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# The BIGG Bulletin

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## Soil Moisture Report- June

Great to see a decent rainfall event in June, with 30 mm being recorded at each of BIGG's weather monitoring stations on 12 June. Towards the end of the month, frosts have been more the norm, particularly at Keyneton and Koonunga with the temperature getting down to -3.6C and -2.6C respectively on 23 June.

The current soil moisture levels across the region are similar, hovering just below 50% of their capacity at Flaxman Valley, Keyneton and Koonunga. The latest information about soil moisture, growing season rainfall and what's been happening in each of the weather monitoring station paddocks can be found [here](#).

Site	Growing season rainfall (mm)*	Estimated soil water capacity (%)
Flaxman Valley	104	49
Keyneton	84	46
Koonunga	93	44
Moculta	78	-

\*Rainfall from 1/4/19-28/6/19

*This project is supported by the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges NRM Board's 'Supporting Sustainable Primary Production' grant through funding from the NRM levy.*

## Winning With Weaners Workshop



THIS THURSDAY 4th JULY

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Winning with weaners is a workshop focusing on the importance of weaners to the sheep industry and the individual sheep operation.

The emphasis of the workshops is to run through the recommendations for successful weaner management, identify a goal weaning weight and growth rate and

determine nutritional requirements.

It will allow producers to make a plan as to how to manage their weaners this year to improve reproduction rates of the stock going forward and minimise losses in the weaning mob.

The workshop is focused on merino weaners however there is a lot of beneficial information for anyone growing out any breed of weaners. The workshop will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 9am at the Truro oval – please register ASAP at so we know numbers for catering

**[CLICK TO REGISTER ASAP!!](#)**

## **BIGG's New Facilitator!!**



BIGG are excited to announce that we have a new technical facilitator/ coordinator! The new addition to the BIGG team is Deb Scammell. Deb will be managing the new MLA PDS 'Increasing Ewe Production using Containment Areas Project'.

Deb has been involved in the Livestock industry over the last 17 years since completing an Ag Science degree with Honours in Animals Science at Adelaide University. She have predominately worked with clients over a range of areas

including EID, DNA parentage recording and breeding programs and most recently over the last 8 years has worked closely with clients in animal nutrition with a focus on containment and feedlot rations. She has recently launched her own business 'Talking Livestock' where she will be working with individuals, groups and facilitating sheep industry workshops so is ready to get started with this new BIGG project.

In addition to the BIGG project, Deb will also be facilitating the Truro Winning with Weaners Workshop- see the article above for more details.

Deb resides just out of Sevenhill on a small property with her husband, 3 young sons and multiple animals. We look forward to introducing our BIGG community to Deb to help share her skills and enthusiasm with the Group.

## From the Inbox.....

- SA Fast Break- learn about current climate forecasts, the position of the climate drivers and their potential impact on farm business profitability [Subscribe Here](#)
- State Landcare Conference [Early Bird Tickets](#)
- SAMDB Soil Matters Newsletter [View Here](#)
- Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme- Drought Affected Areas- [More Information](#)

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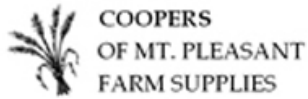
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