What is the Rural Financial Counselling Service?

The primary role of the Rural Financial Counselling Service Programme is to support farmers, fishers, forest growers and forest harvesters and small related businesses who are suffering financial hardship, and who have no alternative source of impartial support to manage and adjust to the challenges of industry and climate change.

The Australian and State governments provide funding to deliver the programme throughout rural Australia in key regional areas.

RFCS - Southern Queensland's head office is based in Roma and employs rural financial counsellors who provide rural financial counselling assistance across the region.





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Service Management Head Office Roma

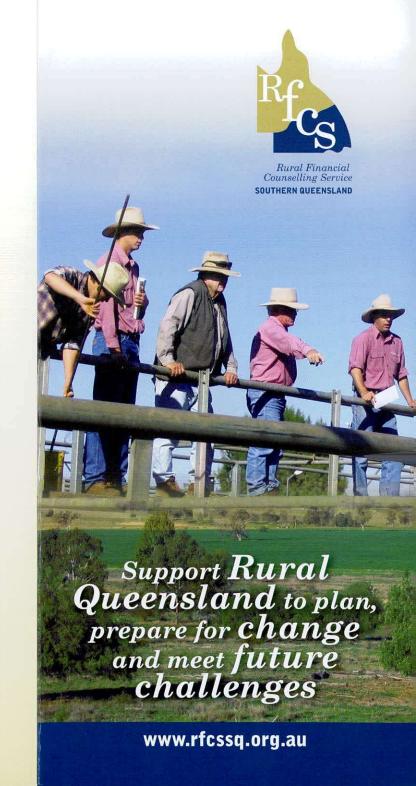
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Contact one of our
Rural Financial
Counsellors today

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Are you a farmer, fisher, forest grower and harvester or a small related business?

How can a Rural Financial counsellor help you?

Managing Risk and planning for the Future.

RFCS Southern Queensland may be able to assist you and your business (refer to the map on the back of this brochure for service areas and contact details).

Our services are:

- (a) free of charge, confidential, impartial and independent,
- (b) delivered, by skilled, local professionals who know your area and industry

If you would like to discuss your financial position and become better prepared to manage future challenges, our rural financial counsellors are happy to assist you to understand, analyse and identify your business and its management options.

Rural financial counsellors aim to identify options which see you and your business better equipped to manage change/adjustment and lead to self-reliance.

The options enable you to make the decisions for your business.

- Examination of your financial position
- Financial analysis of historical performance
- Identification of appropriate business options and the development of an action plan
- Preparation of cash-flow projections for a variety of scenarios
- Preparation for meetings with financiers
- · Preparation for succession-planning
- Identification of government assistance that may be applicable given your circumstances
- Identification of risk areas for your business
- Preparation for and management of natural disasters
- Referring to additional assistance from within both government and private sectors

Rural financial counsellors are unable to provide advice, but can provide you with the tools and knowledge necessary to make informed financial and business decisions. Referrals to other professionals may be appropriate where rural financial counsellors are unable to assist.

With all the natural disasters, market volatility and cost pressures, rural communities have faced enormous challenges over the years. The Rural Financial Counselling Service understands these pressures and the impacts they can have on an individual and/or their business.

RFCS-SQ aims to support eligible businesses to move from reactionary crisis management toward a more proactive risk management approach of dealing with those forces.

Rural financial counsellors have been trained and accredited to ensure the information you receive is of a high standard. They are flexible and can meet at a time and venue that is suitable to you.

Personal and financial information is treated with the strictest of confidence, is stored in a secure database and is shared only where necessary and upon prior approval from you.





It makes sense to plan for change for your family and for your future.