

Case study

Practical
knowledge
leading the
change



Greg Mumm, from Kangaroo Valley NSW, has committed to several important changes in his agricultural practices. First, he is focusing on improving litter breakdown and cycling in his pastures to enhance soil health. Second, he has incorporated soil testing and monitoring to better understand and manage soil and plant health. Third, he has started using foliar applications for biological nutrition and activity, aiming to boost plant growth and soil microbial life. These changes reflect a comprehensive approach to improving both soil and plant health through more detailed and scientific methods.

The mentor's role in the program was crucial for Greg's learning and development. He emphasised that the main strength of the program was the mentor's ability to facilitate a group culture, which led to ongoing, daily conversations among participants on WhatsApp. This continuous communication has been instrumental in providing peer support, normalising regenerative practices, accelerating learning, and enhancing confidence in making changes. Greg highlighted the importance of group mentoring in regenerative agriculture, noting its role in creating a supportive community that fosters shared learning.

Greg's knowledge levels across various regenerative agriculture strategies are high. He rated his understanding of strategies to maintain ground cover to minimise erosion and soil loss, new cropping techniques such as multi-species cover cropping, the impact of set stocking and rotational grazing, time-controlled and holistic grazing strategies, and self-herding and stress-free stockmanship all at a 5. This indicates a strong foundation in these critical areas, which are essential for implementing effective regenerative practices on his farm.

Overall, Greg's experience with the RAMP program has been very positive. He appreciates the practical knowledge and the supportive community it has provided. The peer-to-peer support and continuous conversations have not only accelerated his learning but also enhanced his confidence in making significant changes to his farming practices. He underscores the value of group mentoring in regenerative agriculture, as it helps normalise new practices and provides a robust support network for farmers committed to sustainable farming.

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