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Allora landholders offered insights on nature conservation in grassy woodland ecosystems

A field day is being held near Allora on Thursday, September 23 to give landowners an insight into nature conservation especially as it relates to managing grassy woodlands in the eastern Darling Downs.

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC), in partnership with Allora Landcare Group, are putting on the event to give landholders the opportunity to learn about property planning for conservation and production, habitat assessment, plant identification and monitoring techniques.

QMDC Regional Biodiversity Officer Kate Steel said the day was part of the Allora Landcare Community Action Grant project, funded through the Australian Government's *Caring for our Country* program.

"The field day will be held at the property *Wahroonga*, near Allora. Property owner Karen McKechnie has significant areas of an endangered community of White Box woodlands on the property," Ms Steel said.

"This is where we will demonstrate monitoring and habitat health assessment techniques."

Ms Steel said the day would also include displays of revegetation and wildlife-friendly fencing equipment.

"Mole River Native Plant Nursery will be on site for sales and display, as will Norco Bowdlers, with a small farm materials and equipment display and demonstration," she said.

The day begins at 9am with tea and coffee. The field day will start at 9.30am sharp and will finish at 3pm. Lunch will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle, walking shoes and binoculars, if possible.

For further information, please contact Rodney Kerr on 07 5494 3326, mob 0427 982 149. Please RSVP to info@chlgroup.org.au or contact Karen McKechnie on 07 4661 9909. RSVPs are required for catering purposes (lunch is provided).

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 for more information.

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