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## **Graziers set to benefit from ‘a yarn at the yards’**

Southern Queensland NRM and Grazing Futures are inviting graziers in the Surat and surrounding areas to attend a free field day at ‘Basin Downs’ on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

The field day will provide an insight into the ‘Basin Downs’ business and a platform for local graziers to share knowledge and experiences in a relaxed and practical setting.

Attendees will be taken on a property tour, take part in a hands-on yard session and hear from industry personnel Lindsay Ward from Ward Agriculture, Tim Emery from Tropical Beef Technology Services and Rhonda Toms-Morgan from Connect Ag about various strategies to improve on-farm productivity and profitability.

Discussion topics on the day will include:

- Herd recording
- Managing pastures - forage budgeting, carrying capacity and pasture establishment
- Winter forage options
- Early weaning
- Property development

Tim Emery says this type of event held on property is incredibly useful for graziers, who are naturally more engaged in hands-on scenarios and learning opportunities.

“Making the time to visit other businesses and talking through the on-farm challenges and opportunities that exist can be a very powerful process” said Mr. Emery.

**WHAT:** ‘A yarn at the yards’ field day

**WHERE:** ‘Basin Downs’ (35km South of Surat)

**WHEN:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**RSVP** by 13<sup>th</sup> May to Lachlan Marshall

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All event details can be found here: <https://sqnrm.com.au/event-a-yarn-at-the-yards/>

Grazing Futures is an initiative of the Queensland Government to improve drought preparedness and resilience for producers through the Drought and Climate Adaptation Program (DCAP).

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