

## Healthy Soils, Productive Pastures project

# WORKSHOPS



### Community/stakeholder engagement- Horse workshops Nov 2023

The "Managing horses on small properties" workshop was held in three locations; Central Mangrove, Campbelltown and Richmond in November 2022. 90 people, in total attended comprising of primary producers, hobby farmers, lifestylers and horse owners/managers. The workshop demonstrated a holistic approach and practical tools for horse, land and grazing management. This innovative approach called the 'Equicentral system' was developed by the presenter, Stuart Myers and his wife. This system helps to improve both the health & wellbeing of horses as well as pastures and soil health. The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive.



### Community/Stakeholder engagement- Soil Tests results workshop June 2022

37 landholders from a variety of farming enterprises attended the 'Making Sense of Soil Tests' workshop at three locations: Richmond, Camden and Central Coast in June 2022. Soils expert and agroecologist, David Hardwick from Soil Land Food demonstrated how to read a soil test to understand the characteristics and limitations of one's soil type, recognise any soil health issues or soil constraints and level of soil fertility. This can help a landholder make cost effective management decisions in alignment with one's production goals. He also explored the concept of benchmarking as well as appreciating that the soil is a living system.



### Fundamentals of Pastures workshop 25-28 May 2021

Pastures expert, Clare Edwards explored the fundamentals of native and introduced pastures in three locations in the Greater Sydney region, Central Coast, Cobbity and Richmond in May 2021. The workshop looked at what to consider when buying pasture and legume seed such as hard seededness, seed coatings, rhizobia etc as well as exploring the different growth patterns, flowering times of pastures, climate change impacts and genetic potential. The three hour workshop provided the myriad of options to consider to decide what to sow and when to sow, appropriate for one's farm. All attendees learned new information that they said they would implement on their farm. "This workshop was jam packed with good information and well delivered". Hugh from Richmond.



### Community/stakeholder engagement- Pasture Recovery Workshops October 2020

is workshop presented by LLS pastures expert, Clare Edwards was attended by 42 landholders at three locations: Richmond, Camden and Central Coast. This workshop explored steps to undertake pasture recovery and included tailored information for attendees' individual situation. Attendees learned how to identify the health of their pastures, simple monitoring methods and learned how to identify pasture management options including when to re-sow, rejuvenate, rest or maintain pastures.