

TO THE FARMER



PASTURES FOR PROFIT

MT BARKER

Tuesday 29th June
District Hall

DANDARAGAN

Thursday 1st July
Dandaragan Community Recreation Club

Keynote Speakers

John Sheehan	Farm Manager, Victoria
Dr David Pethick	Researcher, Murdoch
Dr Graham Gardner	Researcher, Murdoch
Ashley Herbert	Consultant, Katanning
Dianne Haggerty	Grower, Wyalkatchem

Large scale profitable lamb production
Producing premium quality beef and lamb from pasture
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Increasing Kg/ha productivity of lamb...cost effectively
5 years of Broadacre Biological Farming

Other Topics include

Mt Barker

"Return on investment from Perennials"
"Using perennials to lower the cost of production"
"Caring for our Country Demonstration Sites"

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"Increasing annual legume content in Perennial Pastures"
"Caring for our Country Demonstration Sites"

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Speaker Profiles

This is the sixth year that Evergreen Farming (now incorporating WA Lucerne Growers) has produced the Pastures for Profit (P4P) workshop series. This grower run group is pleased to be able to bring to WA rural centres another exciting range of topics and speakers for WA farmers.

John Sheehan - "Large scale profitable lamb production"



John Sheehan has been managing the Yaloak Estate properties for 8 years. Yaloak Estate is a 5,600 ha property 10 km south of Ballan in the central highlands of Victoria. Yaloak also owns 5 other farms, totalling 2,165 ha at Derrinallum. These farms are all in raised bed for cropping. Lucerne is also sown on beds as part of the lamb finishing operation.

Yaloak was primarily a fine wool and cattle operation. The swing to crossbred sheep was made in 1997 and it is now primarily a prime lamb operation, with the aim of producing crossbred lambs, and finishing them to specific markets. The livestock business is currently made up of 14,000 Coopworth / Cross bred ewes producing about 18,000 lambs per year. All lambs are sold at 21-22 kgs cwt mainly over the hooks.

Yaloak consists of a variety of land types, from basalt plains on the high country, with steep gorges down to significantly drier sandy loams in the valley. On the top country, the raised beds significantly improve yield on both crops, annual fodder crops and lucerne, and they are developing much of this country to beds.

With the steep sloping gorges serrated tussock infestation has become prevalent in the district. It is a highly fibrous, coarse grass of very low nutrient quality and without management will make much of this land ungrazable. Over the past 5 years a major gorge development program has been undertaken, redeveloping over 2,500 ha of tussock country into perennial pastures.

Prof David Pethick - "Producing premium quality beef and lamb from pasture"

Professor David Pethick grew up in the Adelaide Hills on a mixed farming enterprise (Beef, Sheep, Fruit) but specialising in a stud Border Leicester operation. He has worked in the farm animal Industries for 30 years post graduation as a university academic, researcher, teacher and industry practitioner. His research has been wide ranging but has specialised in fundamental and applied meat science in beef and lamb. The meat science research has made a major contribution to the understanding of meat quality and its management. He is head of Production Animal Research at Murdoch University and is program manger for Meat Science in both the Beef and Sheep CRCs.

He treasures the Howard W Yelland Award awarded by the Beef Improvement Association in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Beef Industry.



Dr Graham Gardner - Producing high quality beef and lamb

Graham is a senior lecturer in Biochemistry, Nutrition, and Toxicology at the School of Veterinary and Biomedical Science at Murdoch University. Graham's research is predominantly focused on the impact of selection for growth, leanness and muscling within the sheep and cattle industries, looking at aspects of carbohydrate and intermediary metabolism, stress sensitivity, and growth and maturity, as well as the metabolic changes that take place in muscle. He supervises 8 PhD students working in these areas, and his work is predominantly funded by the Beef CRC, the Sheep CRC, and Meat and Livestock Australia. Graham coordinates Sheep CRC project 3.3 "Lean Meat Yield and Supply Chain Adoption", and is also the coordinator of the national postgraduate programs for both the Beef and Sheep CRCs.

Ashley Herbert - "Increasing Kg/ha productivity of lamb...cost effectively"

Ashley Herbert is a farm management consultant and partner in the consulting firm Agrarian Management. He is based in Katanning and has been consulting since 1993 to sheep producers in the medium to high rainfall area of the Great Southern. Ashley focuses on cost effective crop and sheep production, aiming to balance potential achievable production with the inherent risks associated with the normal season and price variability.

Ashley has a sound understanding of the sheep and pasture production system and a proven ability to work with individual clients and farmer groups. He has a detailed understanding of the mixed farm system and the interactions between the various enterprises.



Evergreen Farming is a state wide grower group assisting farmers and industry to research, develop and adopt highly profitable and sustainable perennial pasture based farming systems.

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Dianne Haggerty - "5 years of Broadacre Biological Farming"

In 2010 Dianne Haggerty (and husband Ian) were awarded the A & K Hill Green Agriculture Innovation Award for WA. They received the award for leadership in the adoption of farming practices that build carbon-rich top soils, foster secure and resilient agricultural production, and improve food quality. In 2009 the Haggerty's grew 3,900 ha of top quality wheat using biology friendly farm practices on their Wyalkatchem property. The Haggerty's have found increased biological activity in their soil is allowing them to grow successive cereal crops with little disease pressure. Lamb flocks on the property are bred with minimal artificial support, are grass fed and marketed directly to Perth customers.



Paul Omodei - "Return on investment from perennials"

Paul Omodei is a farming systems consultant and part of the agVivo team. He specialises in pasture systems management including soil and plant nutrition, grazing management, pasture variety agronomy, fertiliser budgeting, feed budgeting and pasture and crop integration. Paul has extensive experience in nutritional agronomy of pastures, horticulture and broadacre crops as well as business management and planning. At Mt Barker, he will explain how to make a return on your investment from perennials.

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 (both workshops 9am-5pm Registration from 8:30am)

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Dandaragan Thursday July 1

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