



Grazing BMP kicks off in Burdekin

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Burdekin graziers will have the opportunity to discuss the ins and outs of the Grazing Best Management Practice (BMP) program at a forum hosted by AgForce Projects east of Collinsville on Thursday 13 June.

The open forum will include a panel of representatives from the Grazing BMP producer reference group, AgForce, FBA and the Queensland Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFFQ), giving graziers the chance to raise concerns and questions regarding the development and roll out of the industry-led benchmarking program across the Burdekin.

AgForce Projects Grazing BMP project officer Mick Taylor said graziers in the region should not miss this opportunity to find out how Grazing BMP works.

“Our goal is to encourage as many graziers as we can to get on board with the voluntary Grazing BMP to help shape the future of Queensland’s beef industry,” Mr Taylor said.

“This open forum will allow graziers to ask the developers of the program what the program means for their property and the industry, and see a practical demonstration of the modules.”

Mr Taylor said Grazing BMP is the best way for the grazing industry to be recognised for its good environmental and animal stewardship. He said the program is designed ‘for producers by producers’ and built on recognising good practices that are proven and effective.

“We are confident the industry can utilise their Grazing BMP tool and capture industry progression, foster and support the ongoing development of a sustainable product, and also deliver the real facts across the whole industry.”

The forum will be held at ‘Glenalpine Station’, 31 kilometres north east of Collinsville along the Strathalbyn Road. The property is owned by Barry and Leanne O’Sullivan, recipients of the Reef Rescue Grazer Award announced in Cairns earlier this month.

The O’Sullivan’s have played a significant role in the development of the Grazing BMP program as members of the producer reference group, which developed the content of the five benchmarking modules.

“We are very excited about where BMP will take the grazing industry and we have learnt so much by being involved in the process,” Mrs O’Sullivan said.

The forum will include practical presentations by beef industry consultant Steve Banney, and DAFFQ economist Tim Moravek and pasture agronomist Stuart Buck.

To register for the forum visit www.agforceprojects.org.au or call Mick Taylor on 0438 363 001. For more information visit www.bmpgrazing.com.au.

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