



Could your weeds be trying to tell you something?

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Graziers are invited to explore soil conditions on a grazing operation with high soil carbon at Mount Ossa, to figure out which weeds indicate acidity and or high nitrates.

The Reef Catchments 2018 Grazing Field Day, on Wednesday March 21, will be the perfect follow-up to the 2018 Innovative Grazing Forum.

Dr Terry McCosker will be the man to follow during this visit to a local grazing property. Dr McCosker will lead graziers through a soil health assessment in the field during an educational farm tour. Learn how to assess your soil asset, and how to capture water in the soil where you need it.

Gwyn Jones from Tarwyn Park Training will also join the day to discuss weeds as an indicator of soil condition. Gwyn specialises in soil health and balancing soil chemistry, especially trace element interactions. He takes a personal interest in water management, plant succession and innovative ways to manage weeds.

Reef Catchments Sustainable Agriculture Project Officer, Tegan McBride, said, "The property we are visiting has achieved higher than average soil carbon for our area, it is a showcase of what can be achieved."

"Importantly, improved soil condition can lead to greater numbers of stock being sustained for longer periods on the same ground. Improvements can help the soil retain moisture for longer, prevent erosion and minimise runoff."

Those attending the Field Day will leave from Reef Catchments, 85 Gordon Street Mackay, at 8 a.m. for the bus ride to the property. Participants are asked to wear sun smart clothing and hat, enclosed footwear, and to use sunscreen and insect repellent.

This Reef Catchments event is funded under the Queensland Government Natural Resource Management Investment Program.

EVENT DETAILS - GRAZING FIELD DAY

Date: Wednesday 21st March 2018
Time: 8:00am - 1.00pm
Venue: A bus will leave from Reef Catchments Suite 1, 85 Gordon Street, Mackay
RSVP: By 12th March Reef Catchments 07 4968 4200
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Media are invited to this event. For more information, please contact Tegan McBride on 0408 904 036 or tegan.mcbride@reefcatchments.com

IMAGES

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Photos: Terry McCosker will lead graziers through a field soil assessment.

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