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# The BIGG Bulletin

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## BIGG Celebration and AGM



# BAROSSA IMPROVED GRAZING GROUP AGM AND CELEBRATION!

BIGG invites you to celebrate our past 7 years under the guidance of Angaston Ag Bureau and our new start as BIGG Inc!

This will be an opportunity to thank our dedicated committee (past and present) and to welcome the new BIGG Board!

If you are interested in joining the new Board, please have a chat with Georgie or Brett (but no pressure if you don't- just come and join in the celebration!)



[Click Here to RSVP!](#)

Get on Board-  
Sheep Containment Areas Project

**Wednesday  
18 September 2019**

**Wanera  
65 Washington St  
Angaston  
\*In the function room\***

**6.00pm for 6.30pm**

**6.30pm: BIGG  
celebration  
7.00pm: BIGG AGM  
7.30pm Dinner**

**All welcome to stay for  
a casual dinner or  
drinks afterwards  
(at your own cost)**

## **RSVP**

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[Wanera Menu](#)



BIGG are in the first year of the Sheep Containment Areas Project which is looking at ways we can increase ewe performance using containment areas.

To help us out with the project we need to hear from you about how you are using containment areas, what works, what doesn't work and what you would like more information on.

If you don't use containment we would still love to hear from you about the reasons you don't and the barriers to adoption.

This will be a great project to help all of the local producers get more out of their sheep businesses with workshops, bus trips and the chance for one on one property visits with experienced consultants in the future.



Get on Board.....Click for the 5 minute survey.....please!!!!

## National Goat Roadshow- in the Barossa!



Thursday 26 September, 9.30am - 2.30pm  
Stockwell Recreation Park, Duck Ponds Road, Stockwell

The event is aimed at goat producers, plus those also considering running goats as an enterprise, and many of the sessions will also be relevant to those also running sheep, in particular the Business Management session

The National Goat Roadshow focuses on improving on-farm practices and business management skills in the Australian goat industry, as well as profiling the range of new resources and tools produced by Meat & Livestock Australia.

Come along to find out more on:

- business management
- productivity gains with genetic selection
- goat producer case studies
- industry expert panel session

The final session will visit local goat producers, Tracy and Owen Bonython's Bon Chevon Property.

## Tickets and More Information

# Soil Moisture Monitoring Case Studies

We have recently developed three case studies on how the data recorded from BIGG's weather monitoring stations is being used to assist farm decision-making. They feature the farmer hosts of the monitoring stations;



Having local data on soil moisture has proved useful for Peter Kleinig by assisting him to decide how much nitrogen will be applied to cereal crops at various stages of the growing season at his Koonunga property.

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Michael Evans was able to achieve good prices for his cattle in spring and save on feed purchased for the following dry summer, after paying close attention to soil moisture data from BIGG's weather monitoring station on his Flaxman Valley property.

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Graham Keynes likens the availability of soil moisture data from BIGG's weather monitoring stations, to having another tool in a decision-making toolbox.

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## From the Inbox.....

- Heifer/Weaner Management, 17 September, Waitpinga, [Fleurieu Beef Group](#)
- Eudunda Show Hogget Competition (10th November)- [Entries Open](#)
- State Landcare Conference October [Tickets](#)
- SA Fast Break- learn about current climate forecasts, the position of the climate drivers and their potential impact on farm business profitability  
[Subscribe Here](#)

## Your BIGG Contacts

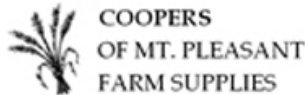
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