



## Getting graziers on the 'Path to Recovery' in Western Queensland

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Grazing Best Management Practices (BMP) will deliver workshops in Western Queensland to help graziers on their way to recovery from drought and its impact on their farm business.

The workshops called 'Path to Recovery' will help landholders identify areas for improvement and develop action plans with the assistance of experts from across Queensland.

AgForce Regional Manager Tahna Jackson said the workshops will help graziers improve the long-term profitability of their grazing enterprises and start them on the path to recovery.

"Path to Recovery is all about graziers being introduced to the Grazing BMP program, getting support from experts and by the end of the day, developing action plans to improve their practices on farm. These action plans will help graziers best utilise their available resources and help them on their way to recovery from the impact drought has had on their property and business."

"The workshops will help graziers get a start on the five modules of the program: Soil Health; Animal Health and Welfare; Grazing Land Management; Animal Production and People and Business," Ms Jackson said.

The Regional Manager said the Grazing BMP tool allows graziers to anonymously benchmark their own practices, and compare their results against the rest of the industry. This will also assist AgForce and industry to identify funding priorities and to develop drought resilience into the future.

"Using the BMP tool, producers can identify areas of their practice that may need further development and provides the information, tools and access to training to achieve industry standards."

The workshops will also feature expert speakers, including:

- Noel Brinsmead - GIS Technical Officer, AgForce Projects
- Helen Cross – Regional Landcare Facilitator, Desert Channels Queensland
- Lew Markey – Climate Risk State Coordinator, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
- David Phelps - Principal Scientist (Grazing Lands), Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Steve Banney – Agribusiness Consultant

Grazing BMP is an online self-assessment program which helps graziers improve productivity and profitability through identifying areas for improvement and developing action plans for their enterprise.

Workshops' dates and times:

- Augathella – Monday 9 November, 8.00am to 4.00pm
- Longreach – Wednesday 11 November, 8.00am to 4.00pm
- Winton – Thursday 12 November, 9.00am to 5.00pm

Workshops are free but registration is essential. Attendees can register online at [www.agforceprojects.org.au](http://www.agforceprojects.org.au) or call (07) 3238 6048.

Producers can also bring their latest rates notice or Lot on Plan details and the team will provide you with a property map pack, allowing you to achieve industry standard in property mapping.

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