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## Native pasture management benefits Texas graziers

Graziers in the Texas district will get a firsthand look at the benefits of native pasture management at a field day on Tuesday, October 13.

Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC) Grazing Land Management Officer Sid Cook said the day, from 1pm to 5pm, would demonstrate the performance of native pastures under different management approaches.

“At this field day, organised by Inglewood & Texas Landcare as part of QMDC’s Sub-Catchment Planning approach to improving sustainability at a catchment-wide scale, graziers will be able to compare long-term ungrazed native pastures with those rotationally grazed twice a year,” Mr Cook said.

“Landholder John Finlay, of Emu Plains at Texas, is our first host of the day and he will explain his approach to pasture management while Queensland Primary Industries & Fisheries Grazing Lands principal extension officer Col Paton will discuss rotational grazing, pasture spelling and pasture condition.”

Mr Cook said other sites would allow graziers to inspect the difference between the impact of rotational grazing, set stocking rates and pasture spelling practices.

“Importantly, we will also discuss options for pasture regeneration as well as pasture response times to a variety of management actions before heading onto Andrew Christiansen’s property, Durham, to check on sown pastures,” he said.

On Durham, agronomist Simon Piccini from Texas Rural Traders will outline pasture establishment issues encountered at Durham and Mr Cook will discuss the differences between sown and native pastures, how and where sown pastures fit into the Dumaresq land systems, pasture species selection and establishment requirements.

Emu Plains is about 27km south-east of Texas on the Dumaresq River Road. Attendees will travel as a group around Emu Plains and onto Durham.

To find out more, contact Inglewood & Texas Landcare Coordinator Veronica Aster on 0429 353 927 or QMDC’s Sid Cook on 4637 6200.

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee is a natural resource management organisation that supports communities within the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin to sustainably manage their natural resources. Visit [www.qmdc.org.au](http://www.qmdc.org.au) for more information.

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