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Re-Accreditation a Grazing BMP first Jack and Liz Mayne of Penrose



Just two years before the infamous cattle crash in 1975, the Mayne family purchased Penrose, a 3726 hectare Brigalow block 63km northeast of Rolleston. Their enterprise has grown from strength to strength despite environmental and economic challenges.

GETTING STARTED

The Mayne family have been at the forefront of practice change since the beginning - constantly seeking new and improved ways of managing their evolving business.

Jack and Liz became involved in Grazing BMP in 2010 as pilot producers for the program. Over 7 years of involvement, Leucaena and rotational grazing have been introduced at Penrose to increase the productivity of the property.

The family's success has seen the business continue to grow with the purchase of Arrawarra in 2003. Arrawarra complements the operations of Penrose and is utilised to adjust stock numbers to match stocking rate and carrying capacity of the country.



GRAZING BMP

One of the key instruments in the success has been Grazing BMP.

"BMP was a tool we used to evaluate where we sat in relation to the rest of the grazing industry," Jack explains.

"Grazing BMP has made us realise that we were ticking most of the boxes but there were also a couple of areas in our business that we could work on to turn things up a notch."

The next 'string in the bow' for the Maynes was to become Grazing BMP accredited. Jack says this decision was made to quantify their on-property practices to ensure that industry standards were met across all areas of the business. In 2013, the family began working with Fitzroy Basin Association Inc. (FBA), to prepare for their first BMP audit.

"This support included on-property visits to help us implement practices such as forage budgeting, mapping and monitoring," said Jack.

"FBA coached us through a preparation audit, which was invaluable. This process reduced our stress and helped us to understand exactly what the auditor required."



GRAZING BMP
BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



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One of the first businesses to renew their Grazing BMP Accreditation, Penrose demonstrates an ongoing commitment to the program and are identifying practices to improve the long term profitability of their enterprise.

“It is nice to be recognised as first class custodians of our land. It’s also nice to know we are doing our bit to help the grazing industry.”

Recently, an adjoining grazing lease opportunity has arisen. Jack and Liz have used Grazing BMP as a tool to ensure involved parties operate at the same high standard maintained by the Mayne family.

“BMP means stakeholders can be reassured that the reactive element of our industry has been noted and reduced,” Jack explains.

“Grazing BMP helps to underpin product integrity and businesses can confidently and proudly promote what they are doing.”

“We need to be mindful of where we want the grazing industry to stand on the national stage. Becoming Grazing BMP accredited will definitely help us tell our story in the future.”

PENROSE

LOCATION: 63km NE of Rolleston
PURCHASED: 1973
MANAGERS: Baden and Sheena Crittle
AREA: 3726 ha
RAINFALL: 650mm/year
COUNTRY: Brigalow-Blackbutt with Buffel, Blue, Green Panic and Bambatsi Grasses
ENTERPRISES: Wagyu breeding and backgrounding operation including F1 to F4 cross bred Wagyu, purebred and full-blood production

ARRAWARRA

LOCATION: Between Emerald and Comet
PURCHASED: 2003
AREA: 998 ha
RAINFALL: 550mm/year
COUNTRY: Brigalow-Blackbutt with Buffel, Secca Blue and Spear Grasses
ENTERPRISES: Backgrounding and trading operation for dry cattle. Also taking on occasional agistment cattle in order to match stocking rate with carrying capacity of the country.

