

ALMG MUSTER

Connect with Land



Bringing it all together
...through Certified Land Management

MITCHELL, SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND
18th and 19th February 2013

Australian Land Management Group Muster Program

‘Connect with Land’

**Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th February 2013
Hall & Great Artesian Spa Complex
Mitchell, South West Queensland**

The Australian Land Management Group (ALMG) Muster is a celebration of innovation. It is a celebration of innovation in the policy and practice of land and animal welfare management.

The innovation is encapsulated in the Certified Land Management (CLM) system.

For the first time on a national basis CLM moves the focus towards land managers who do it better.

For the first time on an externally verified basis CLM enables landholders to make investment decisions linking profit, environment and animal welfare and other personal aspirations.

For the first time on a whole-of-farm basis CLM provides landholders with the potential for recognition in national and international food and fibre markets.

For the first time on a robust ecological basis CLM enables public executives to channel public support for improved environmental performance towards the causes rather than the symptoms of environmental degradation. It gives long term support for long term effort.

For the first time CLM enables landholders, upstream and downstream operators, regulators, consumers and communities to Connect with Land---and with each other's beliefs and values.

To learn more about and to register to participate in the ‘Connect with Land’ Muster in Mitchell on the 18th and 19th of February 2013 contact:

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Special arrangements are available for CLM landholders

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DAY ONE

Monday 18th Feb –Session One-Connect with Land

10.30-11.00 Morning tea

- 11.00-11.10 Setting the scene for the next two days, what we will achieve – Nelson Quinn, ALMG Chair
- 1.10-11.20 Welcome to the Maranoa-Mayor Robert Loughnan, Maranoa Regional Council
- 11.20-11.50 Opening – Hon. Tony Burke Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities [invited]
- 11.50-12.45 Connect with Land
- City-Country relationships – Dr Bradd Witt, Geography, Planning and Environmental Management, University of Queensland
 - Community environmental attitudes, consumers and certification – Nick Bez, Research Director, Mobium Group, Melbourne
 - Indigenous perspective – Irene Ryder, Gungarri Elder, Mitchell

12.45-1.30 Lunch

- 1.30-2.00 Verifying environmental and animal welfare management – Tony Gleeson, CEO, ALMG
- 2.00-3.00 Connect with Community
- Connect with community through the environment – Ian McConnell, Project Coordinator, Sustainable Beef WWF, Australia
 - Connect with community through animal welfare – Melina Tensen, Scientific Officer (Farm Animals), RSCPA
 - Stewart Taylor, Landholder – “Lanreef”, Hodgson
- 3.00-3.30 Afternoon Tea
- 3.30-4.30 Biodiversity Funded Projects
- Removing constraints to improving biodiversity conservation – Jock Douglas, Project Leader
 - Checking the Pulse of Biodiversity in the Grazed Landscapes of the Maranoa – Col Paton, Project Leader
 - Landholders and Agencies Panel-Presentations and Discussion – Jock Douglas, Moderator
- 4.30-5.30 CLM news from other places
- 5.30-5.45 Wrap-up for day one
- 5.45-6.30 Swim Break
- 6.30-7.00 Refreshments including desert lime and vodka shots
- 7.00 Dinner** [Dinner Speaker – Mr Malcolm Turnbull, Shadow Minister for Communications and Broadband [invited]

DAY TWO

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Tuesday 19th Feb –Session Two-Property Visit/s

- 6.00-7.00 Travel to property/ies
- 7.00-8.00 Breakfast**
- 8.00-11.00 Property/ies visits
- 11.00-12.30 Travel to Mitchell including 'ecological stop-overs'
- 12.30-1.30 Lunch**

Tuesday 19th Feb-Session Three- The Principles and Practice of Agricultural Ecology

- 1.30-2.15 Soil/plant/animal interactions
- Bart Davidson, Principal Ecologist, SystemAg Pty Ltd
 - David and Netty Jensen, Landholders – “Lyndale”, Roma
- 2.15-3.00 Biodiversity enabled interactions-
- Dr Nancy Schellhorn, Principal Research Scientist, Team Leader – Spatial Ecology, CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences [invited]
 - Di Loughnan, Landholder – “Alicker”, Bymount
- 3.00-3.30 Afternoon tea**
- 3.30-4.15 Maranoa Biodiversity
- Dr Teresa Eyre, Principal Ecologist, Queensland Herbarium, Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts
 - Bill Douglas, Landholder – “Mt Lonsdale”, Mitchell
- 4.15-4.45 Controlling pests or managing impacts?
- Darren Marshall, Senior Project Officer, Pests and Biodiversity – Queensland Murray-Darling Committee
 - Jeff Campbell, Landholder – “Currawarra”, Mitchell
- 4.45-5.00 Wrap-up for day two
- 7.00 Dinner [for those staying]**