



# The Sheep's Back Services Menu

The Sheep's Back (TSB) is Western Australia's wool producer network, funded by AWI. TSB is managed by a team of very experienced livestock consultants who are assisted by a Producer Advisory Panel (PAP), which consists of leading woolgrowers and representatives of associated businesses. Our mission is to champion the Western Australian Merino sheep industry and improve grower confidence and their capacity to make better and timelier decisions.

This document is designed to provide groups and individual producers in Western Australia with some examples of what The Sheep's Back is able to deliver to wool growers in the way of event and presentation information. This is not a limited list and many other topics are able to be covered, just get in touch to discuss any other topics or event types you may be interested in.

## Half-Day Workshops

**Winning With Weaners** – Aimed at improving weaner management of Merino flocks, targeting 95% weaner survival to one year of age. WWW identifies key practical actions and tools for commercial enterprises to implement on farm to achieve this performance aim. The workshops discuss factors that contribute to weaner mortality and illthrift, and provides practical pathways for improving performance from this group of sheep.

**Ramping Up Repro** – A hands-on workshop focused on improving ram performance and working longevity in commercial sheep enterprises, increasing the skill of producers across the key components of ram performance and impacts on overall breeding enterprise performance.

**Picking Performer Ewes** – Aimed at lifting lifetime performance from Merino ewes by recognising and placing importance on the total lifetime productivity potential and value of their Merino ewes (fleece, meat and surplus stock).

**Foundations of Sheep and Wool Production** – (coming soon) – This course is aimed at young farmers, employees and those re-entering or expanding sheep numbers. You may not have had the level of exposure to the sheep industry to enable you to develop confidence and competence with managing a sheep enterprise. This course is comprised of both theoretical and practical components.

More info on workshops: [www.wool.com/education-and-extension/awi-workshops/](http://www.wool.com/education-and-extension/awi-workshops/)

## Wild Dog Issues & Information

AWI funds wild dog coordinators in each mainland state. WA Wild Dog Co-ordinator, Meja Aldrich is based in Geraldton and keen to get on-farm with producers and work on this major issue. For Wild Dog information, you can contact Meja directly on 0417 622 780 or [meja.aldrich@wool.com](mailto:meja.aldrich@wool.com)

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## Presentation Topics

**Pain Relief Options** – Gain an understanding of the different elements of pain and what your options are as producers for managing and minimising pain in your lambs at marking.

**Leading Producers** – What are the top 10 things leading producer do in their businesses that set them up for success.

**Getting More Lambs On The Ground** – Tools to make sure ewes are managed and fed to be in optimum condition to birth and raise their lambs.

**Vaccinations** – What, when and how many vaccinations do my sheep require? We will attempt to sort through the maze of vaccinations.

**Understanding ASBVs** – Not sure about Australian Sheep Breeding Values? An overview of ASBVs and how to use and understand them.

**Late Break/Poor Seasons Workshops** – What are your options for tactics to manage your sheep enterprise through poor seasons or in late breaks.

**Pasture Establishment** – Looking at renovating pastures or just wanting to bulk them up in the current rotation? We will give you the how, why and when of getting the best and most economical result.

**Keeping Wethers** – Do the economics stack up? What are the pros and cons of holding on to wethers.

AWI Speakers (these topics will be covered by AWI staff, arranged by TSB)

**Fly on the Run** – The latest technical information on completed and current projects that cover the major issue that is flystrike.

**Market Impact & Social License** – From classrooms to catwalks: why wool is winning. Discussing market impact and defending our precious social license.

**Wool Market Intelligence Report** – Scott Carmody, a trade consultant for AWI gives an update on the global wool market and what that means for WA growers.

**Merino Lifetime Productivity Trial Update** – An update on the running's and results from the MLP so far and in particular those from Pingelly, WA.

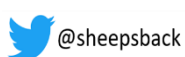
**Wool Q** – Presentation on how WoolQ. A secure online platform where woolgrowers, classers, brokers and buyers can access digital tools to support all stages of the wool-growing and selling cycle.

**Shearing Shed Design** – AWI has recently undertaken a best practice shed design project capturing and designing what the project working group of shed staff and woolgrowers believe to be an effective combination of best practice individual design features and overall shed design.

AWI has a wide range of projects operating. There is potential opportunities to hear about these projects and engage with AWI.

**We encourage any interested parties to get in touch with The Sheep's Back with any queries.**

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