

WA Pasture & Livestock Update Kellerberrin

Thursday, 3 August 2017

**Starting at Todd Anderson's property, 'Toolangi Park',
then the Kellerberrin Rec Centre for lunch and the afternoon session**

We'll start the day by getting out in Todd's paddocks to see and hear about the many pasture options he has introduced into his mixed farming system. These include March-sown Cadiz serradella, regenerating Dalkeith and Nungarin sub clover, and barley crops grazed by sheep in June and July. Todd, with the help of Phil Barrett-Lennard, agVivo, will discuss why these species and strategies have been chosen and how they fit into Todd's whole farm operation, both logistically and economically.

Out in the paddocks, we'll also discuss 'Are your annual legumes fixing nitrogen?', 'You can drop nitrogen rates in crop following a good (well-nodulated) annual legume pasture' and 'Cereal and brassica fodder crop options for quick winter feed'. We'll then travel back to the venue for lunch and the afternoon session.

Speaker	Afternoon topics
Stephen Crook, producer with Geoff Fosbery, Consultag	Driving profitability of livestock within a mixed farming system We'll hear from a tag team, Stephen and his consultant Geoff, as they discuss how and why they use livestock efficiently and profitably in the business so that cropping and livestock complement each other, one season after the next. They'll also share how they use pastures to link the two together.
Phil Nichols, DAFWA	Pasture varieties for here, there, but not everywhere Phil Nichols from DAFWA continues to be a fountain of knowledge of pasture species in WA. He will bring us up to speed on newly available species such as messina, teder and new clover varieties for medium and low rainfall regions. He'll also cover some varieties that are in the pipeline which producers have been seeking.
Richard Apps, MLA	Your levies at work – what is MLA up to in the R&D space? With a lot of action happening at MLA, Richard will run through some of the latest regionally relevant research to give a snapshot of activities, including work on WA Producer Demonstration Sites in the areas such as clover root disease, Greenseeker technology for pasture measurement and phosphorus efficiency in pastures. Posters will be on display with MLA available to discuss the details during breaks.

Local producers	The Pasture & Livestock Updates Producer Panel An event favourite where we hear from three local, but diverse, producers from across the region, as they chill on bar stools and talk about what they are doing with their pastures and those that eat them so far this season. The panel will also share how they plan to get through the rest of this season and what they are going to do in the planning for their pastures for the 2018 season.
Phil Barrett-Lennard, agVivo	Chaff carts and crop grazing – do they stack up? Mixed systems in WA rely heavily on bringing livestock and pastures together with cropping operations. Chaff carts and crop grazing are being adopted widely, so what is the science behind this and what do we need to know to do this well without a dramatic negative impact on one enterprise or the other? Phil Barrett-Lennard will share what has been found and ways to use the information on farm.
Beth Paganoni, DAFWA, with producer, Emily Stretch	ATM and BS technology – it's not what you're thinking There's a lot happening in the technology space for producers. There are the tools being used 'At The Moment' on farms in the region and we'll hear from a producer using some of them on their farm – warts and all. Then there is the 'Blue Sky' technology that's being worked on for future benefits for livestock and pasture enterprises, which will be shared by a well-known researcher from the region.

Time: 9.30am for a 10am start
Date: Thursday, 3 August 2017
Venue: We'll start at Todd Anderson's property at 'Toolangi Park', 1199 Kwolyin East Rd, Shackleton (~25kms south of Kellerberrin), then travel to Kellerberrin Recreational Centre for lunch and the afternoon session
Cost: \$30 (cash or cheque on the day. No credit card facility available)
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