

Best Practice for Grazing.

with Mick Alexander



Pastures destroyed by flood waters

By Shane Krafft



Gallagher Electric Fencing supports Best Practice

Gallagher Australia and Grazing BestPrac have combined resources in an Australian first to provide ongoing support for flood affected primary producers in the central Queensland region. Mr David Clothier, Gallagher Australia State Manager met with Mr Mick Alexander, Grazing BestPrac Principal, in Rockhampton earlier this week to discuss the most appropriate way in which both organisations can support producers recovering from the severe flooding events of the past months. Mr Clothier said, both Grazing BestPrac and Gallagher have similar goals in working closely with family businesses to develop profitable, sustainable enterprises across the regions.

He explained the role of Gallagher Australia was as much about education as it is about selling electric fencing and data products. Mr Clothier said, Gallagher territory staff work hand in hand with producers to design the best system for each property so that they can have long term success in property management. Although we specialise in the fencing design, we believe the Grazing BestPrac team are the ideal partners to assist in overall property design and ongoing education, he said. Mr Clothier explained, staff will be available to help producers at PMP and other grazing workshops to set up the most effective fencing system. Mr Clothier and CQ Territory Manager, Leon Buchannen explained the various fencing systems to a group of producers at the Moura TOGG course earlier this week.

Mr Alexander was enthusiastic about the joint initiative and agreed it will help producers to set up more reliable electric fencing systems. Mr Alexander said, many producers have had problems with their fencing systems in the past. In frustration they have gone back to conventional fencing as a last resort, as there was no backup support. However now we have a guarantee of ongoing assistance to manage any concerns producers may have. He continued, Grazing BestPrac team are specialists in property management planning and grazing management with the aim of improving profitability and sustainability. He explained, staff can assist with one on one support for developing property plans, setting

up computerised mapping and business analysis. Mr Alexander said, many producers have gained basic knowledge from many of the funding support workshops and are now seeking specialist support from Grazing BestPrac.

Mr Alexander said, As a guide many producers have lost large lengths of internal fencing as well as pastures and crops in the floods. These producers are in need of planning and implementation support. The new initiative between Gallagher and GBP can assist producers to assess the damage, complete funding applications, redesign paddock layouts and plan future development. He explained, we have also assisted many producers to secure funding to re-establish pasture into flooded country. Organisations such as Selected Seeds are also working with Grazing BestPrac to provide advice and support for re-establishing pastures. Mr Alexander explained, in the coming months, Grazing BestPrac will be working with a number of organisations to host rotational grazing field days, pasture cropping programs and natural sequence farming days as well as planned courses. These include the "Technology of Growing Grass" and "Computerised Property Planning".

For more information about the Gallagher/ Grazing BestPrac programs and to find out about support in property management planning and flood recovery, please call Mick Alexander on 0438 395 255, Cathe on 0749 383 919 or Leon Buchanan on 0425 206 712.



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