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Workshops lead the way for sustainable management of horse properties

Horse owners in the Mackay Whitsunday region were fortunate to have the opportunity to attend "Horse property management workshops" recently.

The three workshops, held in Sarina, Proserpine and Mackay, were delivered by Jane Myers and included topics such as horse characteristics, pasture improvement, horse and pasture management, manure, water and vegetation management and property design and planning.

Regional Landcare Facilitator, Saskia von Fahland said "The workshops demonstrated how understanding horse behaviour and following good land management practices reduces illness and injury to your horse, reduces feed bills, increases the value of your property and improves the environment".

Jane Myers MSc (equine) has been in the horse industry for 35 years and has a wealth of experience and knowledge to share with horse owners about sustainable horse management. A great range of information, books and tips are available on the website www.equiculture.com.au

The workshops were organised by the Central Qld Coast Landcare Network, with support from the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country, Whitsunday and Mackay Regional Councils.

Responsible horse ownership starts with knowledge. Aim to be as knowledgeable as you can about horse care, horse behaviour, training, safety, welfare and horse management. For more land management information contact your local Landcare group or visit www.cqclandcarenetwork.org.au

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