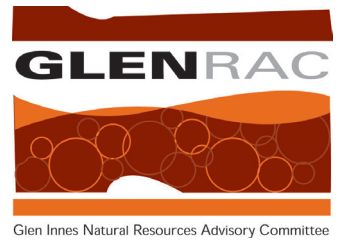


# INCREASING KNOWLEDGE IN ECOSYSTEMS SERVICES



Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee

25ALG-226

DURATION: 11 MARCH 2016 — 30 JUNE 2016

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### EXAMINER NEWS

## Consulting service heads back to town

RESOURCE Consulting Services (RCS) will be returning to Glen Innes from September 15 to 17 to run a Pasture to Pocket workshop in conjunction with GLENRAC.

The training will run for two and a half days involving a mix of "in room" theory discussions as well as a field trip focusing on applying the principles and tools discussed.

This program links property development, grazing management and pastures, with animal nutrition and reproduction, taking into account our climate as effectively as possible while building healthy, productive soils, pastures and business.

Participants will cover a number of components in the course, including property development, reproduction, grazing, and nutrition.

The farm business elements of the course are also very valuable, including sections on how to analyse your own business; identify the aspects of your business most restricting profitability; and strategies to overcome the weak link in your business.

The training also places a heavy emphasis on sustainable grazing management, and how an understanding of basic ecology determines your plant, animal interface; about the water, mineral and energy flow cycles; and learn how livestock can be used to improve ecosystem processes.

If you would like more information on the workshop, please phone RCS on 07 4939 5255 or visit their website [www.rcs.australia.com](http://www.rcs.australia.com) for more information.

## Day to sink teeth into suitable feed

FARMERS have the opportunity to attend a one-day training workshop in Glen Innes later this week to learn more about sustainable nutrition.

The Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee (GLENRAC), the Landcare network for the Glen Innes district, will be hosting the workshop on Thursday in the town.

This workshop is part of a grant supported effort from the Australian government's 25th anniversary Landcare grant. Landcare co-ordinator, Kylie Palmer, said:

"The workshop has been designed for sheep and cattle producers and will give participants a good overview how the ruminant digestive system works and the skills to plan a program to meet the nutritional needs of different classes of animals."

This week's workshop will be delivered by AMSA Agrilivis Kuhn.

Mr Kuhn developed the workshop. It is both informative and practical, and participants will receive a folder of workshop notes to take home.



Dissemination producer Brian Lint, left, working with GLENRAC, Lewis Kuhn during a recent workshop. Photo: Jennie Callahan

# WHAT WAS DONE?



- Two training workshops were attended by 29 participants
- Two project promotion documents were created, one at the start and this project report card.
- Two media articles were created as part of the event promotion.



## BENEFITS



- ➔ Increased skills and knowledge of workshop participants
- ➔ Increased awareness of the role of the natural resource management factors that influence farm profitability (P2P)
- ➔ Increased confidence of participants from average of 4 to 7 out of 10 to make informed decisions as a result of attending the training (RN)
- ➔ Training delivered at timely intervals to ensure uptake by participants
- ➔ Increase in GLENRAC memberships as a result of the project activities

## NEXT STEPS?

## LESSONS LEARNT?

Follow up field day for Pasture to Pocket participants  
 GLENRAC hosted two Grazing & Pasture Management workshops following the Ruminant Nutrition workshop. These events were also attended by most participants of the Ruminant Nutrition as a follow up event.

It would be desirable to remeasure management practise change at 6 & 12 month intervals following training events and to ask participants what support they need in adopting new management practises.

