



BUILDING A TOOLKIT FOR RESILIENT LANDSCAPES

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Sponsored group, Rummerys Hill Landcare Group, will undertake this project with the sponsorship of GLENRAC Incorporated. This project will conduct two workshops that will engage 16 landholders in plant identification and increase awareness of growth phases, regeneration processes and the value of native grasses. The Prograze workshop will be delivered over an 8-month period, delivering 36 hours of tuition to 24 participants. On completion, participants will be equipped to adopt management changes on-farm and increase sustainable management of the NRM base.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- To maintain and improve ecosystem services through sustainable management of local and regional landscapes,
- Increase engagement and participation of the community, including landcare, farmers and Indigenous people, in sustainable natural resource management.
- Increase restoration and rehabilitation of the natural environment, including protecting and conserving nationally and internationally significant species, ecosystems, ecological communities, places and value



PROJECT AIMS

3 events
3 media opportunities

WHAT WAS DONE?

- 3 day Prograze Abridged training course to be run for 15 participants from 13 farming businesses.
- 1 Native Plants field trip attended by 30 participants, this included a component on identifying native grasses.
- 1 Grazing & Pasture Management workshop held at Dundee attended by 19 land managers. All participants recorded an intention to implement management practise change as a result of attending this training.
- 5 media opportunities were realised.



BENEFITS OF THIS PROJECT

- Increase skills and knowledge of land managers to better manage their natural resources by attending the 3 day Prograze training

This included the following topics:

- Visually and objectively measure pasture quality and quantity
- Understand the impact of pasture quality on animal production
- Assess the condition scores of different classes of sheep and cattle
- Match pasture available to livestock requirements

- This event was run over weekends to allow participants who work off farm to attend. This event was attended by a number of young farmers interested in improving their skills and knowledge.

- Increase in knowledge and awareness of the role and importance of native grasses in our productive and environmental landscape

- Increase skills and knowledge of farmers to match feed availability with stocking rates.

- Increases level of skill to create a feed budget for a defined period

- This project has increased the profile and activity of the Rummerys Hill Landcare group

- These events attracted new participants to Landcare events

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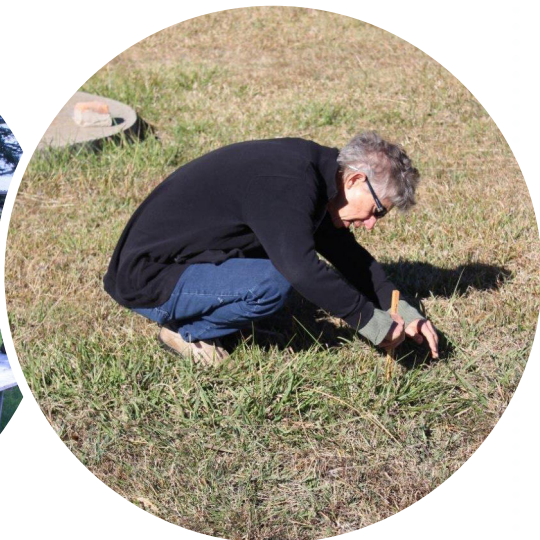
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LESSONS WE LEARNT

The needs of the group must be continually checked. A group general meeting resulted in the Prograze training being changed from the original proposal of 7 half days to 3 full days training delivered over weekends to attract participants who work off farm or live elsewhere for work and return to Glen Innes for weekends.

NEXT STEP?

- An Action Plan for the next 12-months has been developed for the Rummerys Hills Landcare group.
- This plan details on revised priorities and actions of the group following this project.



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