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The BIGG Bulletin

October 2021

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BIGG Regional Water Survey



Are you a producer who relies on water for your agricultural enterprises (well who doesn't!)? If so we are after your feedback.

BIGG has initiated a short survey to verify the current water needs and issues of regional (Barossa, Eden Valley and Northern Mt Lofty Ranges) producers.

The survey will only take 5 minutes to fill out, so please click the link!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3993R6P>

Please Take the 5 Minute Water Survey- Click Here!

Grazier and Rural Producers Water Security Forum

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BIGG and the Angaston Ag Bureau invite you to attend the

Grazier and Rural Producer Water Security Forum:

NEXT TUESDAY 9th November

7.00pm – 10.00pm

All welcome, a free event.

Zion Church Hall
85 Murray Street
Angaston

Enquires or RSVP:

jane.evans@biggroup.org.au

0412 500 752

RSVP BY:

8th November 2021

OR EVENTBRITE REGISTRATION PREFERRED

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/graziers-and-rural-producers-water-security-forum-registration-198171876417>

[See the Full Flyer HERE](#)



Pasture Monitoring and Feed Budgeting Workshop



Pasture Monitoring and Feed Budgeting Workshop

Thursday 11th November
9.00am – 12.45pm

Eden Valley

With the season coming to a close, this workshop will:

- provide an opportunity to measure your current pastures
- work out your own personal feed budget for the coming summer/ autumn period
- Come along to the whole session or pick and choose!

Topic	Information	Time
On-Farm (venue on rego) Pasture Monitoring Georgie Keynes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trial the new MLA Pasture Paramedic Tool to determine how productive your pasture is• Opportunity to be involved with remote pasture monitoring from CiboLabs*	9.00- 9.45 am

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Feed Budgeting Eden Valley Hotel Deb Scammell		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design your own feed budget with support from livestock consultant Deb Scammell • Please bring your own computer 	10:00 – 11.30am
Containment Area Review Eden Valley Hotel Deb Scammell		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join the discussion on what has worked and needs improvement in local containment areas 	11.30-12.00pm
Lunch		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch provided by Eden Valley Hotel 	12.00-1pm

RSVP Now!

RSVP/ More Information- Deb Scammell

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***discounted rates available for CiboLab remote pasture monitoring- please contact Deb for more information.**



Pilates for Farmers



Every year, the Angaston Agricultural Bureau has a meeting on health and wellbeing, which has proved extremely valuable for some individuals, and as a group, allows its members to support and look out for each other.

On Tuesday, 5th October 2021, an instructional and informative session on “Pilates for Farmers” was led by Kate Shelby James and her team from “Pilates by Kate”, Murray Street, Nuriootpa.

Members broke into 2 classes; gentle and intermediate and participated with a lot of commitment and enthusiasm. The gentle session involved exercises utilising a chair and in the standing position, and the intermediate mat session was on the floor with a mixture of basic and challenging movements involving the stretchy band, chi-ball and roller.

All exercises are possible in the home, but Kate outlined how farmers could join her studio for private / duo lessons, or small affinity groups and open classes on both the matt that offers over 70 exercises, and apparatus that affords over 700 activities. In essence Pilates is simple, low stress, low impact movement of the muscles to support the correct alignment of the joints, in-conjunction with mindfulness and is ideal for both preventive and injury rehabilitation.

Invitation to be involved:

At *Pilates by Kate*, Unit 4, 33 Murray Street, Nuriootpa

With Instructor: Diane Stewart

Matt Class: 5 weeks

Day / time: Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:00pm (NOV:17,24 and DEC 1,8,15) (ie. 5 classes)

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Price: \$105 each.

RSVP/ Further info- Bruce Hancock: brucehancock01@bigpond.com / or txt or phone By **COB Friday 5th Nov'21.**

BIGG/ Coopers Farm Supplies Spring Pasture Walk



The BIGG/Coopers Farm Supplies Pasture Walk was run in early October with over 30 producers visiting the Coopers Pasture Demonstration Site at Mt Pleasant.

The group observed many different forage pasture varieties and discussed seeding depth, differences between early and late varieties and opportunities for multi species pastures.

BIGG AGM



The Barossa Improved Grazing Group celebrated the second year as an Incorporated Body at it's AGM on Thursday 21st October at Wanera Wine Bar in Angaston.

The evening saw a changing over of some members of the Board, including Peter Mitchell, a sheep producer from Angaston stepping into the Chair role. Pete has been on the board since it's inception, and continues to play an active role within the rural community and has been willing to share his own farming stories within the BIGG community. Ian Koch, has been a fantastic support in shaping the BIGG Board for it's first two years and will continue to support the Board through his role as Vice Chair.

The AGM also saw Chris George, local Mt Pleasant Producer, stepping back from the Board, and Stephan Anesbury filling his role. Stephan is an active goat producer at Mt Pleasant and has recently started a pasture and rural contracting business. We look forward to welcoming Stephan to the Board and thanks Chris for his continued support.

The evening also includes a session on wellbeing, which included presentations from Dr Bill Gransbury, James Wagner, Barossa Council's community connector and representatives

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- Stock Containment Past 1: Where does a stock containment area fit in my system- MLA Webinar- 3rd November [Register Here](#)
- Barossa Pest Control Masterclass- 10th December- [More Information](#)
- Livestock Tech Talks- 8 producer podcasts on Livestock Tech- [Click Here](#)
- WoolPoll- last chance to vote- closing This Friday- [Vote now](#)
- [On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme](#) - Round 3 (2021-22)

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