



## Victoria River Research Station BeefUp Forum & Field Day Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 July 2022

**Venue:** Victoria River Research Station, Kidman Springs, Victoria River NT 0852

**Time:** Tuesday 8.00am – 8.30pm | Wednesday 8.00am – 12.30pm

**Cost:** MLA Members \$25. Non-members \$50.

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**RSVP:** Wednesday 20 July 2022

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Join us for the Victoria River Research Station BeefUp forum and field day to hear about the latest in local and world-leading research and technologies for the northern beef industry.

- Gain insights on improving livestock, land and business performance.
- Connect with other producers, advisors and researchers.
- Hear about how new practices and technologies are being used on-farm in your region.
- Find out about the programs, tools and resources available to you.

The Victoria River Research Station BeefUp features:

- Market update from MLA
  - Producers sharing practical and commercial insights
  - Interactive Q&A panel sessions
    - Live exports
    - Cattle, carbon and country
    - Forage budgeting
  - Paddock tour
  - Networking drinks and dinner
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## Agenda

### Monday 25 July

#### Casual BBQ Dinner

Arrival day – Dinner served from 5.30pm

### Tuesday 26 July

#### Introduction

#### Official Welcome

**Luke Bowen** - Deputy CEO Agriculture Fisheries and Biosecurity, NT Government

#### MLA Update

**David Beatty** - Group Manager - Productivity & Animal Wellbeing

#### VRRS Project Overview

**Stacey Holzapfel** - Livestock Extension Officer, DITT  
DITT Livestock Industries Project updates - a brief update on projects currently underway at VRRS.

#### Biosecurity Threat Assessment

**Luke Bowen** - Deputy CEO Agriculture Fisheries and Biosecurity, NT Government.  
Biosecurity threat assessment including Lumpy Skin and Foot and Mouth update

### Morning tea

#### Pasture Technology

**Phil Tickle** - Managing Director, Cibo Labs Pty Ltd

#### Panel session – managing pastures after a poor season

Facilitator: **Rusty Richter** - Producer and General Manager, Heytesbury Cattle Company

- **Robyn Cowley** – *What happened to the good years? Understanding and planning for long term variability in pasture production*
- **Dan Chapman** - *AACO producer perspective – land condition assessment, feedbase assessment*
- **Emily Hinds** - *North Australia Climate Program – Using seasonal forecasting tools*
- **Trudi Oxley** – *Stocking and grazing strategies from season to season*

### Lunch

#### Afternoon paddock tour (3 hours)

Boosting nitrogen capital with biocrusts - **Wendy Williams**, Arid Soil Ecologist, University of Queensland

**Robyn Cowley** - Senior Rangeland Scientist, *ShrubBurn project*

Judbarra NP Savanna Burning Project

**Gretel Bailey-Preston** - Livestock Research Officer, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, *Select Brahman and Tropical Composite Herd*

**Tim Schatz** - Principal Pastoral Production Research Officer, NT Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade *Easy P Project*

### Sunset drinks and dinner

Networking drinks sponsored by Australian Cattle Enterprises

## Wednesday 27 July

### Cattle, carbon and country

**Margaret Jewell** - MLA Carbon Neutral 2030 (CN30) Manager, *CN30 overview*

**Will Evans** – NTCA, *Carbon projects in the NT*

### Priority setting workshop

MLA & KPIAC

## Morning tea

**Dr Kieren McCosker** - QAAFI

**Tim Schatz**- Principal Pastoral Production Research Officer, NT Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, *CalfWatch Project*

### Calf loss

**Dr Christie Pearson** - Livestock Research Officer, NT Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade  
*Calf loss studies on commercial properties*

**Melissa Wooderson** - Livestock Research Officer, NT Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, *Managing production and welfare at weaning*

Facilitator: Luke Bowen

### Live export – opportunities and challenges panel session

- **Patrick Underwood** - Managing Director, Australian Cattle Enterprises,
- **Tom Dawkins** - CEO NTLEA
- **Kari Moffat** - Manager, Animal Welfare Assurance, AUSTREX

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**Evaluations and wrap up**

**Event concludes**

*Lunch provided in takeaway snack boxes*

