

New Forum Series to Address Local Issues

The Maranoa Regional Landcare Association will hold a Forum in Roma on the 18 July, starting at 3.00pm, at the Roma Bowls Club. This will be the first of a series being held in the region, focusing on sustainable agriculture.

MRLA Coordinator Alexis Wegener believes there is a need for landholders to have access to the latest information and research on a number of local issues. As this is not always easy to come by, she has arranged the Forums and hopes they will become a conduit of information sharing between landholders, scientists and researchers.

The first Forum will give landholders the opportunity to learn about Buffel rundown. "This is a big issue in this area and throughout the cropping belt, and will make a good start to the Forum series" said Alexis.

The Forums will be open to the general public, as Alexis explains, " Not everyone can or wants to be in a Landcare group. However there are still ways they can benefit and learn, as well as being involved in the future of Landcare in the area".

Guest speakers at the initial Forum will be Brian Johnson & David Lloyd, Pasture Research, Development and Extension staff at the DPI & F, and Brian Wehlburg of Inside Outside Management.

Brian Wehlburg says "Buffel grass is such a staple fodder to many graziers, and they need to know what they can do to manage its productivity. This Forum gives landholders the opportunity to share information and assist them in making informed decisions."

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the topics with the " experts", as the Forums are planned to be informal and in social setting.

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