



WORKSHOPS: A ground-breaking education package designed to boost the skills of station staff has been released

Land care for the future

NORTHERN Territory pastoral industry leaders, working in unison with the Centralian Land Management Association (CLMA), recently launched a ground-breaking education package designed to boost the skills of station staff.

The CLMA used funding sourced through Meat and Livestock Australia and the Australian Government's National Landcare Program to develop a grazing land management education package tailored for Central Australian property managers.

The package is delivered through a series of workshops conducted over three days in various locations around the Centre.

The initiative recognises that industries across the board must invest in improving the skills of staff and managers, and that the pastoral sector is no exception.

The package represents a first in terms of bringing a wide range of grazing land management information together in a way that allows managers to improve decision-making and put useful plans in place for better economic and environmental outcomes.

NT Cattlemen's Association Executive Director Stuart Kenny said "The

bership of 65 per cent of pastoral leaseholders on properties stretching from northern South Australia to Tennant Creek in the Barkly.

The new package has involved input from key players with knowledge and experience in grazing land management, including CLMA members themselves, CSIRO, the NT Departments of Primary Industries, Fisheries and Mines and Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts, and the Desert Knowledge CRC.

The key focus will be on improving understanding of land conditions and environmental issues on the Territory's arid zone and how this underpins sustainable animal production.

Participants are using local case studies to investigate what works and doesn't work as far as management regimes go, and to develop grazing land management plans specially tailored for the types of country they are using.

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The CLMA is the Landcare group representing the pastoral industry in Central Australia with an active mem-