



News from the CEO:

Across the region a number of projects are well underway, including cluster fencing across 22 groups of landholders. This is certainly a great achievement of the graziers and landholders in the region. From the early days that South West NRM lead the charge to make this happen, it has definitely captured the attention of the nation. With many areas, either with support from the government or just doing it off their own resources, we are seeing a significant change in lambing rates from reported lows of 15% to over 100% in just two years. Coupled with dog control activities, the region is now about to see the fruits of their labour come to fruition.

Our Chair Mark has been very instrumental in making sure South West NRM is noticed in attracting more fencing funds to the region. Shortly there will be an additional call for new fencing clusters to undertake new works. If you want to know where the current cluster fencing projects are just ask the office to see the map of fencing project areas.

Other projects across the region are targeting key areas addressing significant weed issues such as parthenium, mother of millions and cactus of many varieties. Left unattended these things grow very quickly out of control. We are also pleased to see a number of fencing projects and watering point relocation projects to manage stock along our key water systems.

It is also good to see a number of our aboriginal communities looking to undertake NRM works in areas of their interest, such as removing pest fish from waterways, looking after burial sites, and fencing keys areas of significance.

For landholders that have been attending the workshops and seminars in the region, we hope they have been very useful to you. For those landholders that have completed their Spatial Hub training and have their infrastructure mapping, you are welcome to come to the South West NRM office in Charleville and we can help you set up your property plan from the Spatial Hub and have it printed for you free of charge. Just ring the office on **(07) 4656 8500** to book a time.

You will see a few new faces in the South West NRM office in the New Year, and as they get around the district say hello, please be sure to ask them what they can do to help you in your grazing pursuits.

So a Merry Christmas to all, and stay safe.

Until our next edition,

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