

## 2026 Grazing Forum Showcases Innovation, Natural Capital and Practical Solutions for Tropical Grazing

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This September, Reef Catchments will bring together graziers, industry experts and agricultural innovators for the 13th Annual Grazing Forum and Field Day, a two-day event focused on practical solutions, emerging technologies and sustainable grazing practices for northern Australia's beef industry. The event will be held in Sarina on 16 September, followed by a sold-out Field Day at Mt Charlton on 17 September.

Proudly supported by the Australian Government and Glencore Coal, the event provides local producers with the opportunity to connect with industry specialists, explore new ideas and gain practical knowledge to improve productivity and resilience on-farm.

Kellie Harmsworth, Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator at Reef Catchments, said the event continues to provide valuable opportunities for local graziers to learn from experts and each other.

"The Grazing Forum and Field Day connects producers with practical knowledge and innovative approaches that can be applied directly on-farm. From natural sequence farming and agricultural drones to natural capital and pasture management, this year's program highlights tools and strategies that can help build productive and resilient grazing businesses," Ms Harmsworth said.

The Forum at Sarina Showgrounds will feature presentations on Natural Sequence Farming, agricultural drone technology and pasture management, alongside the launch of Reef Catchments' new 'Grasses and Legumes Guidebook', developed specifically for the Mackay Whitsunday region.

"The launch of our 'Grasses and Legumes Guidebook' is a major milestone for the region," said Kellie.

"It's the first resource of its kind tailored specifically to the pasture species found across the Mackay Whitsunday region, giving graziers a practical tool to identify, manage and get the most from their pastures.

"We're grateful to Glencore for its funding and support, which has made the Grazing Forum possible and will help deliver improved productivity and sustainable land-management outcomes across the grazing industry."

The Field Day at Mt Charlton will showcase on-ground examples of natural capital projects, soil formation, landform assessment and pasture management, giving attendees the opportunity to see sustainable grazing practices in action.

With close to 200 participants expected, the Grazing Forum & Field Day highlight the grazing sectors interest and commitment to innovation, collaboration and the long-term sustainability.

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## About Reef Catchments

Reef Catchments is the Natural Resource Management (NRM) organisation for the Mackay Whitsunday Isaac region. We are a non-government, not-for-profit organisation. We facilitate change and work for long-term solutions to sustain, and improve our region's natural resources and environment, now and into the future.

With over 22 years of regional leadership in natural resource management, Reef Catchments operates from offices in Mackay and Proserpine, facilitating over 50 skilled staff across more than 40 active projects spanning sustainable agriculture, waterway health, reef resilience and biodiversity.

In FY2026, Reef Catchments managed funding of \$32 million to enable key environmental projects. Through partnerships with community, researchers, local councils and State and Federal government agencies, Reef Catchments works to improve natural resource conditions and community capacity to engage in long-term environmental solutions.

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