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Maximising Pasture Production in a Variable Climate- WEBINAR

Did you miss our Pasture Case Study Webinar?

Across two below average years, learn about how different livestock producers maximised their pasture production to fill feed gaps and increase the number of grazing days on their property.

Toby Rosenzweig: Keyneton (500mm)
Leafmore Brassica + barley
Total growing season rainfall: 117mm



30 Ha (3kg/Ha)- sown 5 September 2016/
resown 12 Oct

- 21st December, 10 weeks after sowing
- Cattle grazed- 500 of the lightest ewe hoggets
- Grazing for 43 days= 75 DSE/Ha stocking pressure/ cell
- June '17- 0.5kg heavier and cut 300 grams more wool- 152kg extra

Click on the link above to view or go to https://youtu.be/CZaGfP_Ig4

These results come out of the three-year Meat & Livestock Australia's Producer Demonstration Site, Maximising Pasture in a Variable Climate.

Thanks to the wonderful producers for working with us to develop these case studies!



BIGG Achievements for 2018



With another year coming to a close it's that time of year again when we celebrate the achievements that BIGG has delivered with local producers.

With plenty of learning, sharing and networking opportunities through the annual conference, pasture walks, the dry times workshop and webinars we've had an action-packed year which has provided many challenges, with a tough season, but also some opportunities.

One of the highlights for the year was BIGG winning the AgEx PIRSA Grower Group Award which recognised the work we do supporting producers in the region. In addition, BIGG were recognised nationally at the National Landcare Conference where we were nominated for the Excellence in Sustainable Farming Award.

BIGG has also been working hard 'in the background' moving out from under the wings of the Angaston Ag Bureau to become an independent incorporated body. This has involved a large consultation process with support from not only the advisory committee but industry stakeholders and BIGG members.

As always, we must thank the range of rural businesses, industry stakeholders, local consultants and NRM Boards for the support provided to BIGG; the advisory committee who provide their time to help guide and develop BIGG; and of course, all producers who we work with, there would be no reason for BIGG you.

2019 will bring many changes for BIGG, working as a new incorporated body which will see a new board appointed, sponsorship opportunities and a development of a membership program. These changes demonstrate how far BIGG has come in a short six year period building on past successes and support from producers, industry and stakeholders to continue to provide valuable information to support livestock businesses.

We must take the opportunity to thank the Angaston Ag Bureau who were firstly inspired to apply for the original 'winter pasture project' which started BIGG and to then host BIGG for the past 6 years. The dedication and support of the Bureau ensured BIGG was able to grow and get to where it is today.

On behalf of the BIGG Committee, we wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to an even BIGGer year in 2019!

From the Inbox.....

- Angaston Ag Bureau Hogget Competition: April 2019 tbc
- Farming Forward Forum- Waikerie February 19th
- Dry Times Resources Website- Natural Resources SAMDB [Check it Out!](#)
- It's Ewe Time Forum:

It's ewe time!

- ✓ Tailor management to seasonal conditions
- ✓ Prepare and plan for the year ahead
- ✓ Maximise your returns in the marketplace



THE SHEEP INDUSTRY'S POPULAR SERIES
OF FORUMS WILL RETURN IN 2019!

- **Jamestown, SA:** March 26
- **Karoonda, SA:** March 27
- **Naracoorte, SA:** March 28

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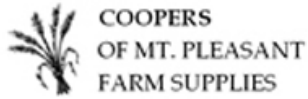
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