



NACP at the 2024 Richmond Field Day

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The Richmond Field Day is an iconic event in northwest Queensland that has been providing opportunities for exhibitors and stall holders to promote their products and services to eventgoers in Queensland's Southern Gulf region for over 35 years.

On 14 and 15 June 2024, Northern Australia Climate Program (NACP) Climate Mates Lyndy Skea and Lucy Gardner from Southern Gulf Natural Resource Management (NRM) group ran an information stall at the Richmond Field day (Figure 1). Together with NACP Extension team lead Andrew Marshall, they promoted the NACP mission to deliver innovative research, development and extension outcomes to improve the capacity of the red meat industry in managing drought and climate risk across northern Australia.

Their work at the event was focused on building awareness and knowledge of local climate influences and forecast information, and providing the support and confidence to use this information in decision making.

Lyndy and Lucy also provided the opportunity to sign up to the monthly [Southern Gulf climate email list](#) for regular updates on weather and climate events, drivers, and seasonal outlooks for the region. They spoke to producers and landholders about the [NACP Climate Mate program and extension service](#), which also includes delivery of workshops, property visits and webinars.



Figure 1: Lucy Gardner (left) and Lyndy Skea (right) at the 2024 Richmond Field Day.

Andrew presented a climate update for northwest Queensland and spoke about the 2023-24 El Niño event and summer rainfall forecast, available for viewing on the [Southern Gulf NRM facebook page](#).

There was much interest in NACP and discussion of the Bureau of Meteorology's seasonal climate outlooks. Some of the key messages included:

- Early signs of [El Niño and La Niña](#) are most relevant to the climate of the tropical Pacific, while the [long-range forecast for Australian rainfall and temperature](#) provides the best guidance for local climate
- Understanding and communicating forecasts and climate drivers is key to building trust and confidence in forecast products and services
- Visit www.bom.gov.au/climate regularly for the most up-to-date climate forecast information for the weeks, months and seasons ahead
- Contact your local [NACP Climate Mate](#) for help using weather and climate forecast information in decision making and understanding the factors that can influence your region



Figure 2: Andrew Marshall (right) at the 2024 Richmond Field Day.

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