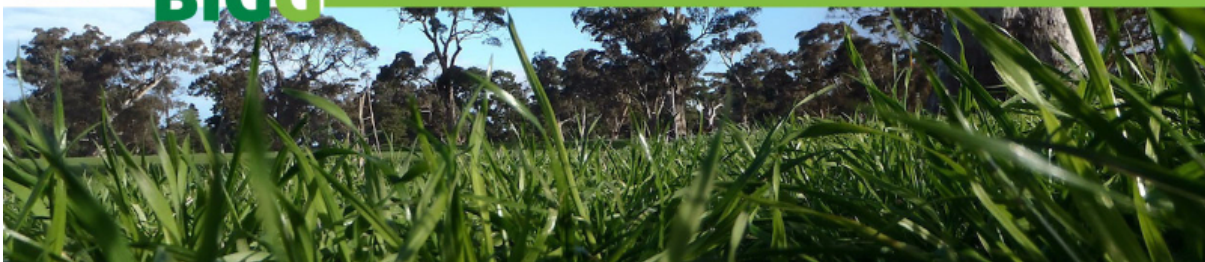




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Local Soil Moisture Update & Monitoring Soil Moisture in Grazing Systems Video

The current monthly report for the three paddocks (located at Flaxman Valley, Keyneton and Koonunga) BIGG is monitoring as part of our *Soil Moisture Monitoring*

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Note the graphs in the report comparing the plant available water (i.e. how full the moisture bank is at any one time and therefore available for plants to access) for the last three years at each site. As you will see there is significant differences between the current soil moisture compared to at this time 12 and 24 months ago.

The sites current **soil water capacity** (at 2 July 2018) compared to the last report (25 May 2018) are:

- Flaxman Valley: 44% (18% on 25 May)
- Keyneton: 42% (43% on 25 May)
- Koonunga: 39% (26% on 25 May)

Also make sure you check out BIGG's new video to get a great overview of our Soil Moisture Monitoring project. The video features the weather station site at Keyneton and discusses some of the projects key learnings.



Find out how soil moisture probes can be used to provide useful information to help manage grazing systems. Click the arrow above!

Mt Pleasant Pasture Demonstration Site



The new Mt Pleasant Pasture Demonstration Site was sown 21 May 2018. This site has been developed by Coopers Farm Supplies with great support from Pasture Genetics and Heritage Seeds.

The huge site will showcase 90 different pasture varieties to help with local pasture selection. Varieties include 13 varieties of Lucerne, 26 varieties of clover and two of medic, 30 varieties of grasses, including annual rye grasses and perennials, 12 forage smart cereals, three brassica /herb varieties and 4 subtropical varieties.

This demonstration site will provide a brilliant local example of how different pasture varieties respond to the changing seasons, comparing early and late varieties, regeneration potential of clovers and medics and will provide long term information on perennial establishment and persistence.

Thanks must also go to the hosts of both the Annual Pasture Keyneton and Perennial Pasture Eden Valley pasture demonstration sites which have now concluded after two years. Many of the varieties demonstrated in these sites have now been combined in the new Mt Pleasant site.

Keep an eye out for pasture walks and events which will visit the site later in the year. Alternatively chat to Coopers Agronomist, Craig John for further information on 0408 452 541.

Angaston Ag Bureau Adelaide Bus Trip

The Angaston Ag Bureau are heading to the 'big smoke' to visit the Adelaide Oval and Pasture Genetic Research site at Penfield on Tuesday 31 July.

There are spare seats available for non-members- send Georgie and [email](#) to get more information!

Grazing Strategies for a Dry Winter

If you missed the webinar in early June you can view a copy of the recording below.

In a challenging year this webinar is designed to help you develop strategies to optimise dry matter production to ensure we make the most of our pastures through the winter and help set up spring feed.

Introduction

- Agri-business Consultant with Rural Directions Pty Ltd
- Significant farm benchmarking experience
- Deliver MLA Southern BusinessEDGE workshops in SA
- Deliver 2 or 3 Pasture Principles groups per year



From the Inbox.....

- Past + Future Pasture- Grasslands Society Conference- Millicent- 18-19 July [REGISTER TODAY](#)
- Winning with Weaners Workshop- designed for wool growers [MORE INFO](#)
- Lambex Conference- Perth - 5-7 August [REGISTER TODAY](#)
- National Landcare Conference: 10-12 October: [REGISTRATIONS OPEN](#)

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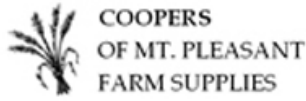
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