



Science provides a step up to business success for our local graziers

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Did you know that a beef cow can swallow 120 litres of saliva a day?

Or that an increase of 10°C can almost double cattle's daily consumption of water?

Registration is now open for the Mackay Innovative Grazing Forum 2018, with local graziers and landholders encouraged to attend on **Tuesday 20th March 2018**.

Reef Catchments has hosted the annual grazing event for the past six years.

Forum coordinator, Juliane Kasiske, said the forum was popular with graziers across the region. This year, the focus will be on using science to get back to the basics.

"We want our graziers to understand how the little things can make a big difference. It's about using science and the facts to help drive your business success and ability to innovate," she said.

Topics covered include nutrition, reproduction, bull selection and genetics, best practice pasture management, soil health and - at the request of local graziers - how to mitigate erosion and rehabilitate sites.

"We have some great speakers lined up, including Misko Ivezich who will talk to graziers about how to address erosion. Erosion is a big issue and local graziers have told us they want to learn more about what they can do for their land," Juliane said.

Speaker Dr Terry McCosker said simple science could drive important practice change.

"It costs the average grazier \$2.06 to produce 1kg of beef in Central Queensland today. On a completely different note, most operators wouldn't realise over 4 quadrillion microbes pass from the rumen to the abomasum every day," Mr McCosker said.

"Understanding the context of these kind of revelations can help graziers better manage their business."

The full day event is free for graziers and mixed operators to attend; lunch and refreshments are provided. For those unable to attend, a live stream will be set up.

This event is proudly hosted by Reef Catchments, and delivered by the Regional Landcare Facilitator through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.

The forum will be followed by a field day at a local grazing property with Dr Terry McCosker. Graziers can learn more about using their soil as an asset. [Click here for more information.](#)

EVENT DETAILS - MACKAY INNOVATIVE GRAZING FORUM

Date: Tuesday 20th March 2018
Time: 8:30am - 4.30pm
Venue: Windmill Motel, 5 Highway Plaza Mackay
RSVP: By 12th March Reef Catchments 07 4968 4200 or
reception@reefcatchments.com
Live stream: <https://youtu.be/3OC0l8y9Vsk>

MEDIA

Media are invited to this event. Best time for media interviews or footage is during event breaks 10.45am - 11.15am or 12:45pm - 1:45pm.
For more information or to line up an interview, please contact Jaime Newborn on 07 4968 4213 or jaime.newborn@reefcatchments.com

KEY SPEAKERS:

- Dr Terry McCosker - Grazing Best Practice Principles, Nutrition, Reproduction
- John Bertram - Bull Selection - buying better bulls thanks to beef genetic technologies
- Misko Ivezich - Stream bank erosion - learn how to mitigate erosion and rehabilitate sites

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