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## Saving money and cutting emissions on farm

The potential savings from remote water point monitoring technology were demonstrated at a Queensland Murray-Darling Committee field day on Wednesday, April 14.

The event, included a field trip to the Morris family property “Booringa Downs West” with guest speakers including QMDC Regional Climate Change Officer Rhonda Toms-Morgan, landholder Kent Morris along with Phil Whitten from Observant and Mark Huntley from Pumps ‘n’ Solar.

QMDC Regional Climate Change Officer Rhonda Toms-Morgan said solar pumps and watering points had saved the Morris family time and money while also cutting the operation’s greenhouse gas emissions.

“This technology has improved Kent’s property and given him back time to do the important things while contributing to reducing his fuel emissions,” Ms Toms-Morgan said.

“This type of technology is affordable, user friendly, and it can save landholders in more than one way.

“The system allows Kent to turn pumps on or off as required from the office and also lets him know if there is any rainfall, or if any problems with the water pump or site in general, including diagnosing oil pressure problems or busted water pipes so he can have all the tools packed to visit the site before he goes, further saving time.”

This project has received funding through the Australian Government’s Caring for our Country program as part of the Landcare Sustainable Practices “*Energy and greenhouse savings for QMDC farmers using the GreenGauge Tool*” project. The field day is supported by Observant and Pumps ‘n’ Solar as well as Mitchell & District Landcare.

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee is a natural resource management organisation that supports communities in within the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin to sustainably manage their natural resources. Visit [www.qmdc.org.au](http://www.qmdc.org.au) for more information.

### **Photograph: QMDC 1**

Pump ‘n’ Solar’s Mark Huntley answers questions about telemetry at a QMDC field day near Mitchell on April 14.

### **Photograph: QMDC 2**

Kent Morris, from “Booringa Downs West” near Mitchell, demonstrating the communications technology with the Observant telemetry system he has installed on his farm, saving him both time and money while also cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

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