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Raglan workshop helps graziers take stock

A one-day workshop in Raglan on Wednesday 16 July will help local graziers take stock of their land condition, pastures and carrying capacity.

The Stocktake workshop to be held at the Raglan Target Shooters Complex is designed for landholders but is open to anyone interested in learning practical land condition monitoring and management skills.

Organised by Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchments Inc. (FRCC), the workshop will be delivered by grazing experts Col Paton and John Chamberlain from the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F).

Developed by the DPI&F, Stocktake workshops help land managers develop a systematic way to:

- assess land condition and long-term carrying capacity,
- calculate seasonal forage budgets,
- record and store monitoring data.

FRCC Project Officer Murray Bullock said graziers would benefit significantly from gaining a more thorough understanding of land types and grazing land monitoring.

“A key part of the workshop is learning to use the Stocktake database to record, manage and interpret data for better business planning and long-term productivity and sustainability,” Mr Bullock said.

“If you need to get organised in your approach to assessing and keeping track of pasture condition and carrying capacity, this is the workshop for you.”

Mr Bullock said landholders who focused on long-term pasture productivity were more likely to adopt land management techniques that also had improved environmental outcomes.

“FRCC aims to help improve the knowledge and awareness of land managers to ensure that land is grazed in the most sustainable way to reduce land degradation, erosion and run-off into waterways.”

To secure your place at the Raglan workshop phone Murray Bullock on 4921 3834, or email mbullock@frcc.org.au.

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