

Winter Newsletter- Sheep Easy review, breech strike technology update, sheep supply, Spring workshops and the wool market.



## AWI's WA SHEEP NETWORK

### WINTER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to The Sheep's Back Winter newsletter, In this edition

- Sheep Easy
- AWI's monthly wool market update
- Breech strike - R&D update
- Sheep meat- Forecast for sheep supply for the second half of 14/15
- An introduction to members of TSB's Producer Advisory Panel.

Also stay tuned for our Spring workshop series. This year we will be focusing on animal health, with presentations covering the latest in parasite management & chemical resistance. We will also looking at vaccinations- what for? how many? when? and will have an update on breech strike management- where are the alternatives to mulesing at?

Don't forget we are on Facebook & Twitter which is an easy way to stay in touch with current issues, upcoming events and to check out archives of our communications. So [click here](#) to "like" us on Facebook and [click here](#) to follow us on Twitter.

### Sheep Easy

Sheep Easy continues to grow as the biggest WA sheep event of the year. It was huge this year with nearly 300 attendees and the majority being producers. click on the link below to find out more and to also access presentations from the day.

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### The Sheep's Back Survey

Utilising clicker technology at Sheep Easy we conducted a survey of approximately 170 attendees covering various sheep topics and issues . The first question was used to get people used to the technology and Dean Cox wont be surprised at the result!

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### R&D Update

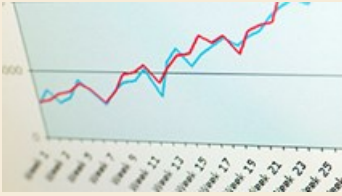
AWI's Breech Strike R&D update was held last week in Sydney. Presentations were given on the latest information on breeding, management, breech modification and marketing . Click on the link below to check out presentations from the day which ranged from Liquid Nitrogen breech treatment to the genetic sequence of *Lucilia cuprina*! [Read More](#)

Also check out the Tweets from the day [#AWIwelfareforum](#)

With much variation in the sheep meat market Mecardo looks into recent MLA reports and historical data to forecast supply for 14 /15.

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### **AWI's monthly wool market report**



Click on the above graph to find out what's been happening in the wool market and an insight into how Vietnam is becoming a significant player in the wool market.

### **The Sheep's Back Producer Advisory Panel**

The Sheep's Back Program is overseen and given direction by a panel of primarily farmers as well as agribusiness and department members. Our current Advisory Panel members are

Roger House (Chairman) - Farmer, Kojonup

Bindi Murray- Farmer, Woodanilling

Alex Coole- Farmer, Frankland

Kristin Lefroy- Farmer, Miling

Brett Jones- Farmer, Ejanding

Geoff Sandilands- Farmer, Kendenup

Tim Watts- Farmer, Pingelly

Mandy Curnow- DAFWA

Greg Tilbrook - Primaries

In each newsletter we will be turning the spotlight on a different members, this quarter It's panel member [Bindi Murray](#)



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