



Calling for Expressions of Interest

GRASSROOTS PROJECT

Are there places on your property where you would like to improve ground cover, prevent erosion and increase carrying capacity?

What would your life look like if your property was more productive and profitable?

RCS, in collaboration with the Queensland Government Reef Water Quality Program, Fitzroy Basin Association and Reef Catchments invite **graziers within the Fitzroy and Mackay Whitsundays regions** to express their interest in Grassroots Project.

Grassroots Project will provide **funding and support** for graziers to:

- ✓ Develop farm management capacity
- ✓ Grow property production
- ✓ Improve land condition

What's in it for you?

- ✓ 2 x funded places at a GrazingforProfit™ School.
- ✓ One-on-one peer coaching via RCS Next Steps program.
- ✓ Annual financial benchmarking and business analysis via RCS ProfitProbe™.
- ✓ Annual on farm consultations with RCS advisors.
- ✓ \$10,000 budget for implementing change on-farm.
- ✓ Property planning including mapping.
- ✓ 2 x funded places at a RCS Soil Health workshop.

Do you qualify to be part of the project?

- ✓ You can already demonstrate practice changes you have made on your property.
- ✓ You are new to, or yet to implement, RCS principles based management techniques.
- ✓ You own/manage a property in the Fitzroy Basin or Mackay Whitsunday catchments.
- ✓ You have country that has low or no groundcover that can be regenerated.
- ✓ You have gullies or erosion hotspots that may deliver sediment into waterways.
- ✓ You can explain why you want to be involved in this project.
- ✓ You are willing to commit to three years of growing and improving your business.
- ✓ You can show that your grazing business is currently financially viable.
- ✓ You have ideally completed some or all Grazing BMP modules.
- ✓ You are willing to be involved in industry research.

Sound like an opportunity too good to miss? If you are interested in being a part of this project, please complete the expression of interest form attached or [online](#). The RCS team will then make contact to answer your questions and complete your application process.

Strictly limited places available, apply by 2 March 2018



Expression of Interest Form - Grassroots Project

Please complete this form to express interest in being part of Grassroots Project and submit via the following option. The RCS team will then make contact to answer questions and complete your application process.

- a) Email to info@rcsaustralia.com.au
- b) Online submission at www.rcsaustralia.com.au
- c) Fax to (07) 4939 5144
- d) Post to RCS, PO Box 633, Yeppoon QLD 4703



Your name: _____

Your role in the business: _____

Property name: _____

Physical address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Catchment: Fitzroy Reef Catchments - Mackay Whitsunday

Property size: _____ hectares / acres (please circle one) Lot on plan: _____

Who are the decision makers in the business?

Please select any Grazing Best Management Practice (BMP) modules you have completed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal health and welfare | <input type="checkbox"/> People and business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal production | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing land management | <input type="checkbox"/> I have not completed any Grazing BMP modules |

In a few words, describe practice changes you have made on your property e.g. put in more water points etc, and when those changes were made.

In a few words, describe the current ground cover situation on your property. Please include an estimation of how much of your country has less than 70% groundcover.

In a few words, describe the current financial situation of your property as you see it. Please note that regardless of your current financial situation, you will be considered to participate in the project.

Do you have gullies or erosion hotspots that may deliver sediment into waterways? Yes No

Are you willing to commit to three years of growing and improving your business, including seven days away at a Grazing for Profit School and participation in RCS Next Steps program? Yes No

Please explain why you would like to be involved in this project and what impact it will have on you and the business.
