



# Media Release

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## EXPERT LINE-UP FOR HEALTHY HORSE AND LAND EXPO

Horse owners from throughout the state will visit Campbell Town next week for the Healthy Horse and Land Expo.

The event on April 9<sup>th</sup> is now in its third year and has been organised by NRM North and NRM South with funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.

NRM North's Property Management Planning Coordinator, Jo Voller, said horse health and behaviour would be a focus for the presentations.

"Presentations will also cover how properties can be designed and managed in a way which is sustainable for the land and enhances horse health and well-being," Mrs Voller said.

"The key speaker for the event is Mariette van den Berg, internationally respected Equine Nutritionist and Property Management Consultant from MB Equine Services, Armidale NSW.

"Ms van den Berg takes a holistic approach by combining the needs of the horse, land and owner to develop practical and cost effective ways of managing a property to keep horses healthy and contented."

Ideas will be presented in a way that will be easy to take home and implement.

A panel of local horse property owners will also share their experiences in trialling innovative strategies for paddock/track design, pasture and soil management, pasture grazing strategies and the use of native plants for fodder.

The schedule of presentations will be complemented by trade and information stalls and demonstrations covering the many aspects of horse and property care.

The event will run from 9am to 5pm at Campbell Town Showground on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 under-18 and can be purchased online at Eventbrite. Lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase and gate prizes are on offer.

There is a Facebook page for the event to keep patrons up to date or contact NRM North on 6333 7777 for more information.

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