

## Mid Lachlan Landcare - Field Day with Terry McCosker

On 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015, Mid Lachlan Landcare held a Field Day with Terry McCosker at “Canomodine Station” Canowindra. The field day attracted 80 people from Cowra, Canowindra, Orange, Crookwell, Boorowa, and Merriwa.

Terry McCosker is an internationally acclaimed teacher and has worked in research, extension and property management for 47 years. He has published over 40 papers and made several world first discoveries in the 1980’s in the fields of bull fertility, ruminant nutrition and pasture ecology.

Terry co-founded RCS over 30 years ago which has set the benchmark for capacity building in rural and regional Australia. He is responsible for the introduction of the GrazingforProfit™ School into Australia which now has over 5,000 graduates and has changed grazing, livestock and business management nationally.

Terry has a passion for the rural industry and highlighted how important it is for farmers to continue to remain positive and invest in their farms for the future. By helping them to understand how people can achieve resilient farms and landscapes with the use of grazing management principles, resilience and profitability can be built into the lives and businesses of farming families.

Some of Terry’s key messages included:

- The importance of having written goals and being committed to them
- Focussing on profitability rather than production
- Knowing and managing the cost of production
- Good managers manage ecology for nine months of the year and businesses for the other three
- Understanding the three main principles of grazing management
  - Plan, monitor, manage
  - Plants need adequate rest
  - Match stocking rate to carrying capacity
- Knowledge will not make major change, the best way is to increase your skills and put them into practice everyday

For people interested in attending the GrazingforProfit™ school, it will be held in Orange from 16th – 22nd March 2016. More information will be forwarded as details come to hand or contact RCS.

Following the field day, Terry presented a soil carbon workshop which covered an introduction to the principles of soil carbon and the latest updates on soil carbon trading. He discussed the latest techniques for scanning, testing, monitoring and trading of soil carbon and outlined the Federal Government’s move towards approving the methodology for sequestering carbon in the soil using cell grazing.

More information on soil carbon can be found at [carbonlink.com.au](http://carbonlink.com.au)



The field day at “Canomodine Station” with Terry was attended by more than 80 landholders.



The Soil Carbon Workshop at Canowindra was attended by 25 people.

For more information about the field day and carbon workshop, or to become involved with Mid Lachlan Landcare’s project, Growing the Grazing Revolution contact Scott Hickman on 0427 450 416 or email [otleigh@westnet.com.au](mailto:otleigh@westnet.com.au).