



Mid Lachlan Landcare Grazing Group

Open/Growing Season Grazing Planning Field Day

On 9th April 2014 Mid Lachlan Landcare hosted Dick Richardson for a very successful Open Season Grazing Management Field Day at Cranbury Hall. The day was well attended with 45 people travelling from surrounding districts to hear Dick share his knowledge about Open Season Planning.

Great discussions were had on the principles of Open Season Planning which included matching stocking rates to carrying capacity during an open season, livestock types to achieve different outcomes, managing and improving soil health as well as the difference between a closed and open season.

Details were provided on how to use an Open Season Grazing Chart, the importance of having a whole farm as well as individual paddock plans, the process of plant succession, animal nutrition, how to feed our soils, the benefits of a complex pasture and plant mix, and understanding the importance of assessing pastures for growth rates and correct recovery periods of plants in order to achieve desired outcomes.



Mid Lachlan Landcare would like to thank Dick for contributing his time and wealth of experience. Thanks also to Mat Pearce for hosting the paddock walk on his property 'Talanga'.

For more information on Open Season Planning please contact Scott Hickman on 0427 450 416 or email oatleigh@westnet.com.au

