000 hectare property at Westmar. They grow summer and winter crops and grow their own feed for a 4000 head cattle feedlot.

“For me to attend a meeting in Goondiwindi I have to spend six hours just driving there and back. With three children, time away from home is a major issue for me,” she said.

“My husband came in while I was doing a webinar and he was impressed at how simple it was. He was interested and sat through the recording of the program on spray nozzles. I think it’s a fantastic concept. You get information that is straight to the point and you can go back and review it at any time,” Mrs Coggan said.

### **CTF Solutions obtains Webinar room**

Due to the outstanding success of the webinar concept, CTF Solutions has a webinar room available for any clients wishing to use it.

We are currently delivering satellite imagery over the internet to clients across Australia so that we can deliver to your office as quickly as possible – finally technology has caught up.

CTF Solutions is also planning to have regular webinars solely for its clients, to provide regular updates even if they are spread across Australia.

Many people involved in the webinars have been using satellite or even ISDN – so you should give it a go even if you are using these internet connections.

### **High resolution satellite imagery gets cheaper.**

The dry weather has certainly taken its toll again, but many clients are still capturing satellite images. Due to the good Aussie \$ at the moment, and a change in satellite providers, we are offering 2.4m pixel imagery for \$2800 for 6400ha (usually \$6000 for 10,000ha). This price will continue until at least the end of the year. The results we are seeing still continue to amaze us – we can learn a lot even if the crop is not a record breaker – it’s these times where we need to maximise our productivity by reducing crop variability.

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***A real aussie mud map.***

