



# Grasping Grazing Groups





# Upper Lachlan Landcare (ULL) Grazing Group

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An inclusive & supportive group helping to  
achieve better outcomes for  
graziers, their farms, their finances

Emotionally

Environmentally

Economically





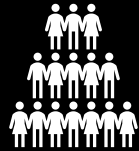
# ULL Grazing Group Structure



Advisory Board- all trained in managing for healthy landscapes



Coordinator & Facilitator



Approximately 80 Members

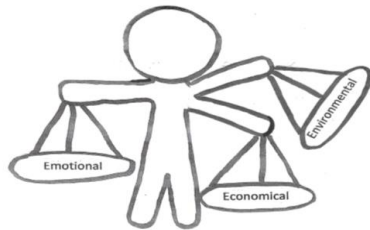


Seasonal meetings & special events



# Grazing Group

## 3 E's



**E**nvironmentally – continually improving landscape health & productivity



**E**motionally – taking control, accessing peer support, reducing stress



**E**conomically – being profitable, with less reliance on outside inputs



Softly, softly approach:  
no need to be afraid....

Regenerative Sustainable Holistic

Soil Biology Micro-organisms

Carbon Sequestration

Paradigm Shift Pasture Budget

Biodiversity Carbon Trading

Natural Capital Closed Loop





# Grazing Group Focus

Supporting our  
members in:-



2018: Drought- adjusting stock numbers to suit conditions



2018/19: The importance of retaining groundcover



2018/19: Decision making & action taking



2020: The importance of perennials & diversity



2021: Soils- what we do above ground impacts below



2022: The animals' role



2023: Data collection & verification

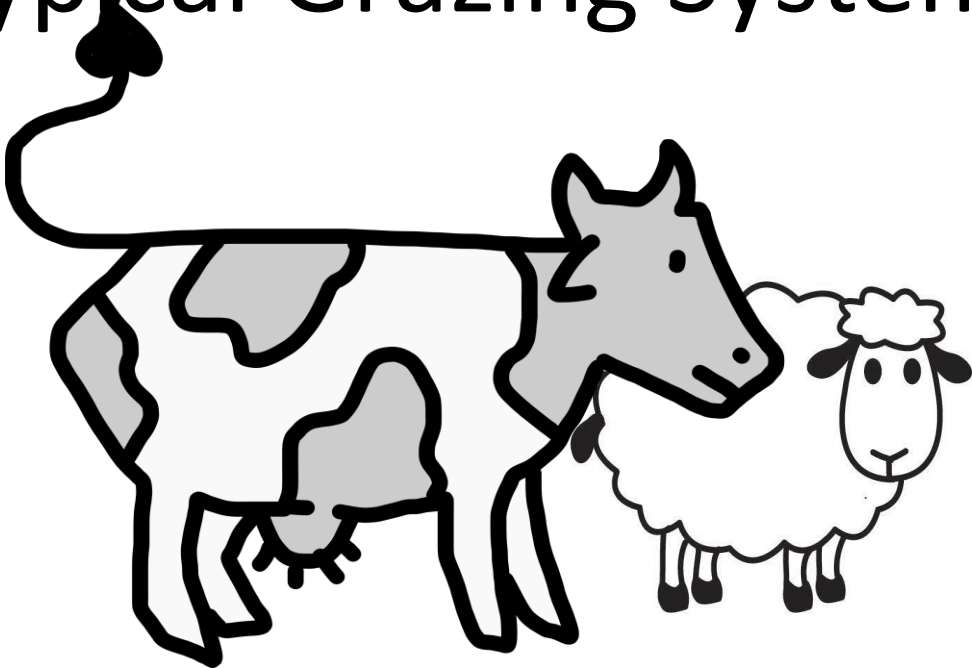


I want to leave my farm in better shape than when I started

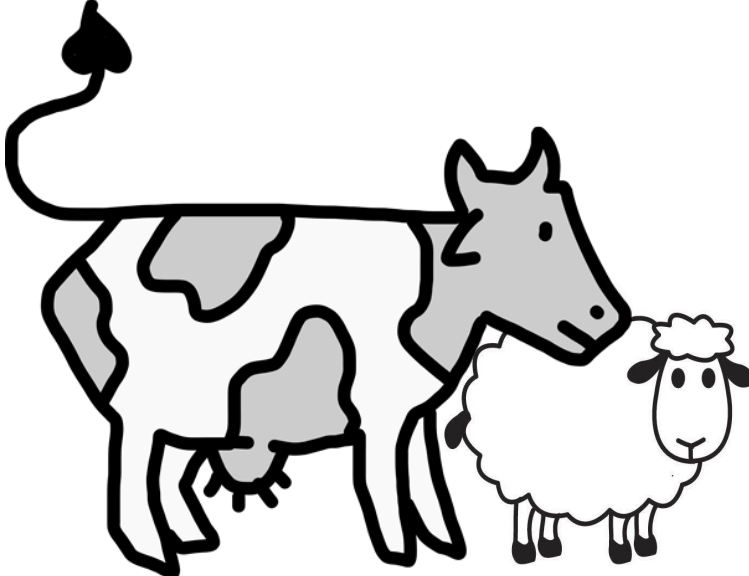




# Typical Grazing System



# Fundamental Shift







| Rain Ready?



Useful rain?



















# Decision Making & Action Taking

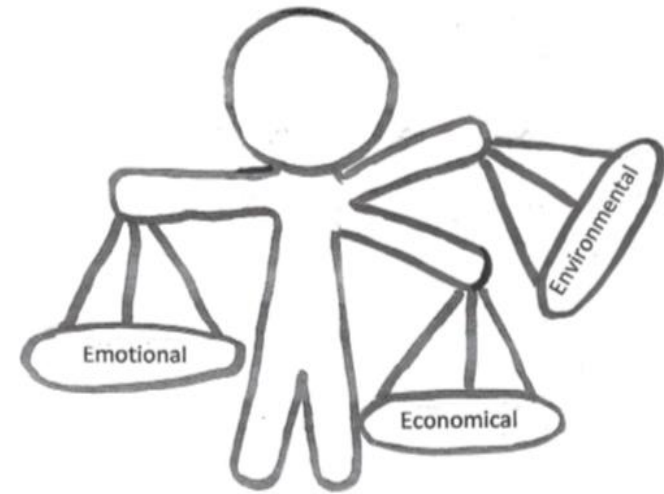
By *NOT* making a decision we are  
actually ... making a decision



## Balanced Decision Making



## Balanced Decision Making in Grazing Systems:



always consider emotional,  
economical *AND* environmental  
outcomes



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Environmental



Emotional

Economical





# Above & Below Ground: Perennials & Soils

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# Perennials, more feed above & below the ground







It's a Bug's Life!












Perennials increase water infiltration

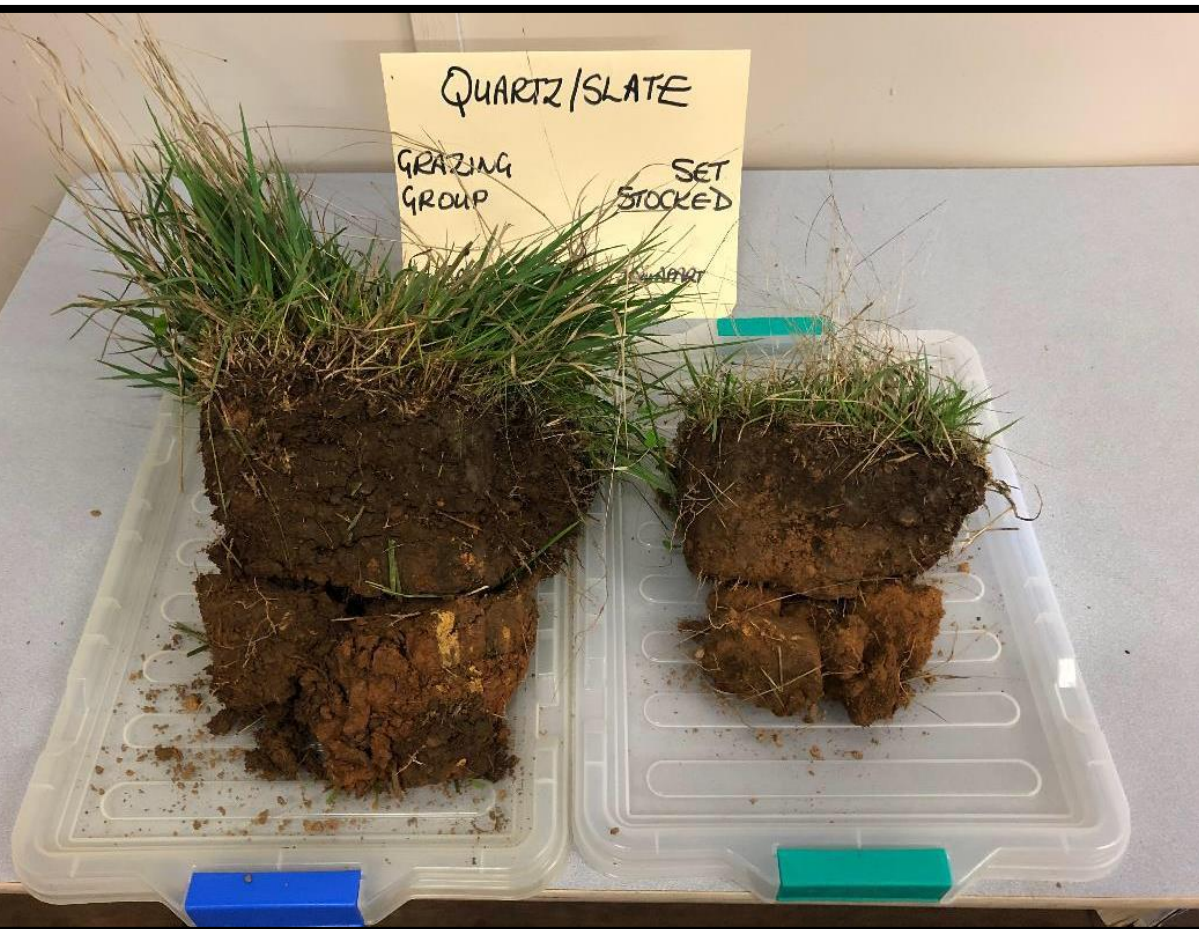




Well-managed  
perennial  
pastures  
continually  
improve & can  
last indefinitely



# Grazing effect on soil





# The Animals' Role

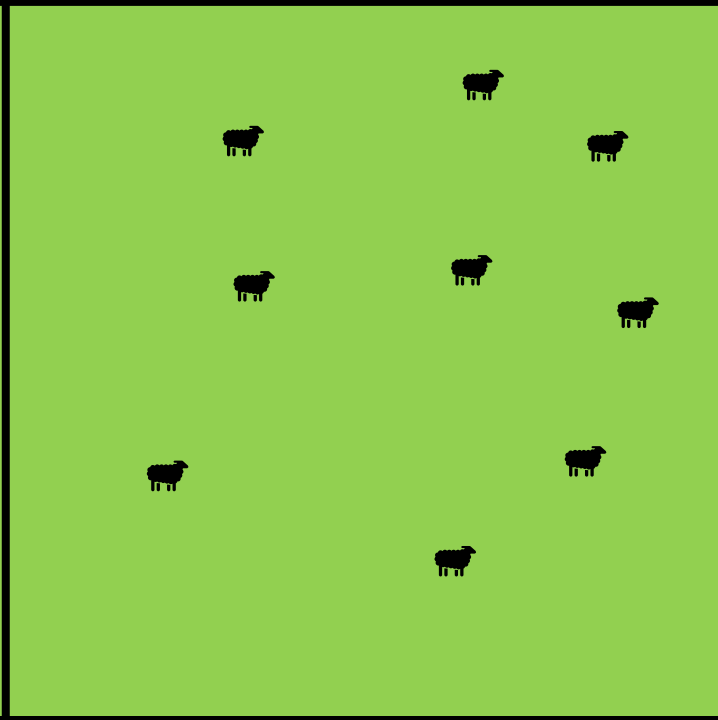
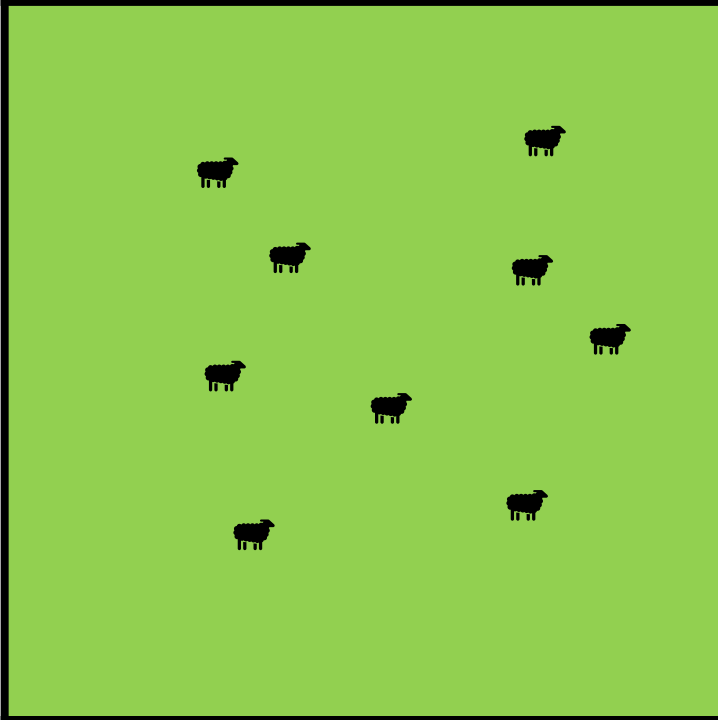
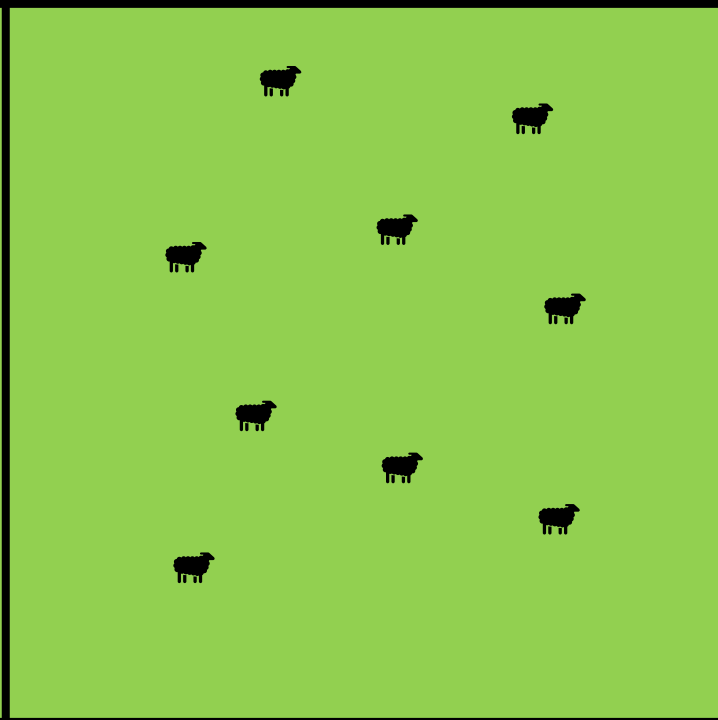
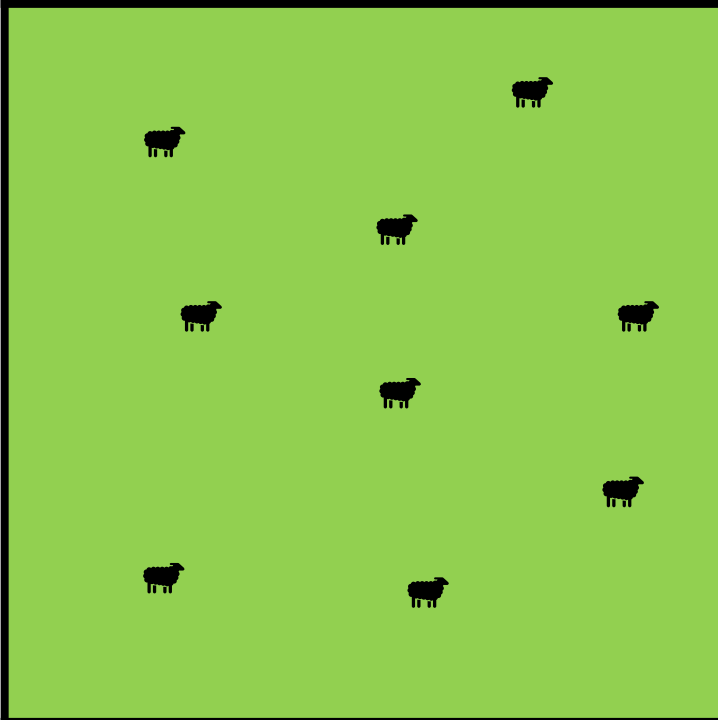
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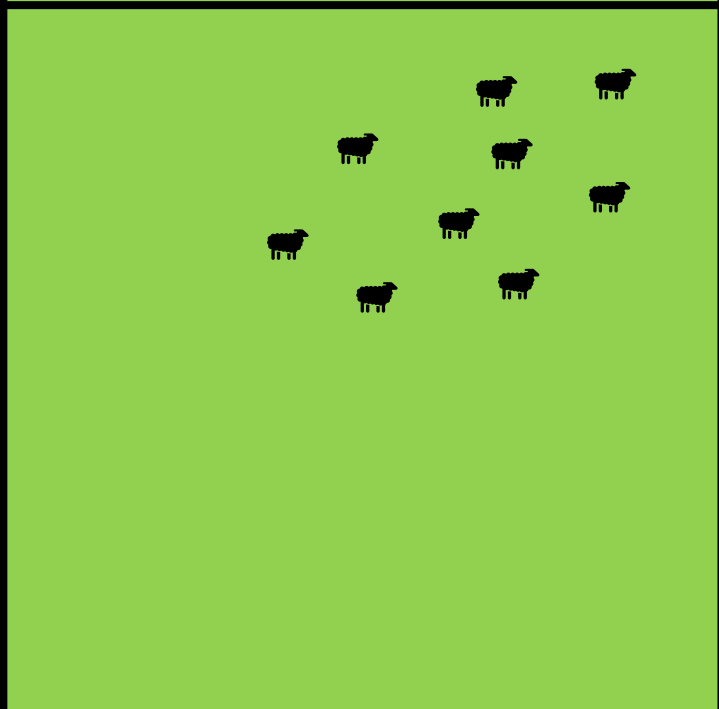
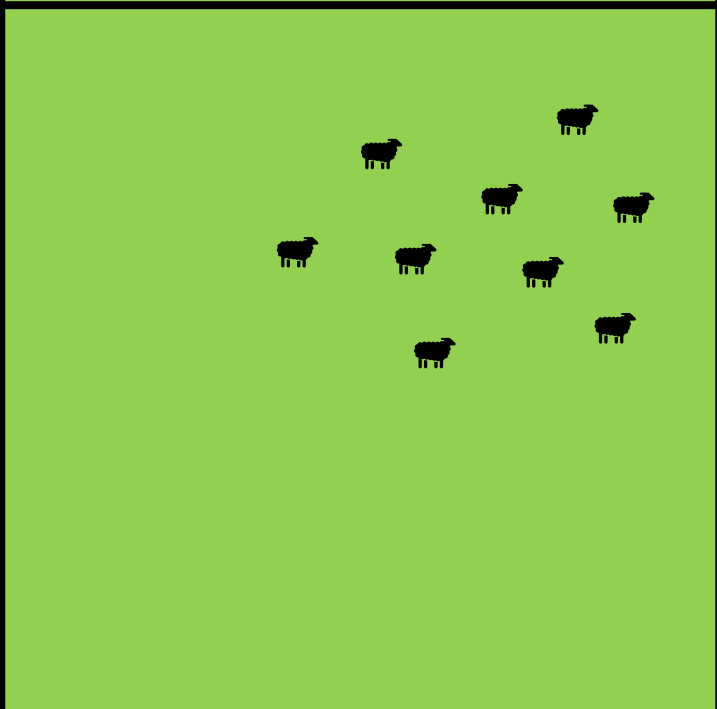
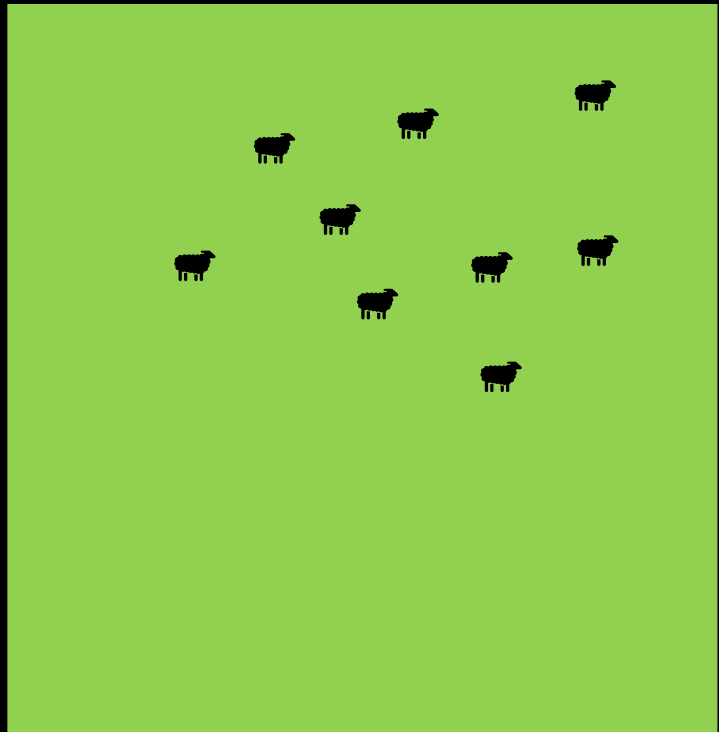
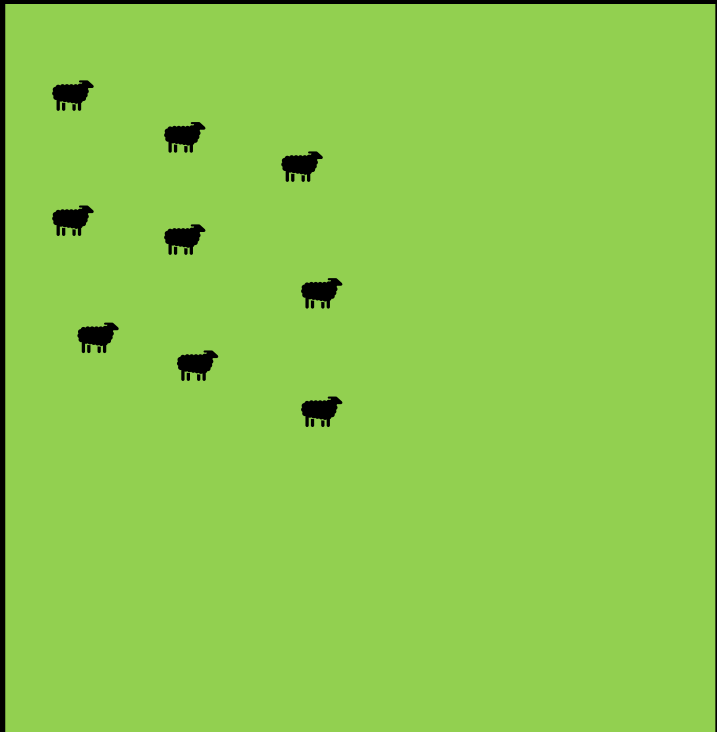




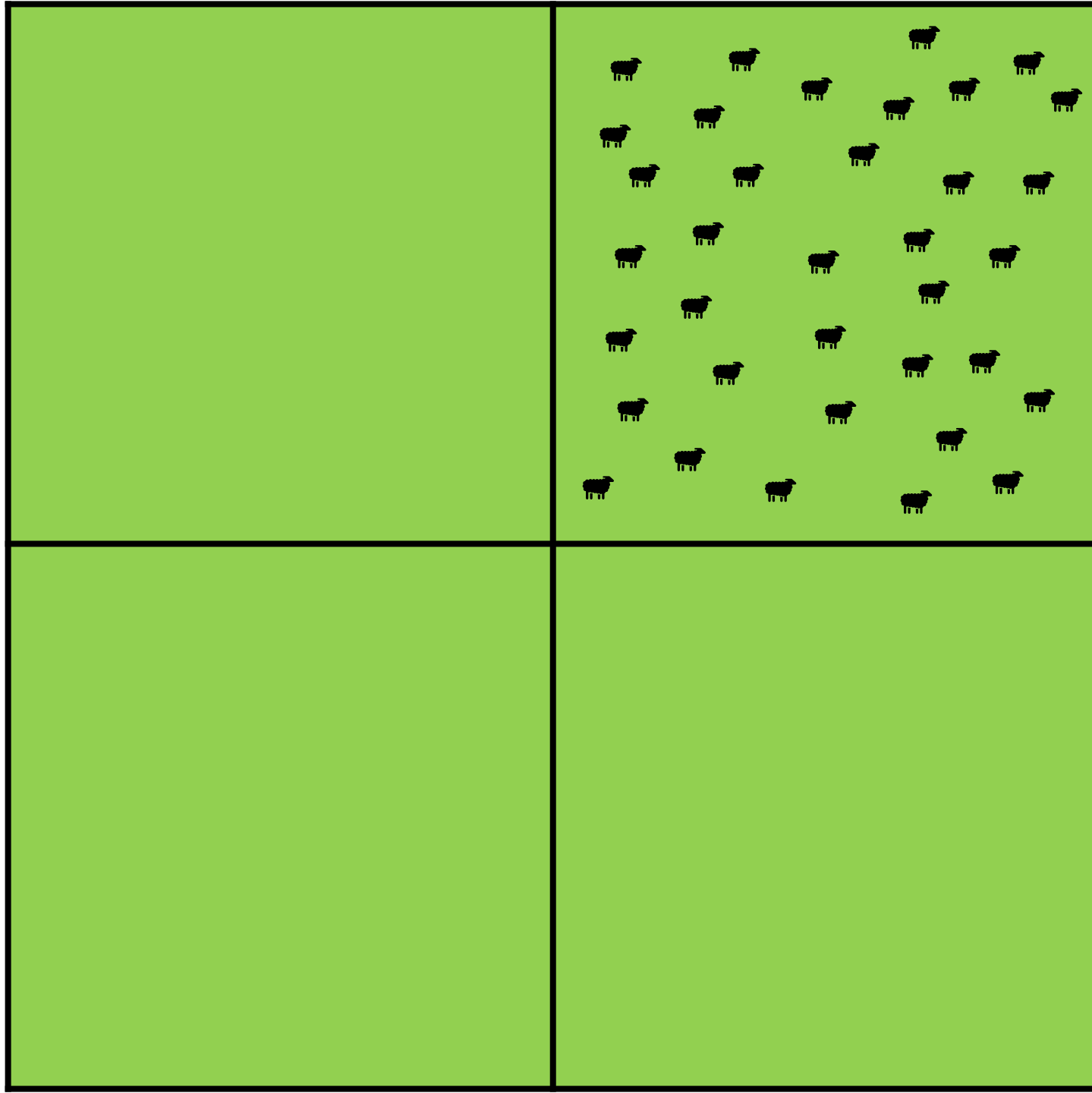






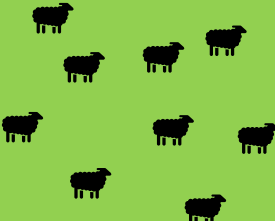


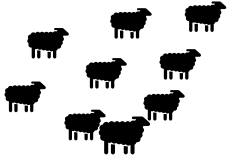




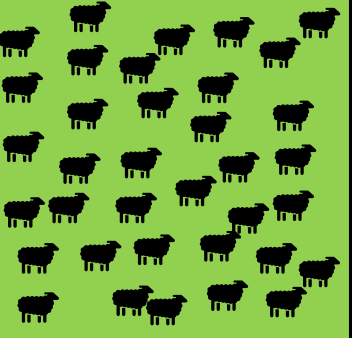










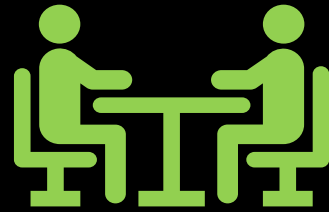








# Data Collection & Verification





So, what's required for a successful Grazing Group?



People who are grazing for improved landscape health



People who recognise the need to do things differently



Leadership, planning, commitment, energy, funding and...



IMPORTANTLY, keeping it outcome-**F**ocused, **F**resh, **F**riendly, in **F**ormative & **F**un!