

"Judging the Weight of the Beast" competition. Trophy donated by Incitec Ltd

The Society's raffle prize donated by Bill Campbell

The Society will provide a **sausage sizzle** lunch

If you require a more substantial lunch you are advised to bring your own

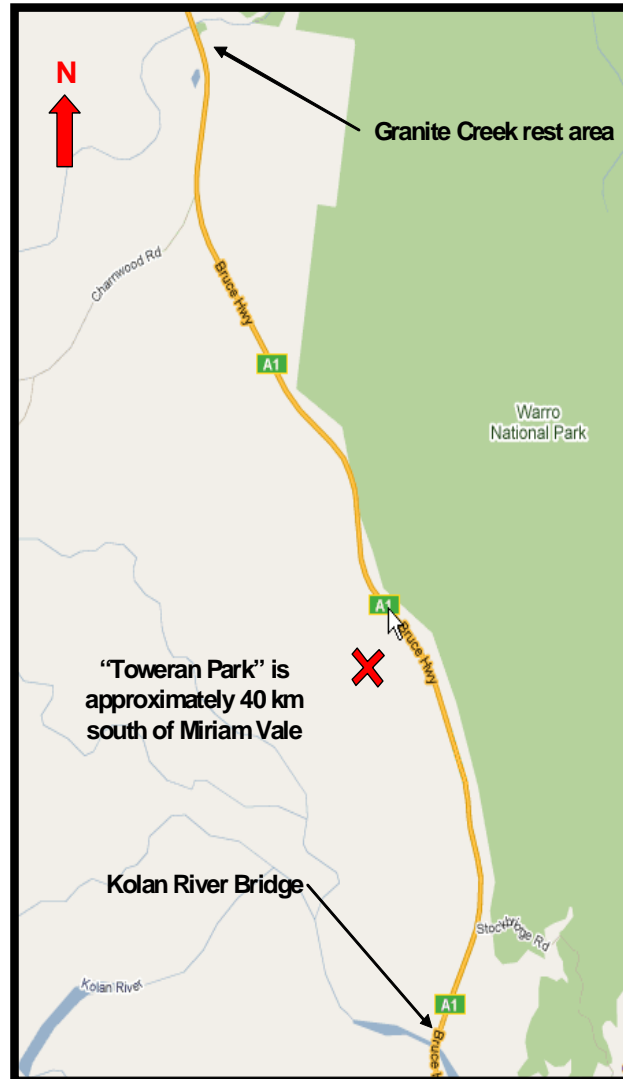
Cold beer and soft drinks will be on sale

Could members bring a plate for morning tea

For catering purposes, RSVP by Friday 26th November, by contacting: -

- **Colleen Stehbens** (07) 4157 6412 (Secretary)
- **Peter Reinke** (07) 4156 7592 (President)

Directions on how to get there



Miriam Vale Rural Science and Landcare Society Inc.

Invite you to their

40th Annual Field Day

Featuring

“Should meat be on the menu?”

Carbon Economy implications for the Beef Industry.

to be held at
Peter and Sue Reinke's
Property

“Toweran Park”
Via Lowmead
On Friday 3rd December

Program

8:30 am

Assemble “Toweran Park” (see map)
Morning tea provided

Morning Session

“Should meat be on the menu”

The last 12 months has seen a number of policy changes by the federal Government with respect to managing Australia’s Green House Gas emissions. These include the failure of the CPRS Bill through the Senate and the government’s subsequent dropping of this policy following the general failure of the Copenhagen Climate Talks.

Since the Federal election and with the Greens holding (or about to hold) the balance of power in both Houses, there is talk of a Carbon Tax.

The focus of this morning’s session is the position of the Beef industry with respect to GHG emissions and the implications of a Carbon Economy for the Beef industry.

9:00 – 9:45 David Mason-Jones

David Mason-Jones is a journalist with 16 years experience contributing to a range of print media. He has recently published ‘*Should meat be on the menu?*’ which deals with the issue of GHG emissions from farm animals. It points out that, far from being net emitters of carbon, sheep, cattle and other livestock only emit the same amount of carbon as they source via plants.

David argues that, despite popular public opinion, farm animals are neutral with respect to the atmospheric carbon cycle. He argues further that agriculture, including beef and sheep, potentially has a huge role to play in long term bio-sequestration; the draw-down of CO₂ from the atmosphere and its storage in the soil. david@journalist.com.au

9:45 – 10:30 Steven Bray

Steven is a rangeland/woodland ecologist with DEEDI. In the past decade or so he has been involved with work looking at changes in the grazed woodlands of northern Australia, in particular the mounting evidence of woodland thickening in many areas.

Steven has also been involved with research into determining the net ‘Carbon position’ of Queensland’s beef industry. He will give an overview of this important work as well as outline Australia’s GHG emissions profile.

10:30 – 11:00 Smoko

11:00 – 11:30 Drew Wagner

Drew Wagner is a policy development officer with AgForce. Drew will outline his organisation’s current policy toward climate change in general, and proposed government abatement initiatives.

11:30 – 12:00 Open forum Q&A

Members and guests are invited to direct specific questions to any of the three speakers in a Q&A forum.

12:00 – 12:30 Peter Reinke

Peter has offered to give a brief overview of his seed production enterprise. A representative from Selected Seeds will give an overview of pasture development options for the region.

Lunch: 12:30 – 1:00 pm

Following lunch, members and guests are invited to accompany the Reinkes on a short property tour to look at a number of sites.

1:00 – 2:00 pm Sean Ryan (PFSQ)

Sean Ryan will lead an inspection of a 14 year old trial plantation of native and hybrid hardwoods. He will also discuss the management of these plantations in contrast to the management of native forests. Sean will also give a brief overview of the Caring for our Country Project that PFSQ are administering.

2:00 – 3:00 pm Kate Muller (BCCA)

Kate will lead an inspection of a gully rehabilitation project completed by the Reinke family with support funding from the recent Supergraze Project lead by BCCA.

Trade Representatives will be on hand during the day to field any enquiries.

The day should conclude around **3:00 pm**.

As seating will be limited please bring your own chair