

Case study

Practice changes and motivations



On-farm changes

Keith Graham from Boatharbour near Lismore NSW has committed to changing his practices by implementing mixed species pasture. This decision was influenced by the information he learned during the RAMP course, which highlighted the benefits of biodiversity in pastures for soil health and ecosystem resilience. By adopting mixed species pasture Keith aims to improve the sustainability and productivity of his farming operations, aligning with regenerative agricultural principles.

In addition to mixed species pasture, Keith is also committed to reducing the use of artificial fertilisers and chemicals. This change was driven by the knowledge gained during participation in RAMP, which emphasised the importance of natural inputs in maintaining soil health and supporting the natural ecosystem. Keith's shift towards more organic farming methods reflects a broader understanding of ecological balance and the long-term benefits of reducing chemical inputs.

Knowledge through mentorship

Keith rates his knowledge level for the role of remnant vegetation in supporting the natural ecosystem at a 5, indicating a high level of understanding. Gavin Tinning's mentorship was instrumental in supporting Keith's learning and development throughout the program. Tinning's guidance provided practical insights and personalised support, enhancing Keith's ability to implement the practices he learned effectively.

Program feedback

The aspect of the program Keith enjoyed most was the practical knowledge and the engagement with his mentor, Gavin Tinning. To improve the program in the future, Keith suggests incorporating more practical elements and farm visits. These additions would provide hands-on experience and real-world applications of the concepts taught, making the program even more valuable for participants looking to implement regenerative practices on their farms.

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