

Best Practice for Grazing.



with Mick Alexander

Carbon sequestration and microbes make profit.

The Viner family of Glastonbury / Gympie district are very excited about the coming "Technology of Growing Grass" workshops, being held on the 24th and 25th June in Gympie and on the 21st and 22nd June in Gayndah. The Gympie workshop will include a half day on-farm visit to Jim and Sarah Viner's property, "Tressavale" Glastonbury to inspect the impact of their management in past years. Jim and Hugh Viner attended the TOGG workshop last year to learn the latest science of carbon, grazing and soil management.



Hugh and Jim Viner explaining the property plan

The Viners were full of praise for the training program believing it was cutting edge science and that all producers would benefit from the course.

The Viner family own an aggregation of properties totally 3,000 acres in the district, with further interest in lease land. They run 1500 LSU in total, comprising of a breeder herd, growing progeny out to feed on weights. The grazing operation is set up as an intensive managed grazing program, with 15 - 20 ha paddocks and variable graze periods dependant on pasture condition.

Mr Viner said, we learnt about the overall importance of soil microbes (fungi and bacteria) to growing healthy grass and the link to carbon sequestration in our soil. He added, poor monitoring and management decisions today may come back to bite us in a years time. Mr Viner was also excited about the future



Producers inspecting the watering system on tressavale

opportunities for Compost Tea and other soil amendments. He believed these brews would benefit all pastures and it helped everyone to better understand the affect of decisions on top of the ground and how they impact on microbes under the soil.



Jim Viner

Grazing Specialist, Shane Krafft (Grazing BestPrac) said the course will assist all producers to understand the impact of their stock management and land decisions. Mr Krafft said participants will learn how to

- Manage the pasture above ground and improve the health below ground.
- Create healthy soils & increase profits
- Understand carbon sequestration and microbe management
- Grow more grass
- Link the soil, pasture & profits
- Develop a sustainable property plan
- Match the mouths to available feed
- Utilising your country more effectively
- Brew compost teas & molasses brews



Producers at the Gympie TOGG workshop

To find out more about these innovative practices and other exciting grazing management tools don't miss the next "Technology of Growing Grass" workshops, being held at Gayndah 21st and 22nd June and Gympie 24th and 25th June. The two day Gympie workshop will be held at the Gympie Conference Centre. All courses are 100% Farm ready Funded to eligible primary producers. For more information, contact Noela on 0749 383919 or Shane on 4995 8330

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- Regenerative grazing management
- Managing soil microbes
- Compost Teas & Biological Brews
- Carbon & carbon sequestration
- The value of grass
- Property planning for profit

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 Gayndah 21st & 22nd June Gympie 24th & 25th June
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