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The BIGG Bulletin

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Containment Ewe Results Webinar

BIGG held a webinar on the 30th of November to go through the results for the MLA Producer Demonstration Site Project's containment ewe sites. The webinar collected information and discussed issues and successes in containment with producers.

representatives. There were 38 producers involved in the webinar and discussions on the night and the others received a recording of the webinar.

Click on the box below to view the webinar!



Gra\$\$ to Dollars course pays dividends for producers



The final session of the Gra\$\$ to Dollars pastures course was held on the 1st December in Mount Pleasant. It was a successful day where the previous sessions were summarised and discussed and producers were exposed to grazing tools they could utilise on their properties going forward.

The session concluded with the group viewing a Phalaris pasture at Coopers Mount Pleasant and with a BBQ lunch. The feedback from the course has been great and the changes that producers have made in their pasture and grazing management

The course was kindly supported by the Northern and Yorke Landscape board and Meat and Livestock Australia. If anyone is interested in commencing a Gra\$\$ to Dollars course next year please contact [Deb Scammell](#).

Case Studies:

[Grass to Dollars course gives confidence to increase stock numbers](#):-JJ Schubert-Eden Valley

[Grass to Dollars grazing course assists to increase stocking density and create a pasture plan](#)- Angaston

BIGG Annual Report



BIGG has released it's annual report for 2020 highlighting the important work BIGG does for the local farming community. The report gives an overview of the current projects which include the two major ongoing BIGG projects, the containment ewe producer demonstration sites and the soil moisture monitoring and climate project.

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In total BIGG ran four events, with a total of over 160 producers, delivered three webinars reaching over 300 producers, a video series on soil pits and over 10 communication outputs. In addition, there was a pilot program, Gra\$\$ to Dollars, which took a group of 8 farms on a learning journey throughout the year to improve grazing and pasture management.

See the [full report](#)

Membership and Sponsorship



The BIGG annual membership and sponsorship is now open!

Don't miss out on a free conference ticket, free entry to events and many other benefits!

Visit the [BIGG Members Area](#) for membership information

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Looking to 2021



BIGG are excited for a very bigg 2021 with lots of new projects and opportunities for producers to improve their grazing systems.

- Improving on farm water security and infrastructure and soil moisture monitoring project- this project will include a bus trip to visit innovative water storage and capture solutions, water quality testing and allow us to continue the very useful soil moisture reports.
- Red meat and wool technology group- will begin implementing individual technology plans including group workshop and information sharing
- Containment ewe project- with many producers still implementing and using containment areas this summer, the project will continue to measure how they

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- BIGG's Annual Conference- save the date! Thursday 18th February- it'll be a biggie!!

Thank you to the project stakeholders, sponsors and most importantly the producers who provide their time, knowledge and support for all things BIGG. BIGG exists by producers for producers and will continue to work from the ground up to support the local grazing community.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Look forward to catching up in 2021!

Holiday Reading

- Water security- livestock requirements/ water systems/ technology/ sheeted catchments case studies and infrastructure- visit [Sheep Connect SA](#)
- PIRSA Livestock Tech talks- podcast and video series- [visit recordings or register](#) for updates
- Landcare in Focus- check out BIGG's virtual fencing article! Visit [Landcare](#)
- BIGG's range of case studies and videos- catch up on all you may have missed! Visit the [BIGG website](#)
- Managing Ewes in Containment Areas- a guide for producers- [MLA Resource](#)
- Livestock productivity and profitability webinars- [visit MLA](#)

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