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Managing Horses on Small Properties Workshop

Managing Horses on Small Properties workshops are being held in November throughout the Mackay Whitsunday region.

Regional Landcare Facilitator, Christine Peterson said "the aim of this one day workshop is to promote safety, care and welfare for people, their horses, and the environment".

The environment in which a horse lives greatly affects its health and well-being, as well as that of its owner. Participants will have the opportunity to see how following good land management practices reduces illness and injury to horses, reduces feed bills, increases the value of a property and improves the environment.

Ms Peterson said the workshops will be delivered by Jane Myers MSc (equine). Jane has been involved in the horse industry for over 30 years, has authored a number of CSIRO publications and teaches and advises on a variety of subjects including handling and riding, feeding, horse behavior, float training, property and pasture management and horse safety.

"While the workshop is tailored toward small properties, the topics discussed will be relevant and beneficial for properties of all sizes" Ms Peterson said.

The Whitsunday workshop will be held on Friday 11th November in Proserpine for the cost of \$20 (\$30 for two people from the one property), which includes morning tea and lunch. RSVPs are essential with registration and payment required by the 8th November. For those who can't make it on that day, workshops are also being held in Mackay and Sarina. For more information or a registration form contact Whitsunday Catchment Landcare on 4945 0267, wcl@whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au or download at www.whitsundaylandcare.org.au

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