



BEEF AUSTRALIA



Full-day Tour

Netley

Wednesday, May 5

Your Hosts, Dale and Alicia Retschlag welcome you to "Netley" for a full day tour with a focus on biology, soil health, regenerative agriculture, high density grazing and livestock handling.

'Netley', is a 485-hectare property located near Goovigen, 121 kilometres south west of the Beef Capital of Australia, Rockhampton.

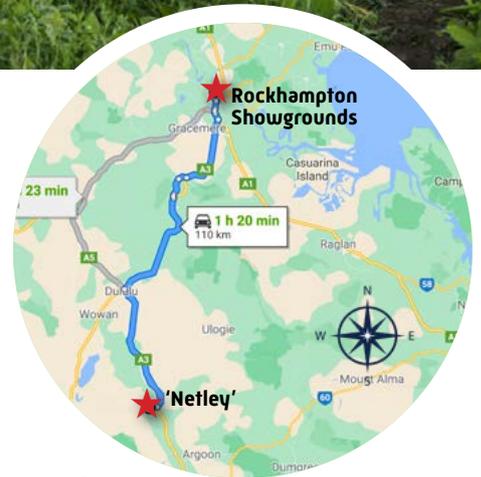
Dale grew up on a dairy in the South East Queensland region and realised the importance of livestock integration in a cropping system. The Retschlags purchased Netley four-years-ago and are improving soil health by using a multifaceted approach which includes irrigated multi-species fodder crops and livestock integration to stimulate root growth, biology and soil carbon. This system has helped reduce water usage as well as synthetic inputs and tillage.

Wagyu are intensely grazed under five centre pivots - three are producing multi-species crops while two are irrigated leucaena. Livestock production and performance has increased. The multi-species crop is beneficial as it provides a symbiotic

relationship between the different plants which enhances microbial activity in the soil therefore creating a stronger more resilient plant population.

The full day program will include an overview of the operation prior to morning tea, followed by paddock walks to look at crops, livestock and grazing management, prior to a soil health discussion during lunch. After lunch, Neil McDonald - who conducts Livestock Handling and Working Dog schools - will provide a cattle handling demonstration. By having co-operative livestock you are able to successfully incorporate livestock into a cropping rotation program which is essential to good regenerative practices.

At the conclusion of the program, guests will depart Netley, arriving at the Rockhampton Showgrounds at 4.30pm.



Itinerary

- 6.45 am** for 7.00am Coach Transfer
Departing Rockhampton Showgrounds
- 8.30 am** Welcome & Overview
- 9.30am** Morning Tea
- 10.00am** Presentations on:
Soil health
Paddock walk
Discussion on plant species & livestock rotation
- 12.00pm** Lunch & Soil Health Presentation
- 1.00pm** Dog/Livestock handling demonstration
- 3.00pm** Coach Departs Netley
- 4.30pm** Arrive Rockhampton Showgrounds

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