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WALRC Livestock Matters Forum

In association with



**Making livestock systems simple and effective post-cyclone
through the lens of farms in Binu and Northampton**

Thursday June 17, 2021

- **9.30am meet at Don Nairn's farm, 1973 East Binu Road, Binu***
- **11.30am – Chilimony Farms, Chilimony Road, West Binu**
- **1.30pm The Hasleby family's "Mulga Springs", Northampton**
- **5.00pm fellowship at the Northampton Community Centre**

**Alternatively, meet the WALRC bus at the Ocean Centre Hotel, Geraldton at 8am, returning Geraldton 6.45pm*

A day of great discussion focused on simple livestock systems, led by WALRC Chair Tim Watts and supported by a team of MLA technical staff, consultants and research scientists to enrich the discussion.

PROGRAM

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| 9.30am | Meet at Don' Nairn's shearing shed and welcome from WALRC chair Tim Watts . |
| 9.45am | Car-pool and drive out to confinement feeding site for discussion on the simple ways to introduce confinement feeding to the system – with discussion led by Phil Barrett-Lennard . |
| 11.00am | Depart Don's – tracking for Chilimony Farms, Chilimony Road, West Binu (<i>the site is just north of the Chilimony Nature Reserve</i>) |
| 11.30am | Arrive Chilimony to inspect a 600ha plot of perennials. Under the management of Andrew Clarke , this site was converted from a low-performing cropping area to trial a range of perennials and introduce cattle to the cropping system. Three years in there are some interesting developments and challenges to discuss. Tim Watts draws on expertise amongst the crowd including MLA's Cameron Allan, CSIRO's Hayley Norman, DPIRD's Angelo Loi . |



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- 1.00pm Depart for Mulga Springs
- 1.30pm Grab and go lunch on arrival at Mulga Springs while we interview **Jess Horstman** to hear the story of the cyclone impact and the sheep handling rebuild that is underway. We draw on AWI's **Ellie Bigwood** to support shearing shed design discussions.
- 2.00pm Meet locals **Daniel Gill and Deon Gould** to the conversation to discuss 'sheep easy' systems with consultant **Andrew Ritchie**.
- 2.30pm **Jess, Deon, Daniel and Jason Stokes** are the cornerstone of an MLA Producer Demonstration Site (PDS) that is underway (although the cyclone has 'paused' it for now). So what is the PDS all about? **Bronwen Fowler** from Nutrien explains the project and what they hope to learn, while **Kelly Gorter** provides the practical information about the EIDs in the trial.
- 3.00pm Drive to the **Chapman Catchment Regeneration Project site** on Mulga Springs. We take a look at this project and discuss options for planting and earthworks. With expert explanation/commentary from **Tim Wiley of Tierra, Angelo Loi and Hayley Norman**. Discussion then turns to the inclusion of Vetch in the system with input from **Alan Peggs** and others.
- 4.00pm Close and head to Northampton **Northampton** Community Centre for wind-up and fellowship.

Please RSVP to admin@walrc.com.au or text Esther Jones 0418 931 938 with names

**About WALRC: The WA Livestock Research Council is an initiative of MLA that partners with DPIRD, CSIRO, Murdoch and UWA to identify the research needs of WA's beef and sheep producers. Our forums are an ideal opportunity for livestock producers to influence the best spend of their R&D levy.*