



One-of-a-kind Innovative Grazing Forum Attracts State-wide Visitors

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This year's three-day Innovative Grazing Forum is expected to attract attendees and exhibitors from across the state. The Grazing Forum is a one-of-a-kind event in the Mackay Region, with innovative ideas and methodologies to enhance grazing practice at the core of its program.

Celebrating its 10th year, the forum boasts notable industry speakers, stallholders, two practical on-site field days and plenty of networking time. Reef Catchment's Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator, Gillian Barbat said: "As the only large-scale grazing event in our region, Reef Catchment's Grazing Forum has brought landholders and industry specialists together for more than a decade. Attendees catch up on the latest industry innovations, engage and network with fellow graziers and hear speakers from across the country".

"We are excited to welcome Dick Richardson - Director of Nature's Equity, to the region as our keynote speaker. Dick will be supported by presentations from Mike Taylor - 2022 Farmer of the Year, Jim Fletcher - Senior Beef Extension Officer Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF), Lara Landsberg - DAF, Carlos Bueno - Project Officer at Reef Catchments and Jason Bradford - Recipient of the 2022 Queensland Farmers Federation - Reef Conservation Champion Award." said Ms. Barbat

"The forum features an inspiring line-up of stallholders across the three days and offers plenty of time to connect with industry specialists, network with other graziers and to discover ways to invigorate grazing enterprises. With two field days sandwiched around the conference day, there's plenty of opportunities to discover methods and practical ideas on integrating innovation into grazing management."

This year's event will include a pre-event field morning, to demonstrate the forage crop trials benefiting production quality and quantity – a segue to the more formal presentations the following day. The second field day, post-conference, will focus on an enterprise where attendees can explore on-farm hydrology and regenerative grazing practices.

Ms Barbat says, “Bringing together landholders, industry experts and agencies will be the highlight for me. We’ll be connecting folk, growing their network of support and information while offering examples to motivate them on their own individual journey.”

Dates for the three-day event in April are as follows:

- 18th – Field Day – GRT, legume & pasture improvement trial – Habana
- 19th – Conference – Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre
- 20th – Field Day - Hydrology focused enterprise, off-grid, biodiversity – Bowen region

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