

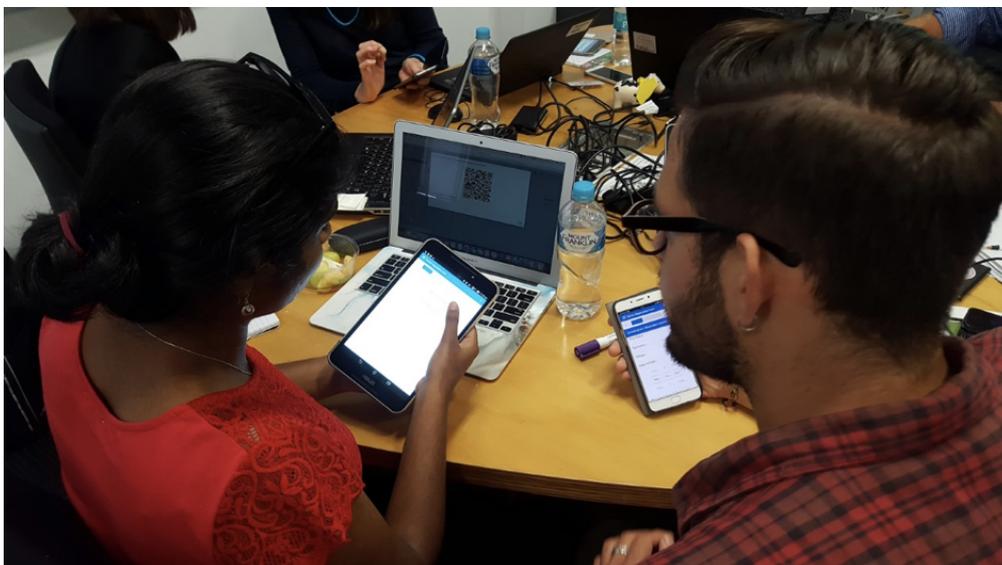
RAID in 5

1. MMM... MAD Meeting in Melbourne

Mobile acquired data (MAD) is becoming more and more valuable in international agricultural research. MAD enables more efficient and accurate data collection, immediate two-way stakeholder communication, not to mention saves reams (and reams!) of paper. This year, RAID's annual capacity building workshop focused on mobile acquired data and digital apps for collecting data in the field. Over two intensive days of training from, RAID and The University of Melbourne, the 20 participants learnt to build surveys in [CommCare](#) which they could then use in their own specific research programs. A big thanks to Jack Hetherington (ACIAR), David M^cGill (UoM), Jess Hall and Stu Higgins ([AgImpact](#)) for running the workshop.

Interested in collecting data digitally but missed the workshop? All RAID members have access to the learning material from the workshop in the [member's resources](#) section of the website OR read more about the workshop [here](#).

If you want to let RAID know what you think it should be doing for its events and capacity building, now's your chance. [RAID wants your feedback](#).



Picture 1: Elya Richardson (UTAS) and Caspar Roxburgh (UQ) testing their brand new

CommCare survey application. Click on the picture to see a video of the workshop (Photo: Jack Hetherington).

2. Top three blogs for the last few months

There are lots of entertaining and insightful blogs being published on the RAID website. Here are three of our more popular blogs from the last three months. So if you haven't read these or any others blogs get online and have a read!

1. ['The ones we leave behind: how our R4D work affects our loved ones' by Di Mayberry](#)
2. ['The power of language "To Pasa Lao, or not to Pasa Lao, that is the question" by Madaline Healey](#)
3. ['Are we causing more harm than good? Reflections and ethical dilemmas from 8 years in African agricultural development' by Brendan Brown](#)

Hearing your stories is one of the best parts of RAID and also gives you a chance to win some great prizes by entering our [blog competition](#). If you have been sitting on an idea or have a story to share, we want to hear it! Send us an email at raid@outlook.com.au.



Picture 2: Collaboration! Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam and Australia.

3. International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day on 8 March, RAID member Skye Gabb shared some learnings on how to best understand the different roles of men and women in agriculture to maximize communication, participation and input, as this ultimately results in greater impact!

[‘Gender and agriculture: 10 practical tips for involving men AND women in research activities’](#)



Picture 3: Improving project impacts requires two to tango! (Source: Skye Gabb)

A great example of a project implementing the ideas shared by Skye

A [project](#) commissioned by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural research (ACIAR) utilizes many of the same concepts mentioned by Skye Gabb with some fantastic results. This project ASEM/2010/052, ‘examining women’s business acumen in Papua New Guinea: Working with women smallholders in horticulture lead by the University of Canberra’. Follow the [link](#) to read more!



Picture 4: Project leader Barbara Pamphilon (Centre left) with project participants (Source:

4. Most inspiring/thought provoking articles and blogs read by RAID members.

Meisha Holloway Phillips provides some great [thoughts](#) and advice on how to score the elusive... job security for early career researchers in science!

Robyn Alders and her work on immunizing chickens in Africa and Asia was the subject for [this](#) good news article in the Sydney Morning Herald. Read and feel the inspiration!

Mario Herrero and colleagues have [categorized and mapped](#) how farming systems around the world contribute to nutrient production...

Sophie Edwards answers 'Why include men and boys in the fight for gender equality?' A recent [blog](#) on engaging with men and boys for success in gender work, and avoiding adverse effects on women.

Mark Dodgson on [fighting ignorance from ivory towers](#); discussing how academics can overcome the tide of anti-intellectualism.

5. RAID Events

Recent:

May 10 - networking event at the UTAS Sandy Bay Campus. This event followed a Crawford Fund forum '[Doing well by doing good](#)' held at Government House in Hobart earlier in the day.

May 17 - networking event at UQ Gatton Campus including Michael Halliday giving an entertaining insight into what it's like doing a PhD in Eastern Indonesia.

Upcoming:

Thursday, 15th June - Networking at the Research for Development Impact (RDI) Network Student Forum (Sydney)

Networking event at the University of Sunshine Coast, keep an eye on the Facebook page or if you're keen to get involved, email raid@outlook.com.au

GrainGrowers' flagship event Innovation Generation (3-5 July 2017) in Adelaide, has become the leading annual gathering for under 35s working in this industry [Link](#)

There are some conferences coming up later in the year which we are likely to have a number of RAID members at, so keep them in your diaries and get in touch if you are

headed there too!

[The Crawford Conference](#) (Canberra, August 7-8)

[Conference on Sustainable Animal Agriculture for Developing Countries](#) (Batu City Indonesia, 16-19 October)

[International Tropical Agriculture Conference](#) (Brisbane, November 20-22)

Before heading to your next conference, why not check out our [tips for networking](#).

Want to get more involved in RAID?

If you are keen to get more involved in RAID, let us know as we are always on the look-out for members interested in being state reps or helping out & running local events. We have state reps in most states and territories, but people move around frequently and you never know if there is a position/space for you. It's a great way to link up more closely with other RAID members and make plenty of friends along the way! Please send an email to raid@outlook.com.au if you would like to know more.



Picture 5: ACIAR CEO Prof. Andrew Campbell and the RAID committee (source: RAID)

See you in the field...

From the RAID Committee

Jobs, volunteering, grants & scholarships

PhD graduates, apply for the “Rethinking food and nutrition science” [think tank!](#)

A current list on opportunities with [AVID](#)

The RAID [Jobs-opportunities](#) page has listed numerous scholarship/grants and volunteer positions

Want to hear from global experts in agriculture and sustainable development? The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Academy hosts Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) including in [Agriculture, Nutrition and Sustainability](#) . Not only do you hear from the leading minds around the world but you can enroll and get and certificate of completion at the end. Check out all the [courses](#).



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