

## Field day to showcase the best of our small landholders

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Plans are being made for an extravaganza featuring the best of our local small landholders in the upper Pioneer Valley later this year.

The Small Landholder Field Day is being organized by Reef Catchments with support from Glencore and is planned for 24 October at Finch Hatton showgrounds.

Reef Catchments received \$70,000 in funding from Glencore to host the event, which will serve as a showcase for landowners working from small properties.

Although it is a few months away, Reef Catchments is seeking expressions of interest from organisations and businesses with information, products and services to assist small landholders.

Tegan McBride, Sustainable Agriculture Project Officer at Reef Catchments said: “This event will be an opportunity for people to talk with industry professionals and listen to presentations about looking after the land and options to diversify income streams.”

Craig Strudwick, Community Relations Manager for Glencore Coal said: “Glencore Coal is committed to investing in the communities that host our mining operations. The Small Landholder Field Day is about building a resilient and diverse community. This \$70,000 partnership is part of an annual Community Investment program in which we invest almost \$5 million each year to support community groups, events and initiatives across Queensland and NSW communities where we operate.”

While Glencore is best known for its mining operations, they are also heavily involved in agriculture, particularly grazing. Colinta, the company’s agricultural arm owns and operates significant pastoral properties across the country, including Central Queensland.

“With 78% of the land we own used for agricultural purposes, we understand the challenges farmers face and the need to provide practical support through initiatives like the Small Landholder Field Day,” Mr Strudwick said.

For more information, or to arrange to hold a stall on the day, please contact Tegan McBride at Reef Catchments on [tegan.mcbride@reefcatchments.com](mailto:tegan.mcbride@reefcatchments.com) or 0408 904 036.

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