



Warakirri Agricultural Trusts

Incorporating Warakirri Pty Ltd and Warakirri 2 Pty Ltd

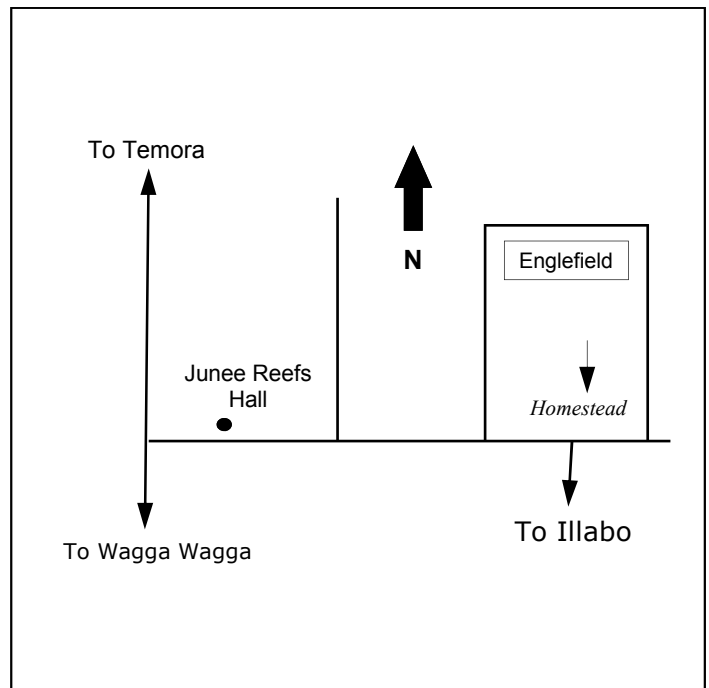
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ENGLEFIELD PLAINS

Management Team—Geoff and Jill Dale and Dave Cook form the Management team at the Englefield Plains property.

Directions to Englefield Plains

Travel 50km north from Wagga Wagga on the Temora Road. Turn right onto Junee Reefs-Illabo Road. Travel 8km on sealed road then go straight ahead onto gravel road (Trevethin Road). Continue along this road for 4km and turn left into Englefield Plains. Rural Address: 498 Trevethin Road. GPS co-ordinates for Englefield Plains are: 34 & 44m. 147 & 43m.



Soil Types

The soil types on Englefield and Woodside vary from red sandy loams which drain freely, to heavier clay soils that are susceptible to water logging in low lying areas. All the soil types are quite acidic with soil pH and prior to the commencement of Warakirri operations the soils were also low in phosphorus. However, soil organic carbon content a measure of nitrogen fertility - is relatively high and reflects the long history of pasture prior to acquisition.

Cropping Programs

Crops grown on Englefield Plains include wheat, canola, triticale, barky lupins and faba beans. Triticale and lupins are highly tolerant of acid soils and lime applications are essential for the economic production of canola. Wheat varieties vary in their tolerance to soil acidity while barley is intolerant.

Canola has been grown extensively in southern New South Wales to provide a break to the carryover of root diseases from grassy pastures into cereal crops. Not only has canola been effective in this regard but it has also been a highly profitable crop in its own right. However, the vast amount of canola grown has developed its own set of disease problems. Blackleg, which affects the crop at the seedling stage, can develop to effectively ring-bark the stem by pod fill and 1999 crops suffered substantial losses. Barley has been introduced this year on limed paddocks. It has useful frost resistance, helping diversify Englefield's production. Englefield is an aggregation that includes the Summer Hill and Woodside properties.

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