



# SMARTER GRAZING FOR HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, LIVESTOCK AND PROFIT

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Sponsored group, Pinkett Sport & Recreation Association, will undertake this project with the sponsorship of GLENRAC. The project will deliver structured, high impact, value for time and money training for at least 30 local farmers.

This will be in the form of a one day Grazing Management workshop, and a two day Low Stress Stock handling course. This project will build on work already completed through and by, GLENRAC, raising its profile as a facilitator of sustainable agriculture training in response to community needs.



25ALG 567 Duration: 11 March 2015 to 30 June 2016

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

1. To maintain and improve ecosystem services through sustainable management of local and regional landscapes.
2. Increase the number of farmers and fishers adopting practices that improve the quality of the natural resource base, and the area of land over which those practices are applied.
3. Increase engagement and participation of the community, including landcare, farmers and Indigenous people, in sustainable natural resource management.

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- 2 community participation and engagement events
- 30 farming entities implementing management practise change
- Implement conservation grazing management plans

## WHAT WAS DONE?

- Two training events were attended by 39 participants
  - Low stress stock handling Glen Innes
  - Grazing and pasture management workshop, Ben Lomond
- 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 OF THIS PROJECT



- Participants of the Low Stress Stock handling training managed 26,265ha and participants of Grazing & Pasture management training managed 12,310ha.
- All participants who attended the Low Stress Stock handling planned to use skills they had learnt on their own farms immediately.
- Interactive workshops allowed participants to practise their new skills and knowledge in a supported environment.
- 80% of participants who attended the Grazing & Pasture Management workshop planned to go home and implement management practise changes.
- 100% would recommend the workshop to other farmers, participants ranked both value and satisfaction of the event as 4.8 out 5.
- Participants demonstrated an improvement in knowledge through completing pre and post event quiz.
- Participants recorded in increase in average confidence to make informed decisions from 3.8 to 8 out of 10 at the end of the training.
- Increased skills and knowledge of workshop participants
- Increase in GLENRAC memberships as a result of the project activities
- Increased awareness of the role of the natural resource management factors that influence farm profitability, in relation to pasture and grazing management

## LESSONS LEARNT

GLENRAC scoped the future interests and needs of workshop participants by asking what other training would you be interested in attending?'. This has given GLENRAC a platform to start planning future projects for our members.

It would be desirable to reassess management practise change at longer term intervals following training events to ask participants what management changes they had adopted and what support they need to adopt new management practises.

## NEXT STEPS?

GLENRAC continues to receive enquiry for running low stress stock handling training. GLENRAC will continue to seek future opportunities to facilitate the delivery of further low stress stock handling training for our members.

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Meat & Livestock Australia's More Beef from Pastures & Making More From Sheep programmes supporters of the Grazing & Pasture Management event.

