Herd Management on Display for Industry

Herd management in the Barkly region was recently showcased to a cross section of the beef industry from throughout Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

In late March the second Barkly Herd Management Course was delivered on Alexandria and Brunette Downs Stations. The course brought together a number of participants who are currently in a management role within the northern beef industry.

Over three days the course provided an in depth insight into herd, station and staff management on two prominent Australian beef properties.

Participants travelled up to 2000km to attend the course and gained valuable contacts through meeting industry representatives and having the opportunity to see what goes on within two very differently managed beef operations.

Topics covered during the three days varied from animal nutrition, pasture management, reproductive management to meat and carcass grading.

The two host stations were very well received with their willingness to share ideas and management techniques with participants. Plenty of information and feedback was gained through open question time and during the social events where the interaction between all involved was enough to make the whole event worthwhile.

The event was a joint initiative between DBIRD and the University of New England, Armidale NSW. Support was also received from Elanco Animal Health, Pfizer, LNT, Meat & Livestock Australia and FarmBis.

Similar tours of Northern Territory stations where ideas can be shared between young managers within the industry are planned as regular events in coming years. The Barkly Herd Management Course has proved to be a popular incentive for bringing together industry issues and topics and delivering them in a social and educational way.

For further information please contact:
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Pastoral Extension Officer
Victoria River Research Station
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Snap shots of the BHMC held in March 2004

Darryl Savage from UNE in Armidale discussing pasture nutrition with Stephen Pether and Shaun Coutts from LNT.

Neil Harley, Assistant Manager from Headlingly Station looking at bull semen under the microscope.

Damian Jamieson, Head Stockman from Mittiebah Station, Don Ward, Head Stockman from Humbert River Station and Lindsay Cobwein, Head Stockman from Newcastle Waters Station during the Rangeland Management Presentation at the Herd Management Course.
A word from the Regional Director

The second Barkly Herd Management Course was held in late March on Alexandria and Brunette Downs and once again was a great success. Thanks go to Pam Allsop for organising the course, it was good to have her back in the Barkly region for a short period of time. Thank you also to Alexandria and Brunette Downs Station for again being such wonderful hosts and to Danielle Doyle and Colleen Westover for handling all the catering.

It was with regret that we farewelled Chris Materne in mid May. Chris has transferred to Pastoral Production in Alice Springs so has not totally been lost to us! We are currently recruiting to his position in Tennant Creek along with two technical positions.

On 26th May about 25 people attended a field day at Newcastle Waters to look at the Rubberbush problem, the cell grazing trial and the riparian restoration of the Longreach Waterhole. Thank you to Newcastle Waters, especially Brett Krafft & Pippa Clarke, and also to Colleen Westover for organising an interesting day.

This will probably be the last Barkly Beef that I will be contributing to as I plan to retire in late August & move to Alice Springs. I have enjoyed working in the Barkly region – it is a special place with some very special people and I would like to thank all those stations that have extended their help & wonderful hospitality to me.

Jenny Purdie
Regional Director

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TABLELAND TALK – What’s on in & around the Barkly

17th-20th June
93rd Annual ABC Race Meeting - Brunette Downs NT
Race Meeting, Camdrafting, Gymkhana, Novelties, Rodeo, Bronco Branding
Contact: Secretary - Cindy Richter 08 8964 628 Fax 08 8964 568

31st June - 2nd July
Di Keech Pony Club Instruction and Private/Group Training . Di is an internationally recognised coach who has been travelling to the NT for many years passing on her knowledge.
Venue: Tennant Creek Saddle Horse Club
Contact: Secretary - Alison Haines at TCSHC on 89623392 or tcshc@switch.com.au

8th-9th July
25th Tennant Creek Show
Equestrian Events (Dressage, Led, Hacks, Rider classes, Stockhorse - Led and Working , Showjumping, Novelties
Venue: Tennant Creek Saddle Horse Club
Contact: Secretary - Alison Haines at TCSHC on 89623392 or tcshc@switch.com.au

Cattle: Commercial Cattle classes and Pastoral Industry BBQ
Contact: Steward - Gen Nash, DBIRD 08 8962 4487 or Fax 08 8962 4480

9th July
Barkly Beef Dinner - Tennant Creek Show
Contact: Belinda Rasheed "Avon Downs" 08 8964 5551

10th July
Droughtmaster Bull Sale - Tennant Creek

Calendar of Events for the Barkly / Gulf / Tennant Creek Region
If you would like a copy of this calendar that I compile and update please advise me and I will ensure you are on the mailing list. Helen Kempe - PH 08 8962 4484  FAX 08 8962 4480 helen.kempe@nt.gov.au
Riparian Restoration Field Day
Newcastle Waters

Going by the weather you would not have known that winter was almost upon us yesterday, no breeze and plenty of sun. Yet on the 26th of May this did not deter the 25 enthusiastic people who turned up for the Newcastle Waters Field day to traipse across the station, some travelling as far afield as Alice Springs and Queensland.

The day began with a nice cuppa and a talk from Jono Peart from DPIE about the noxious weed, Rubber bush (Calotropis procera) followed by a drive through an acutely infested site. The capabilities of this weed are astounding, so I will include some information on Calotropis for your interest.

We also visited a Parkinsonia dieback site…..certainly put a smile on our faces to see this weed struggling. DBIRD’s Plant Pathology Section have identified two fungi in samples they have been sent but seem to think that they are only a secondary issue and need to do further research. I will be applying for funding to ensure research is continued, so if you have any sightings of dieback in your area, please let me know.

Brett Kraft, manager Newcastle Waters Station, Consolidated Pastoral Company exhibited the cell (rotational) grazing trials that are currently being undertaken on the station. Participants had the opportunity to discuss experiences, difficulties and future improvements with rotational grazing systems.

The Riparian Restoration project of Newcastle Creek/Longreach Waterhole has been completed, with 7 sq km of Parkinsonia being poisoned. Grant Telford and his team of 16 men spent 5 days there using Access and diesel. Pippa Clarke, Rangelands Officer & Stud Registrar for Newcastle Waters Station, has been implemental in ensuring the projects success, and I would again like to thank Pippa for all her efforts.

Lunch included a brief BLCA meeting, and as weeds were the highlight of the day, it was a good opportunity to bring up the idea of a money raising scheme for BLCA. As we all know the outback is a marketable icon nowadays, now what a better way to make money than an outback calendar – that is the Barkly Boys outback calendar! Interesting to see how many males hung their head trying to be inconspicuous during this talk. Now ladies, this will be very tasteful and discrete and will also make a great Xmas present for your girlfriends. We will be on a talent search in the very near future, if you have any suggestions let us know.

Thank you to all the attendees and Newcastle Waters Station in making this day a success.
Rubber Bush  
*(Calotropis procera)*

Calotrope is a shrub or small tree which can grow up to 4m high, leaves are large 10-20cm in length and 4-10cm wide. Milky sap oozes from any part of the plant that is cut or broken and can cause blisters and rash in sensitive persons. Clusters of five petalled waxy flowers are white with purple tips and a central purple crown and produce a large green inflated fruit similar in shape to a mango and are 8-12cm long. When the fruit dries it bursts open to release numerous flat brown seeds, each having a parachute of silky hairs enabling them to be carried long distances by wind.

Calotrope is a native of tropical Africa and Asia, was introduced into Australia as an ornamental plant and became established in the Katherine region and spread along the Roper River in the 1950’s and is now a wide spread weed in the NT. Surveys have confirmed that Calotrope is becoming more invasive in southern regions of the Territory hence being declared a Class B weed (growth and spread to be controlled) south of the Tick Line latitude 16°30’.

The weed invades old cultivated land and overgrazed areas where there is little competition from grass. Calotrope may spread rapidly from the base of plants and from seedlings unless there is vigorous competition from ground covers. In cases where the above ground plant has disappeared the weed often regrows from the root system.

Reports indicate that in the NT the plant is only palatable to cattle in the semi-arid and tropical areas where no ill effect has been detected. In the arid regions cattle seldom, if ever consume the plant, even during severe drought. This has led some scientists to believe that environmental conditions influence whether or not the toxin is present in the plant.

Calotrope roots are large and spongy with new plants growing quickly from underground tubers, this makes any form of mechanical control difficult (including fire). The best approach is to combine different methods, specific to your area and situation. Research by the Tropical Weeds Research Centre QLD has found several herbicides effective as foliar spray, cut stump or for basal bark methods (Dupont Brushoff, Arsenal and Access). Access is commonly used in the Territory and if possible cutter blading is also an option.

Reference: NRM Facts QLD PP41, Agnote NT F64

Barkly Landcare and Conservation Association will be applying for funding to map the weed in the Barkly Region identifying a Buffer Zone to reduce the spread, raise awareness of the implications of the weed and to initiate further research.
Development Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan

Saturday the 10th of July, following the Tennant Creek Show, after the Bull sale is when we have the opportunity to Have Our Say! (Refer to yellow brochure). This is our chance to highlight issues in our region. Barkly Landcare & Conservation Association is one step ahead in the process, having done the Barkly Region Collaborative NRM Workshop in 2002.

This document identifies issues which have been placed into the following focus headings:

- People (Human Resources)
- Economy (NRM Based Economic Development)
- Erosion (Soil and Water)
- Fire (Control and Management)
- Land Management Systems (Incorporating Biodiversity Conservation)

Our next step is to elaborate on these issues, to make the government aware of our restraints and what resources we need to address the issues. This plan will:

- give us lobbying power,
- give us better access to funding,
- build stronger relationships with stakeholders,
- show Government where we want resources to go,
- will lead to improved landscapes and better knowledge/skills to manage landscapes;
- and most importantly will benefit future generations and sustainable industries.

The forum will be facilitated with the 2002 Workshop in mind and will only be a couple of hours, certainly a worthwhile event to get what we want. If you would like a copy of the Barkly Region Collaborative NRM Workshop 2002, so you can add to it please contact BLCA, on the details below.

Date: Saturday 10 July  
Time: 2 pm  
Place: Tennant Creek Training Centre, Staunton Street  
Afternoon tea and sausage sizzle provided.

Contact: Colleen Westover 8962 4479  
barklylandcare@switch.com

Establishing sound land management practices in the Barkly Region
The Australian Agricultural Company has recently commenced a 5-year trial investigating the effects of increased watering points and periods of plant rest on pasture utilisation and condition. A 536km² paddock has been divided into two with one of the new paddocks continuing under current management practices. The other paddock will operate under the alternating watering location management practice. This aims to move cattle around the paddock by only having one of the five watering points within the paddock operating at any time.

The new watering points have been created by turning existing troughs at bores off and pumping the water to new troughs approximately 4km away in areas traditionally not grazed. At these locations water is stored in 30,000 gallon tanks. Over time it is expected that existing watering points will experience an increase in perennial grass species cover closer to the bore as a result of reduced periods of prolonged grazing pressure. As the cattle are being strategically moved around the paddock pasture can be spelled for greater periods than current management practices allow.

Establishing the trial has created a significant amount of extra work for Jamie and Anne Robertson and the crew at Rockhampton Downs. It involved building 25km of new fence line, laying over 12km of poly pipe and building 3 new tanks, some of which had to be erected under the stars due to the good old Barkly breeze.

AACo Rangelands Officer for the region Ellena Hannah prepared the project proposal with the initial idea developed by AACo’s Barkly Station Managers during an RCS Grazing for Profit Workshop. AACo and DBIRD staff will carry out monitoring activities to record pasture condition and utilisation with performance data of the cattle also collected.

Updates and observations of the trial will be made in future editions of Barkly Beef.

*Andy Bubb – Pastoral Production Officer DBIRD Tennant Creek*
Carrying Capacity Study to Begin on the Barkly

Have you ever wished you could know how much grass will grow on a given land type, for a given amount of rainfall, or how much grass has grown on average on your place over the last 50-100 years? This year, the Pastoral Division is starting a new study that will help us to do just that. Being able to predict pasture growth will help us to understand sustainable carrying capacities of important land types in the NT.

The long term aim of the project is to calibrate a computer model (GRASP) to more accurately predict pasture growth on important pasture communities (land systems) across the Barkly region, where little research of this kind has previously been undertaken. The GRASP model can be used to predict seasonal pasture growth, but is best used to get an understanding of the long-term probabilities of pasture growth by running the model with historical climate information. This information will aid in the recognition of suitable carrying capacities, as a tool for more sustainable land management for land managers and all interested parties.

This year, we will start data collection from a number of sites in different land systems across the Barkly region. Sites will be fenced and established as exclosures (no grazing impacts) so that measurements of pasture growth, soil and water properties can be collected and used for the calibration of this computer model, which has been used successfully throughout QLD and in the VRD. Similar studies are being carried out in the Alice Springs and Sturt Plateau regions to give us a broader understanding of pasture communities throughout the NT.

Genevieve Nash
Pastoral Production Officer
DBIRD Tennant Creek
Ph: 08 8962 4487

Managing Climate Varibility
The AussieGRASS Project

Making land and pasture management decisions that work to ensure enterprise viability is difficult for land managers due to extreme climate variability that is experienced across the Northern Australia. Managers have limited access to information that could aid in preventing resource degradation. The AussieGRASS project aims to address this issue and works to assess the condition and productivity of pastures Australia-wide through advanced computer simulation models. Not only does this project have the capability for calculating pasture availability and cover, but it provides outlooks for rainfall and pasture growth in the season ahead.

Through funding that is being provided by Land & Water Australia, in July 2004, the Northern Territory will re-join QLD, NSW, SA and WA in supporting the Program, giving land managers and their advisers access to monthly rainfall, pasture growth and other data. Scientists from DBIRD (previously DPI&F) have helped Qld Department of Natural Resources and Mines develop AussieGRASS since its commencement in the mid 1990s. Our renewed participation will assist us in advising
Pastoralists, Land management and Industry Associated groups in better managing and understanding our land resource base.

If you have any queries or for further information on either of these projects, contact

Genevieve Nash – Pastoral Production Officer
Ph: 08 8962 4487 or
Email: genevieve.nash@nt.gov.au

Business and Trade News

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the first ever Barkly May Day Muster. From all accounts it was a great weekend and one which was well supported and should now build into a very significant event.

DBIRD’s Business and Trade Development group is planning to organise a pastoral supply seminar/expo to coincide with the event next year. The idea will be for local Barkly businesses to set up displays, or be on hand to speak with the managers of pastoral stations, to showcase goods and services available in the region.

We are aware that many companies have purchasing arrangements through their head offices but there may be instances where a product or service is required urgently. The expo could provide an opportunity for local businesses to outline their products and services and gain an understanding of your requirements, thus giving them a chance to align their business to suit.

As a lead up to this we will be sending you a copy of the recently updated Barkly Business Directory. The directory lists every business in the area with full details and contacts and will be sent in both hardcopy and on CD.

Please contact me on 8962 4472 or 0427 250 064 if you wish to discuss this or any other business related issues.

Peter Davenport
Regional Manager
Business and Trade Development
Best Barkly Beef on Display at Tennant Creek 25TH Anniversary Show

Once again, showtime is fast approaching, and on Friday 9th July the Tennant Creek cattle yards will be bustling with activity as the region’s pastoral properties taking up the challenge to showcase their finest beef cattle and contest for the many trophies and prizes on offer in the commercial cattle classes at the 2004 Tennant Creek & District Show.

Official judging commences at 1pm after the complimentary Pastoral Industry BBQ, which is once again being generously sponsored with succulent Droughtmaster steaks and drinks to bring in the droves of beef enthusiasts. The BBQ is always an excellent opportunity for interaction and socialising amongst the members of the Barkly and extended district pastoral industry.

Classes to be held this year include: Pen of Bulls (must be bred on exhibitor’s property), Single Bull over 2 yrs, Pen of 3 mature Breeders, Pen of 3 Heifers (250 – 350kg), Pen of 3 Heifers (350 – 450kg), Pen of 3 Steers (250 – 350kg), Pen of 3 Steers (350 – 450kg), Led Calf (3 – 8 months).

The Judge for this year’s classes will be John Gardiner, President of the Droughtmaster Society of Australia who has an abundance of experience judging beef cattle throughout Australian shows.

Commencing at 7pm, Friday evening will see the announcing of the class winners and presentation of trophies at the Barkly Beef Dinner, hosted by the Tennant Creek and District Show Chief Cattle Steward, Cameron Rasheed. This year the dinner will be held at Battery Hill Mining Centre, and will include pre-dinner nibbles and drinks, a two course sit-down meal, complimentary table wine and live band. Tickets need to be booked, as there will be no door sales.

At 11am Saturday 10th July, the 3rd annual NT Droughtmaster sale will take place, following the Droughtmaster Society Breakfast at the Show cattle yards. This year there are 70 quality bulls catalogued from vendors throughout Queensland.

For further information regarding the Commercial Cattle Classes for the Tennant Creek and District Show or the Droughtmaster Bull Sale please contact Genevieve Nash on 08 8962 4487 (bh) or 08 8962 1028 (ah).

For further information or to purchase tickets for the Barkly Beef Dinner please contact Belinda Rasheed on Ph: 08 8964 5551 Fax: 08 8964 5573
Another successful
Brunette Women’s day

More than 80 ladies enjoyed the Brunette Downs Women’s Day at the Barkly Homestead on 22\textsuperscript{nd} May. Paul Reynolds, ShareSafe, gave a presentation on wealth creation through share trading. Barbara Shaw, Chairperson of the Barkly Regional Development Board, gave an insight into the role of the Board in the region. Joan Carpenter talked about early days at Rockhampton Downs accompanied by a display of interesting old photos taken on that station. Vicky Pain, from Brisbane, ably assisted by Emily O’Hanlon, presented her Autumn & Winter collection of clothes and shoes. Lianne Metcalf, from Melbourne, gave a very well received demonstration out on the lawn of tai chi, yoga, pilates and other body workouts and was assisted by several quite supple volunteers.
“BUSHFIRES BABBLE”

Introducing the new Regional Fire Control Officers

Brian Dohnt, is the new Regional Fire Control Officer for the Elliott/Wauchope Region who commenced work on the 27th April. Brian comes to Tennant Creek with 22 years experience in Bushfire Fighting which he gained with his previous employer, the Department of Sustainability and Environment in Victoria, as an Operation Officer and an Incident Controller within Fire Management of the Department.

In 1982, Brian commenced work with the Forest Commission in Nathalia where he spent 16 years in the work crew working in the Barmah Forest. In 1998 Brian was successful in gaining a position as a Forest Officer / Works Coordinator also based in Nathalia. In this position Brian supervised Logging Contractors, Sleeper Cutting operations, Commercial and Domestic Firewood operations. Brian’s role as works Coordinator also saw him supervising the permanent crews as well as the additional crews employed over the summer periods.

Brian and his wife Carolyn have moved to Tennant Creek looking for a new life style and new challenges after spending 15 years managing the Nathalia Swimming Pool and managing the Nathalia Sports and Community Centre for the last 5 years. The move for them was a little difficult as they became Grandparents for the First time just prior to leaving.

Brian can be contacted on 8962 4522.

Hi, I am the new Regional Fire Control Officer for the Barkly Region. My name is Michael (Mick) Patrick Campbell. I have come to you from the land of the long cold winters (Victoria).

I have been a Parks and Wildlife ranger for the past 24 years, having operated in a variety of outdoor environments (alpine to semi-arid) in the past and have been actively involved in fire management over all of this time.

I previously worked in the timber industry for a number of years, as a cull faller, dozer/loader operator and for 3.5 years in a sawmill as the logyardman/breakingdown/gibson operator.

I look forward to meeting up with you all across the Barkly / Elliot Wauchope area, and hope that I can make a significant contribution to fire management in this area.

Mick can be contacted on 8962 4577..
Search Begins for Future Rural Leaders

The search is on for women and men with a commitment and capacity to shape the future direction of rural and regional Australia.

Applications are now invited for the next round of the Australian Rural Leadership Program.

The program’s principle objective is to improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of rural Australia - its industries, communities and people - through investment in leadership development. It does this by seeking highly motivated women and men already actively involved in their industries and communities, but with a commitment and capacity to take on higher leadership roles.

The program seeks to build future leaders, by exposing participants to real issues critical to rural Australia-its industries and communities, through interaction with key people in industry, government and community, in Australia and overseas. It seeks to challenge participants to build on the skills and knowledge and the networks critical to effective leadership.

The course is hands on and demanding, it comprises some 60 days conducted over a 18 month period and involves a combination of workshops and discussions and outdoor education, both interstate and overseas.

Applications are open for a period of three months and close on 30 June 2004. Application forms are available from the Foundation by email: info@arlp.net.au or phone: (02) 6281 0680 or can be downloaded from the Foundation’s website: www.rural-leaders.com.au. Applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation.

Successful applicants will receive a scholarship from one of the Program’s valued sponsors. As the majority of sponsors provide scholarships tied to specific commodities, industries, sectors or states, it is important that applicants provide sufficient and relevant background information.

Successful applicants are required to attend all sessions of the course and are encouraged to actively participate in and support the graduates’ association.

Following close of applications, the Foundation will conduct the first round of interviews at a regional level between September and October, with the final selection scheduled for November this year.

For further information about the ARLP, or for a media interview, contact ARLF Executive Director, John Quantrill on (02) 6281 0680 or mb 0419 296 114.
The Nutrition EDGE

Tennant Creek, 22-24 June 2004

- Markets are demanding conformance to specifications
- Cost pressures are dictating improved productivity
- Control in these areas comes with increased knowledge
- Nutrition is the key to achieving control

“The Nutrition EDGE provided me with an ability to look at the whole perspective and link it all together. I can now go out and look at different paddocks to assess and apply what is needed to reach the standard we want to achieve. It made me aware of things which have not been considered in the past”. Grazier - Mataranka, NT

The workshop will explore:
- Ruminant nutrition
- Pasture growth and quality
- Cattle performance and grazing management
- Mineral nutrition
- Managing the nutritional shortfall

This workshop will help you:
- Understand the basics of ruminant nutrition.
- Assess your pasture to estimate and predict its availability, composition and quality.
- Achieve your production and turnoff targets and meet market requirements.
- Make sound judgements for every aspect of your nutrition management.
- Know what supplements are needed and when they should be provided.
- Explore cost-effective techniques for managing your nutritional program.

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The Nutrition EDGE

Tennant Creek, 22-24 June 2004

Workshop cost – 3 days
- Approximately $368.50 (including GST)* after Fambis subsidy, based on a minimum of 10 business. When the minimum numbers are filled additional people attending from the same business can receive up to 50% discount. *Full cost without subsidy is approximately $1,474 (including GST)
- Workshop costs include lunch and workshop notes for all participants.

What is EDGE network®
- EDGE network is a range of practical workshop sessions and learning opportunities that help you gain knowledge and develop skills to improve your livestock operation.
- You will expand your current expertise and learn new skills, be motivated by other producers and access fresh information to innovate your enterprise so you can make future decisions with confidence.
- EDGE network workshops have been developed by industry specialists and tested by producers Australia-wide to guarantee their quality and relevance.
- EDGE network is an education and information initiative of Meat and Livestock Australia designed to benefit livestock producers and the wider industry. The aim is to drive industry development by providing producers with the best available information.

Registration

☐ Yes, I/we would like to attend the Tennant Creek Nutrition EDGE workshop to be held on the 22-24 June 2004, please enroll me/us.
☐ I/we am/are unavailable on these dates, but please register my interest for future workshops.

Name:  
Address:  
Phone: __________________ Fax: __________________
Email: __________________
Number of people attending from my business: __________________

Please return completed form to:
Fax: (07) 3367 1159
MAIL: PO Box 1764, Millen, QLD 4064
**May, 2004**

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS VIA DARWIN PORT**

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"May at a glance"

- **20,069** head through the Port of Darwin during May, 592 head more than April but 4,066 less than May last year.
- Total interstate cattle at 31 May 04 = **852**
  - Total interstate cattle at 31 May 03 = **37,063**
  - Total interstate cattle at 31 May 02 = **24,942**
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OTHER LIVESTOCK EXPORTS VIA DARWIN PORT (includes NT and Interstate Stock)

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