



**'Col and Jackie Clark's Farming Habits'
GRAZING WITH AN
HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT APPROACH
10.00 AM - Monday, 10 November 2014
'Rahane', 278 Oaky Ck Rd, Oaky Creek,
via Beaudesert, Qld.**



SoilCare members, Col and Jackie Clark

After farming at Bye (near Murgon) for 23 years, in 2007 Jackie and Col Clarke moved back to the family farm near Beaudesert, Qld. 'Rahane' is 180 acres arable creek flats and 420 acres grazing in forest country. Their aim is to promote a greater understanding of the connection between improving soil health and nutrition to improving human and animal health.

In 2007 'Rahane' was suffering from rank grass, patch grazing, erosion, water shortages, soil degradation and poor pastures. They joined Beaudesert Landcare who, in conjunction with SEQ Catchments (QLD NRM group), obtained funding for property management and grazing workshops. As a result they have implemented a holistic management approach which integrates a combination of composting, planned grazing management, and pasture and grain cropping.

Pasture and animal performance are regularly monitored and stocking rates adjusted accordingly. Their aim is to maintain high productivity as well as good soil and pasture condition for long term sustainability.

'Rahane' runs approximately 300 cattle and 29 Welsh ponies. Beef weaners are bought at about 200 kg and sold from a minimum 400 kg to stores.

Coffee/tea on arrival and a light lunch will be provided after the field visit. Col advises 4-wheel drive useful so come in a 4 w-d if you can.



**Bookings required. To book contact SoilCare - Email: info@soilcare.org
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