

Celebrating Macintyre Development Unit

GWYMAC Inc



The Macintyre Development unit was formed by a group of people with vision of fixing land degradation and their aims were to educate people on economic, intelligent and effective land use

The issue

persistent drought and increased climate instability within the last decade have caused serious land degradation and reduced landscape functionality. Poor farming practices including land clearing and overgrazing have also contributed to a loss of bio diversity causing production decline

The solution

The Macintyre development unit was formed back in the 1970's by a group of like minded people with a vision of fixing the land through educating landholders on economic, intelligent and effective land use.

The Unit have been involved in natural resource management practice education over the years by hosting field days, seminars and have written many publications to share with land owners, One of the main achievements the unit has achieved was the creation of the Natural Resource management competition involving landholders in the Inverell Local Government Area, the Unit partnered with landcare to promote the competition and like minded activities involving resource management, unfortunately the last competition was held in 2012

Gwymac landcare arranged a series of meetings with the unit members and set out to host a celebration field day to inspire landholders to be involved once again.

The impact

The ultimate goal of the field day was to inspire landholders to embrace sustainable land management practices that contribute to the comprehensive recovery of our land and inspire people to be involved in the re birth of the Macintyre Development Unit and its activities in the future.

Guest speakers that presented on the day were Geoff Bassett from Farm Mojo, Liz Blair from Ecosystem Thinking and Dr Rachel Lawrence. Topics discussed included how natural resource management has changed over the years, Natural Capital accounting and its values, MDU transforming the journey of Natural Resource Management. Glenn Morris took the participants on a paddock walk to show case newly implemented strategies including swales.



Key facts

- the importance of implementing good resource management practices
- benefits of us natural capital accounting on farm
- MDU set to transform the journey of Resource Management once again



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