

Enhancing Grazing from the Ground Up

Improving landscape quality is the first step to increase production quality and quantity. Healthy soils will provide us with healthy food and therefore keep us healthy.

“Embracing the understanding that a Grazier’s role is to grow food for their cattle is the first link to make when managing grazing enterprises,” Reef Catchments’ Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator, Gillian Barbat said.

‘What happens underfoot, knowing the condition of our soils, is essential to making improvements to pasture,’ Ms Barbat said.

‘Managing grazing from the ground up is the direction we will take during this three-day event as we discover options to improve landscape and production quality and quantity, to network, share knowledge and innovations.

This year’s event welcomes Dr Christine Jones yet again to the region, as keynote speaker. With her deep understanding of the linkages between soil health, plant growth and animal production she understands that “With weather events becoming more extreme, our farming systems need to be more resilient; again, this is where having carbon sequestered in soil to maintain aggregate stability and improve infiltration is vitally important.”

THE ANNUAL INNOVATIVE GRAZING FORUM WILL RUN OVER 3 DAYS IN MACKAY

FIELD DAY 1

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2022, FROM 8:30AM
WHERE: 395 BELLS ROAD, PALMYRA

CONFERENCE DAY

WHEN: FROM 08:20 THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2022
WHERE: THE WINDMILL MOTEL & EVENTS CENTRE, 5 HIGHWAY PLAZA, MT PLEASANT

FIELD DAY 2

WHEN: FRIDAY 22 APRIL 2022, FROM 8:30
WHERE: 1759 MARLBOROUGH ROAD, SARINA RANGE

Please note Attendance to this event is strictly by registration only.

Speakers

Dr Christine Jones – Amazing Carbon

Christine will firstly present on regenerative grazing and soil health on the extraordinary symbiotic relationships that exist between plants and microbes and the role of soil microbial diversity in improving levels of stable soil carbon.

Grant Sims – Down Under Covers

Grant Sims will present on the benefits of multispecies cropping and maintaining high level soil coverage with valuable, nutritional cover crops.

Simon Mattsson – Soil Land Food

Simon will expand on the content of the *Tropical Soils Guidebook*, focusing on simple steps to improving soil and plant health in the tropics.

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