

MEDIA RELEASE

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Farmers get a taste for Grazing Management

Seventeen landholders from the Goondiwindi district got a taste for Grazing Land Management (GLM) principles at a field day, recently.

The field day, which was held on Col and Jenny McClymont's property "Caratel", was delivered through the Grain and Graze initiative and gave landholders a taste for what is involved in the larger three day GLM workshops.

Staff from the Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC), Waggamba Landcare and the QLD DPI&F helped to organise the day.

Col Paton and Jane Hamilton from Qld DPI&F (Roma) presented practical, 'paddock-based' information on land condition, grazing management and pasture establishment.

Mr Paton described land condition as a measure of how well the grazing land ecosystem is working. "If your whole ecosystem works well, crops and pastures grow well. It is really important to manage your ecosystem to improve land condition," he said.

Ben Harms from Qld Department of Natural Resources and Water, Brisbane, also gave the landholders an insight into soil characteristics and how this can affect pasture growth.

There was a lot of enthusiastic discussion and positive feedback from the landholders. If this enthusiastic response is anything to go by, the three day GLM workshop will be a great success.

Col McClymont thought it was a worthwhile and interesting day. "The presentation was valuable and really well delivered," he said.

Two more GLM taster days are to be held in the district in coming weeks – in Texas on 11 June and in Moonie on 12 June.

For more information on the days, please contact Kathryn Mineham from QMDC on 07 4671 7900 or Jane Hamilton from QLD DPI&F on 07 4622 9915.

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Back: (L – R) Angus McClymont, Col Paton (QDPI&F)
Front: Col McClymont, Jenny McClymont, Jane Hamilton (QDPI&F)



Col Paton from QDPI&F shows how to measure tree basal area.



Landholders look at pasture selection and land condition in the paddock.



Jenny McClymont, Tony Killen, Angus McClymont, Brian Lahey