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REEF PROGRAMME CASE STUDY

Kel and Amanda Tennent, Cloudbreak, CREDITON



Kel and Amanda Tennent purchased Cloudbreak in 2010. The 86 hectare property lies on the edge of Eungella National Park and CREDITON State Forest, near CREDITON. CREDITON Creek runs the length of the property's southern boundary. The land type is wet highland forest, with steep gullies and highly erodible soils with a tendency for landslip. The property was established as a dairy farm in the 1930's and prior to that was cleared for timber.

When Kel and Amanda purchased the property in 2010 it was dominated by lantana (estimated 80%) and a variety of other weed species. With the assistance of family and friends, the pair began the

arduous task of clearing lantana and developing A-class pastures of Kikuyu, Rhodes grass and a variety of legumes.

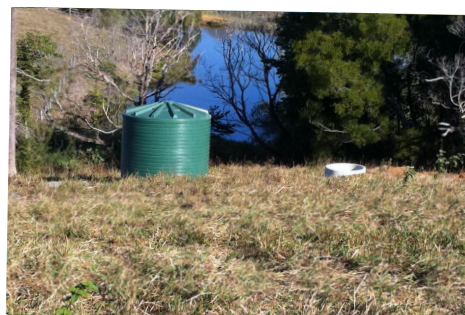
“We want to operate Cloudbreak as a successful cattle breeding and fattening enterprise, and to do this by being environmentally sustainable and utilising best practice methods in line with our business plan,” Kel said.

In 2011-2012, Kel & Amanda applied for funding through Reef Catchments' Reef Rescue water quality grants. This allowed them to attend a DAFF-run Stocktake Course, which gave them the



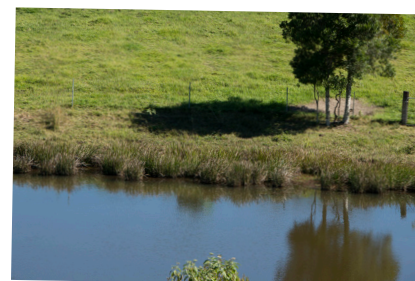
Pasture monitoring and management.

Off-stream watering point.





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foundation knowledge needed to start improving property management. They were also funded to install 2.8km of riparian fencing to control stock access to a number of steep sloping gullies prone to erosion.

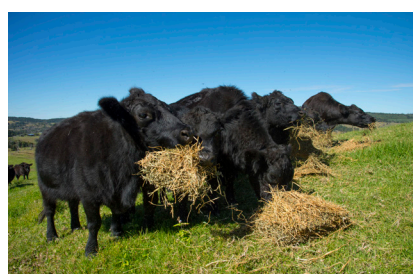
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In the following 2012-2013 funding round, Kel and Amanda received further funding for an additional 3km of riparian fencing along Crediton Creek to control stock access and reduce erosion along the banks. They also installed a further four off-stream water points and undertook 48ha of pasture

improvement and rehabilitation. Activities included undesirable species control and A-class pasture preparation, including sowing a variety of pasture species.

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****Graziers please note:** Reef Catchments is currently taking Expressions of Interest from landholders in the next round of funding for the Australian Government Reef Programme (formerly Reef Rescue), available July 2014.



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