

# Grazing Fundamentals: May Workshop

In May South West NRM held a Grazing Fundamentals Workshop (an MLA Edge Network course) as part of the Queensland Drought Resilience Project. The workshop was held in Charleville and covered a lot of ground (pun intended!). It was a one-day workshop for people involved in the grazing industry wanting to gain a better understanding of the core principles behind good grazing management.

The topics covered were:

- Environmental regulators of pasture growth and quality
- Local seasonal pasture growth patterns
- Key decision dates for reviewing feed supply and stock numbers
- How soil properties influence pasture growth
- Land condition and how this impacts on carrying capacity
- Principles behind successful grazing systems
- How to account for different classes of grazing animals when assessing grazing pressure
- What's involved with forage budgeting

The presenters were Col Paton from EcoRich Grazing and Jill Alexander from Applied Ag (pictured on right). Both speakers are well known in the South West and participants warmed quickly to the information they received.

The key message from the day was to always come out of a dry spell with stubble on the ground; specifically 15–20cm of stubble and 50% ground cover.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Bollon and Quilpie Grazing Fundamentals events for now, however we are considering running these events at a later date - if you are interested in attending at these locations please let us know by calling the office on **(07) 4656 8500**.



Above right: Jill Alexander from Applied Ag demonstrating the water holding of different soils.



Above: Workshop participants practice identifying different 3P grasses with Col Paton from EcoRich Grazing.