

Grazing BMP Workshops

During October and November, in conjunction with Grazing BMP and the Queensland Governments Drought Resilience Project, South West NRM conducted Grazing BMP workshops in Charleville, Thargomindah, Bollon and Quilpie. The Grazing BMP program is a voluntary, industry led process to assist graziers to identify improved practices that enhance the long term profitability of their enterprise. It helps identify the steps required to incorporate best management practices into their enterprise.

There are five modules to the Grazing BMP process;

1. Animal Health and Welfare
2. Animal Production
3. Grazing Land Management
4. People and Business
5. Soil Health

During these workshops we presented the Animal Production, Grazing Land Management and People and Business modules. The Animal Health and Welfare and Soil Health modules will be presented in the first quarter of 2017.

Workshop participants were able to assess where their enterprise sat in relation to industry standards, and then decide on what they wished to improve on. Once these decisions were made, they then wrote a short action plan on how to improve. This information is controlled by the enterprise themselves, however the unidentified responses are accumulated to inform us as to what training or information we need to be providing going forward. So, what does all that mean? It means that we will be able to make sure that any future workshops will fit the needs of our grazing communities. Watch out for these valuable workshops coming up in 2017.

A total of 29 participants attended, representing 21 different enterprises - a fantastic turn out. We received great feedback from all participants, and we look forward to working with them further to assist them to continue to build great grazing businesses.



Left: Garry Nichols, Workplace Health and Safety Advocate, presenting in Charleville.

Right: Megan Gurnett from FutureBeef presenting to graziers in Thargomindah.