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BIGG Wonderful Webinars Part 1!



UPCOMING WEBINAR:

WORKING WITH THE SEASON TO BOOST PRODUCTION

Wednesday May 10th 8pm- 8.40 pm

Join Hamish Dickson, looking at the current seasonal forecast what opportunities are there for maximising your livestock production system to get the most out of it. In addition, what challenges may be coming our way and how can we best prepare to minimise the impact.

For all technophobes, this is a simple and easy process involving a few clicks of the mouse before you can sit back and work out how to get the most of your livestock and pastures.

MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER [CLICK HERE!](#)

BIGG Wonderful Webinars Part 2!



[Click to view last months Preparing Perfect Pastures Webinar](#)

Last months webinar on Preparing Perfect Pastures had over 50 attendees and over 100 registrations!

If you missed Greg Mitchell's practical and timely presentation please click on the link above to make sure your pastures are on track for this year and you are well prepared for next year.

Update on MLA Pasture Demo Sites



BIGG's MLA Producer Demonstration Pasture Sites are gearing up for another year of demonstrating how different pastures respond to the climate.

With a great start to the season, all three sites are on track to being sown by the middle of May. This includes the Farmer Johns/ Pasture Genetics site at Koonunga which will again demonstrate a range of annuals including cereals, ryegrasses and brassicas and associated mixes. In addition the perennials planted last year will continue to be measured for production and persistence.

The majority of the annual site at Coopers/Heritage Seeds Keyneton will be re-sown with most of the varieties from last year. In addition the regenerating italian ryegrasses and the germination from last years clovers will be pversown with cereals to observe how the mixes perform.

The Eden Valley site will be completely resown this year due to the late sowing and weed competition experienced last year. This will allow two years comparison of the perennial persistence.

GET INVOLVED!

This year will also allow producers to demonstrate how their own pastures are performing in response to the season. If you are interested in being involved please contact Georgie. It will provide an excellent opportunity to get the experts involved with your pastures and allow you to benchmark how you are performing...you may

also be 'tapped' on the shoulder if the BIGG network has picked up on exciting things going on!!

To see last years results [click here!](#)

Meeting with the Minister



BIGG Facilitator Georgie Keynes discussing the benefits of watercourse revegetation with Minister Hartsuyker at Ben and Murray Klemm's.

BGG had the opportunity to showcase the innovative, production based and NRM focused work they do on a federal level with a visit from the Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister Luke Hartsuysker and Member for Barker Tony Pasin. This visit included a visit to Ben and Murray Klemm's watercourse revegetation area which allows a comparison between tubestock and direct seeding methods.

The group also visited BIGG's soil moisture monitoring site at Joe and Graham Keynes' at Keyneton. In addition the group visited the Henschke's Hill of Grave Vineyard.

As well as observing the local sites, the visit also, importantly, provided an opportunity for the Minister to hear first hand from local producers how they are managing their properties to improve production in a sustainable manner which was extremely valuable.

To read more visit the [Stock Journal article](#).

Angaston Ag Bureau and the SA Sheep Expo



Stephan Grossman, one of the successful Angaston Ag Bureau bursary recipient for the SA Sheep Expo from Nuriootpa High School accompanied by Agriculture teacher Josh Bottrall.

For the second year the Angaston Ag Bureau has offered student bursary's supporting five local students from local high schools to attend the SA Sheep Expo in Adelaide on the 19th and 20th April.

The Sheep expo is an event offering young people a platform to develop a better understanding of the sheep industry and provides an education forum for young sheep enthusiasts. Local producers Joe Keynes, Sam Neumann and Mark Grossman were also involved with the day sharing their own experiences.

In return the students make a commitment to not only attend the expo but also report on their experience and learnings back to the Ag bureau. In addition they are invited to attend local ag bureau events through the year.

This builds on the Ag Bureaus continued support of the local agricultural high schools including the Schools Merino Judging Challenge in association with the

Hogget competition, the SA Junior Heifer Expo, The National Merino Challenge and offering VET training placements onfarm.

From the Inbox...

- Barossa Bush Gardens Open Day Sunday 7th May
- Keep your eyes out for the upcoming BIGG Managing Climate Variability Workshop which will be held in June.
- Livestock SA are running a Work Health and Safety Workshop in Tanunda Thursday 18 May. [More Details](#)
- Check out the Natural Resources Adelaide Mt Lofty Ranges [Events page](#) for all of their upcoming events across the regions.
- Check out the [MLA website](#) for great info on Autumn feeding options

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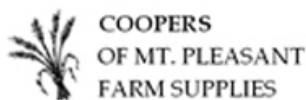
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