

# ReproActive Rockhampton

## Farmer's Veterinary Service

### Weaner Management - Planning for Performance

Weaning is one of the most crucial management interventions in a beef operation, regardless of season.

Farmer's Veterinary Service & Zoetis invite you to this informative & practical workshop. Developed by Australia's leading vets, cattle specialists & rural business experts, ReproActive is an outstanding workshop series designed to help maximise the reproductive & productive potential of beef herds.

#### *What's in Store?*

- Dr Neil Farmer, Farmer's Veterinary Service: Implementing & managing early weaning to drive efficiency & production on farm & in the feedlot + meeting the nutritional needs of growing stock & the ramifications of getting it wrong
- Matt Brown, Dept. Agriculture & Fisheries: Foundations of heifer productivity - meeting critical mating weights & implementing efficient joining periods
- Paul Williams, Tropical Beef Technology Services: Making use of genetic technologies to improve the bottom line
- Dr Lee Taylor, Zoetis: BRD in young cattle – Why it is important & how it can be managed

***Includes practical session in cattle yards***

**When** - 9:00am - 3:00pm, 1 April 2019

**Where** - 'Lake Learmonth', 9 Atkinson Rd, Canoona, QLD

**Cost** - \$20pp (inc. admission, workshop materials, food & refreshment)

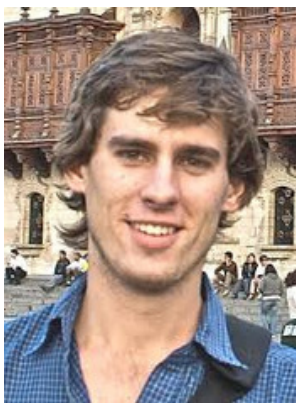
**Registration & information** - [www.reproactiverockhampton.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.reproactiverockhampton.eventbrite.com.au) **RSVP essential**

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# Workshop experts



### Dr Neil Farmer, BVSc, Farmer's Veterinary Service

Neil is a local Rockhampton district vet & beef producer. After doing full time & locum work in practices around Queensland for several years, he has established his own practice, operating out of his family's property, "Lake Learmonth".

Neil is passionate about beef cattle production & veterinary medicine. He is well versed in reproductive management & performance as well as managing a beef cattle enterprise productively and profitability. Neil actively works with his clients to put in place management programs that improve their enterprise performance.

### Matt Brown, Beef Extension Officer, Department of Agriculture & Fisheries

Raised on a beef cattle property in south east Queensland, Matt has been involved in the beef industry all his life. Over the last ten years his career has extended to working with cattle producers and promoting all aspects of grazing best management practice. His expertise extends into breeder herd management, grazing land management, property management & facilitation. He regularly runs workshops & training events & can also provide one on one support & advice to graziers.



### Paul Williams, Technical Officer, Tropical Beef Technology Services

Paul commenced employment with TBTS in February 2012. Previously, Paul worked for CSIRO for 22 years based in Rockhampton working on projects within the Beef CRC. His research focused on beef production in Northern Australia. This included performing ultrasound scanning on beef cattle for carcase & fertility traits & undertaking artificial breeding programs. He was firstly involved on the Northern Crossbreeding Project in CRC I. His work continued to CRC II & III where he specialised in ovarian & carcase scanning, studying genetic links between meat quality, adaptation and heifer puberty. In CRC III, he continued scanning the cows over six matings to study lifetime reproductive performance.



### Dr Lee Talyor, Senior Livestock Veterinarian, Zoetis Australia

Lee has worked with Zoetis for 12 years, as technical support to the Zoetis livestock business in northern Australia. Lee graduated from the University of Queensland in 1988. In 1993 he completed a 2 year residency program in beef cattle herd health at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada where he conducted some of the early research on the impact of bovine pestivirus in beef herds. Lee has worked in a range of different roles including private veterinary practice, as a government veterinarian based in Biloela in central Qld & in his current role with Zoetis.

