

# Mulga Graze Update

## Bulloo Lakes:

Under the National Landcare Programme's Mulga Graze scheme, Jim Scott of *Bulloo Lakes* endeavours to implement approximately 20km of fencing to aid in the employment of more sustainable grazing practices. This installation of a sub-divisional fence will allow for greater control over grazing pressure and more effective management of cattle movement to avoid selective grazing in sweeter country.

This project is expected to see improvement in the total value of the enterprise with aims of improved pasture quality, improved stock production and weight gain and alleviating pressure on the softer areas of country. Eventually, the landholders hope to be able to increase their stock numbers and graze the country according to its actual carrying capacity.



Above: Jim Scott from *Bulloo Lakes* demonstrating the works underway to clear the line in preparation for the erection of the fence line.

## Wambin:

James Bignell of *Wambin*, approximately 30km west of Toompine, has recently completed a 10km fencing project which divides the Mulga lands from the Moble Creek system thanks to funding provided by the Mulga Graze initiative. It is hoped that with the addition of this fence, grazing pressure can be better managed and stock can be removed from country when pasture needs to be spelled and regenerated. The project endeavours to achieve increased grass coverage and dry matter, an increase in perennial plant species, and a better response following rain. Following these results, it is expected that the project areas will provide greater sustainability and profitability of the rangeland ecosystem.

To reap the full impact of the project, James wishes to establish three additional watering points to improve stock access within the Moble Creek system. The installation of these points will produce benefits to the project in the form of further decline in natural erosion around the creek, as well as livestock created erosion as these livestock will no longer be walking long distances to water, nor will they be drinking from the existing waterholes.



Above: A section of the completed 10km of fencing constructed on *Wambin* under funding from the National Landcare Programme's Mulga Graze initiative.