



Juliane Kasiske

**Regional Landcare Facilitator
RLF**



Juliane Kasiske previously worked for Reef Catchments as the Project Officer for Sustainable Agriculture. During that time, she formed meaningful relationships with many people across the agriculture industry. This has enabled her to take on the role of the Regional Landcare Facilitator for the Mackay Whitsunday Region.

The regional Landcare Facilitator (RLF) programme encompasses a national network of facilitators who represent each of Australia's 56 Natural Resource Management regions.

"I feel very lucky to be working in this particular region," said Julia. "What excites me most is the diversity of it, with a landscape encompassing highlands and the coast."

Juliane works under the National Landcare Programme initiated by the Australian

Government, which supports sustainable production within five regional industries, cane, grazing, horticulture, fisheries, and forestry.

"My overall aim is to ensure a sustainable and productive farming future and to achieve improved water quality in our regions waterways and the Great Barrier Reef Lagoon. To be able to achieve that, I need to have a good understanding of our region and its' practices, understand farmers, their constraints and needs and also understand the industries global context," she said.

"Agriculture is driven by demand, and to guarantee a thriving and sustainable farming future, and to ensure global food security, we need to understand global trends, consumer needs, and how we can address those."

Juliane maintains networks and contacts on a national, state-wide, and regional level in order to deliver best land management and sustainable agriculture production throughout Australia.

She explains networking is essential as conversations trigger questions and ideas, which lead to solutions. This in turn can generate outcomes on how to overcome challenges including increasing population growth, extreme climate events, depleting soils, and which ultimately lead to farming innovation and best practice land management.





Innovative use of new technologies, including digital technologies and robotics, has the potential to transform farm practices, which can enhance productivity and profitability in agriculture and can also provide environmental benefits. Think about the way we fertilise, how we manage weeds, the way we manage cattle, or how we can be more water efficient.

"This is a constant learning process, not just for myself but also for all those within the agriculture sector," said Julianne

"In my role I support innovation through capacity building events and demonstration trials. Landcare groups (Mackay, Whitsunday and Sarina), with their vast knowledge, play a significant role in these activities. The groups work on a range of projects from land management, weed control, and revegetation activities to feral pig control, and native nurseries.

Julianne contributes to developing a skilled and capable landcare community involving landholders, and agriculture and industry groups. Their skill-set is then utilised at

capacity building events such as the annual innovative Grazing Forum.

Julianne works closely with Sophie Glasser, the new Project Officer for Sustainable Agriculture, where she facilitates the forestry, grazing and horticulture working groups.

The establishment of an innovative grazing network has been designed to be a networking tool for innovative graziers to share stories, ideas, methods, photos, and to network. (Find us on Facebook – Innovative Grazing Network Central QLD Coast).

Soil health remains a key challenge within the agriculture sector. The RLF programme will continue to enable the delivery of the annual Soil Health Symposium and continues to support Central Queensland Soil Health Systems endeavors.

"I am enthusiastic to continue working closely with our regions farmers, and to find ways of improving the way we manage our land and unlock benefits of innovative new ideas and technologies."

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