



Southern Gulf  
NRM

## Profitable Producers

### Creating Healthy Landscapes Across Southern Gulf

#### Producer Performance Group

Dear Southern Gulf producer

#### What topics are you interested in to create a healthy landscape?

Are you a motivated producer who is interested in getting together with like-minded graziers to form a **Producer Performance Group (PPG)**? The PPG will identify and plan a number of activities that will assist you to access skills and knowledge to improve your land and business.

**What topics are you interested in to create a healthy landscape and make you a profitable producer?** To line up presenters for next year I would like to get an idea prior to Xmas of what topics producers want to focus on to ensure that I can deliver some events before the end of June.

I would like to convene a **brief meeting** (for about an hour) of those interested preferably **before 13 December** otherwise **early the following week** at the most **convenient venue or property** and **time of day or evening** to suit those who respond. Each **PPG** will consist of a **minimum of 5 producers**, so speak to your mates and see if they want to participate. Apologies for the timing being at such a bad time of year, but there have been delays with bureaucratic aspects of the project.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating in a PPG, even if you're unavailable when the meeting is held. Those who participate in the PPGs at the start will have the opportunity to decide the topics, access one-on-one advice and possibly have on-ground works or demonstration sites/trials set up on their properties. Even if you are slightly interested, you can come along to the discussion and decide afterwards if you want to continue.

A range of topics can be covered by the project. It is totally up to the PPG to decide, based on their NRM issues. A property management planning activity will be a small part of initiating the project, but I will be able to assist you with that process, so it's not too onerous.

#### Topics may include but not limited to:

- Erosion control field days *Darryl Hill, Soil Save, is tentatively booked for early 2019 to conduct erosion control workshops. If anyone has specific problem erosion areas he can be available for one-on-one on-property site recommendations.*
- Grazing land management
- Grazing BMP and associated topics
- Herd efficiency or livestock production
- Ag technology *A few producers in the region are trialling emerging technologies to assist their grazing businesses.*
- Landscape regeneration *e.g. Some regional producers are interested in bringing Peter or Stuart Andrews, Natural Sequence Farming to the region.*
- Claypan reclamation

- Fire management
- Weed management
- Pasture improvement
- Vegetation management *After recent workshops some producers want a focus on local regional ecosystems and what activities can be undertaken.*
- MLA EDGE workshop topics

There is limited funding available for groups to determine how grant funds should be spent. Options may include establishing demonstration sites or trials, one-on-one on-property advice, or participate in training courses; if the activities achieve the overall outcomes of the project. Preference will be given to those that result in on-ground practice change.

There is an opportunity for individual PPGs to apply for further funding from another source, but applications need to be submitted by 11 January. For example, those interested in bringing a specialist consultant or to run a training course in the region may want to access further funds to reduce the cost to individuals. If a group decides to apply for funding, I will be able to provide some assistance with writing the submission.

Please **respond immediately** if you are interested. The registration form can be completed by the first meeting. **What dates, times and location** would suit you to meet? If you cannot make it to a get-together let me know that you're interested and what topics you would like addressed.

For those around the **Hughenden** area I am hoping to get a local group together to tie in with the **AgForce Future of Ag event on 6-7 December**. People who are interested in joining the group can meet either after the field session on the Friday morning – i.e. 8:30 or 9am; or if it suits people better, immediately after the workshop session.

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Yours sincerely



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