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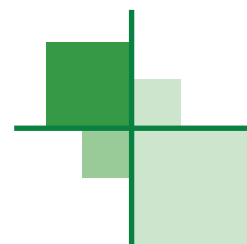
**NATIONAL MEAT INDUSTRY TRAINING ADVISORY COUNCIL LIMITED**



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## **“Paddock to Plate” National Training Conference**

**Novotel Sydney Olympic Park 25 and 26 March 2015**

Welcome to the recent Training Conference edition of MINTRACKER. During the two days, Rural Skills Australia and MINTRAC took great pleasure in hosting the ‘Paddock to Plate’ conference, with an impressive array of speakers, workshops, awards and entertainment.

It seems wherever we go in industry now, that ‘whole of chain’ is a recurring phrase, and the conference provided an ideal opportunity to look at some of those key issues which affect our entire industry. The conference focused on encouraging trainers to think about extending their scope and skills, and at the same time considering key issues such as biosecurity, traceability and animal welfare. The National Training Conference provided an excellent opportunity to network, look at key international and domestic market trends, and debate some of the many issues affecting the training world.

There was a significant number of first time delegates to the conference and I took the opportunity to extend a special welcome to them and to the ‘regulars’, a welcome back, and thank you for their continued support.

No conference would be successful without its sponsors, and we are grateful for the sponsorship support of so many groups this year. In particular thanks to our Gold Sponsor, AMPC, and our silver sponsors, Kentmaster and Response Learning. All of the sponsors were listed in the program, as well as the exhibitors – thank you to you all.

**Jenny Kroonstuiwer, CEO**

## What's been happening at MINTRAC?

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This is a new section for MINTRACKER in which we record some of the activities involving MINTRAC staff.

MINTRAC staff have been out and about in every State over the past three months running a whole range of network meetings, workshops etc. We have decided that in each edition we will put together a photographic summary just to record some of these events.

Since the beginning of the year the following has occurred:

- Low-stress stock handling at Young Guns in QLD
- National validation meetings for the Training Package
- 4 AMPC Training Network Meetings
- 5 AMPC MI&QA Network meetings
- *Diploma of Meat Processing* workshops in Brisbane
- 2 AMPC Engineering Network meetings
- 2 AMPC Environment Network meetings plus presentations at other networks
- Producer Feedback Day at Cootamundra
- First sessions with the *Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness* group.
- RFP course in Perth.
- Careers stand at Skills West Expo
- Workforce development interviews

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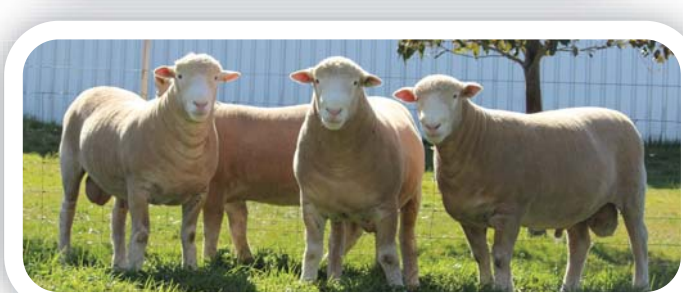
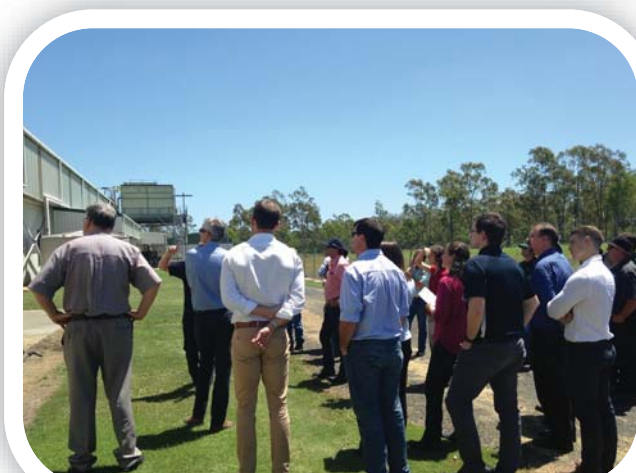
## New Supervisor Skill Set

Last week, MINTRAC, sent out a discussion paper inviting comment on a proposed New Supervisor Skill Set. We have been overwhelmed with responses, and sincerely thank all those who took the time to answer the questions in the paper.

There is unanimous support for the creation of the Skill Set, with some excellent suggestions for consideration of inclusion of additional units. MINTRAC staff are currently working through the suggestions, and will have a final version of the Skill Set ready in early April.

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# Development of the Australian Meat Processing Training Package—where are we up to?

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## Meat retailing qualifications

- National validation meeting completed
- Case for Endorsement drafted
- Implementation Guide under development
- Companion volume under development

## Certificate IV qualifications in General, Quality Assurance and Leadership

- National validation meeting completed
- Case for Endorsement drafted
- Implementation Guide under development
- Companion volume under development

## Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Graduate Certificate and Diploma qualifications

- National validation meeting completed
- Case for Endorsement drafted
- Implementation Guide under development
- Companion volume under development

## Certificates II (Abattoirs) and III (Slaughtering, Rendering, Boning Room, QA, Livestock Handling, Packing Room)

- Now available on the AgriFood website for public consultation until **3 April 2015**.

## Certificates III and IV (Meat Safety)

- Draft qualifications completed and presented at Networks – one more week for comment.
- New units currently under development – to be completed by 9 April.

## Smallgoods qualifications

- All current units have been re-coded and rewritten
- Draft qualifications and Units due to go to AgriFood for public consultation on 9 April

## Certificates II and III (Food Services)

- Draft qualifications and Units due to go to AgriFood for public consultation on 9 April

## Skill Sets

- New Skill Sets
- *New Supervisor Skill Set* – consultation completed - lots of feedback received
- *Waste Water Skill Sets* – current with Environment Group for final comment
- All draft Skill Sets and Units due to go to AgriFood for public consultation on 9 April

## Engineering maintenance

- Concepts for possible development being discussed at current round of networks meetings
  - Draft qualifications will be presented at the next round.
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## Final undergraduate scholarship holder

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MINTRAC would like to congratulate Glenn Bulloch who was the last remaining Undergraduate scholarship holder to complete the MLA/AMPC funded scholarship program.

Glenn has completed his Bachelor of Rural Science Degree at the University of New England where he completed industry placement with his sponsor company Milton District Meats.

Reflecting on his studies Glenn says “while I have always had a passion for meat science, the integration of technical concepts that can be adapted across not only a single meat processing site, but an entire industry has given me a renewed passion for an exciting industry”.



Glenn has now taken up fulltime employment with the Australian Agricultural Company as a Processing Support Operator assisting with the commissioning of the recently established Livingstone Beef Facility south of Darwin, NT. Glenn has said that his role has “allowed me to use and build on my knowledge related to areas such as biochemistry, physiology and chemistry which are readily applied to areas such as AUS-MEAT, Q.A and Waste Water Management”.

It has already been acknowledged by his peers at the Livingstone Beef Facility that Glenn is a fantastic asset to not only the company but the meat industry as a whole.

MINTRAC would like to wish Glenn all the best for his future career in the meat industry.

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## New *Kickstart* scholarships

MINTRAC is very pleased to announce a new **Kickstart** scholarship for meat industry personnel to upgrade their qualifications by undertaking full or part-time studies to gain a qualification at Certificate IV level or higher.

The scholarship provides a one-off grant of \$3,000 to contribute towards the costs of a qualification at a tertiary institution. This will be paid by two instalments, 50% on commencement and 50% on successful completion. ***Closing date for receipt of applications is 24 April 2015***

This scholarship has been proudly sponsored by Zenchiku (Australia) Pty Limited.

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## The National Sheep Health Monitoring Program

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The National Sheep Health monitoring project in conjunction with Zoetis and the Livestock Biosecurity Network have instigated a series of producer feedback workshops. The educational programs endeavour to inform both lamb and sheep producers on strategies to improve livestock health, production and profitability by minimising the impact of diseases and conditions on carcase yield.

The current market conditions of both sheep and lamb is very favourable for producers. However, as an industry, it is important that processors and producers are communicating to improve health conditions which are causing the processing industry significant costs. The MINTRAC workshops hope to further develop the program to increase awareness of grass seeds, incorporating relevant stakeholders to give appropriate advice to reduce of incidence on carcasses.

The workshops include a guided tour of a host abattoir and their facilities followed by a sheep health and disease seminar which will focus on how to reduce the impact of disease and conditions on producers and processor profits.



Please contact James Corcoran [jcorcoran@mintrac.com.au](mailto:jcorcoran@mintrac.com.au) for further information on the upcoming workshops.

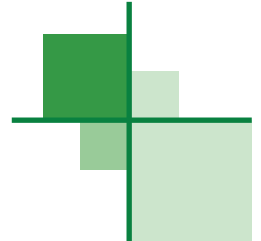


## Training Resources

Revised or New Training Resources		
Resource manual for adopting technology (free booklet)		Now available from MINTRAC
WHS Website		www.mintrac.com.au
Carcase hygiene inspection e-learning CD		www.ampc.com.au
Meat Hygiene assessment webinar		www.ampc.com.au
T&A materials for AMPA2177 <i>Handle working dogs in stock yards</i>		Now available from MINTRAC
Updated T&A materials for AHCLSK212A <i>Ride horses to carry out stock work</i>		Now available from MINTRAC
E-learning tool on yard, lairage and restrainer design - sheep and cattle		www.ampc.com.au
T&A materials for AMPA412 <i>Conduct an animal welfare audit of a meat processing plant</i>		Now available from MINTRAC
Updated T&AB materials for: MTMP2013C/AMPA2009 <i>Operate electrical stimulator</i> MTMP3005A/AMPA3004 <i>Monitor the effective operations of electrical stimulation</i>		Now available from MINTRAC
Electrical stimulation webinar of beef carcase Electrical stimulation webinar of sheep carcase		www.ampc.com.au
Carcase hygiene inspection image library		www.ampc.com.au
Carcase hygiene interactive webinar—Beef carcasses Carcase hygiene interactive webinar –Sheep carcasses		www.ampc.com.au
MHA webinar		www.ampc.com.au
MHA Flip charts		Now available from MINTRAC
T&A materials for AMPX425 <i>Conduct a document review</i>		Now available from MINTRAC
Wild Game Harvesting		Now available from MINTRAC
Skills Checks for MTM11 qualifications		Now available from MINTRAC
Under Development		
Topic	Product being developed	Expected release date
CPPCL03030A Clean using pressure washing	Training and Assessment materials	Development not yet commenced
CPPCL03036A Clean at high levels	Training and Assessment materials	Development not yet commenced
MTMSR215A Package meat and smallgoods for retail sale	Training and Assessment materials	Release date TBA

## A Special Thank You

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