

Elders Balmoral Sire Evaluation Group
2016 Field Day Program
FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

10am-12pm

On property display of 2015 trial progeny at host property, Tuloona, Harrow.

Property location: 4580 Coleraine Harrow Road.

Display of 25 Sire Evaluation progeny groups of 2015 drop ewe progeny, with post weaner fleece tests, weaning weights and marking scores. These ewes will be evaluated for 5 joinings, in the first Merino Ewe Lifetime Productivity Trial.

Static display of the AWI/AMSEA Merino Ewe Lifetime Productivity Trial. MLP National Project Manager Anne Ramsay will be available at Tuloona to discuss the project.

12pm-7pm

Field day at 'Mepungah', Wannon

Property location: Mepungah Pastoral Company, 112 Falkenbergs Road, Wannon.

Turn right at the woolshed sign through double gates.

12pm: BBQ lunch available

12pm—1.30pm: display inspections

1.30pm—3.30pm: Speaker program

3.30pm—5pm: display inspections

5pm: BBQ tea and refreshments

5.30pm: Future of the Fine Wool Merino speaker panel

Display of 20 Sire Evaluation progeny groups of the 2014 drop with pre-shearing fleece measurements and classing results displayed.

Trade displays and demonstrations:

TruTest	Datamars
Allflex	DEPI
Te Pari / Racewell	Zoetis
Practical Systems	BARK kennels
Shearwell	SheepPro
Clipex	Agriwebb
Leader	
Elders	
Richmond Hill Agribusiness P/L	



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Speaker program:

1.30pm:

Welcome. Tom Silcock, Chairman

1.30pm-1.45pm:

Update on Breech Liquid Nitrogen Process (alternative to mulesing) , John Steinfort

1.45pm-2pm:

National Merino Lifetime Productivity Project, Anne Ramsay, project manager

2pm-2.30pm:

How to track your sheep and why does it matter? Marcus Mojass, AWI

2.30pm-3pm:

Integrating tracking and traceability using cloud-based software, Tim Button and Steve Baker, AgLive.

'Future of the Fine Wool Merinos'

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5.30pm-7pm



A panel discussion from industry experts discussing the influences on the current wool market, its outlook and how the fine wool Merino sheep and its wool fits into the marketplace. It will also include analysis of commercial farming operations and the commercial reality of including Merino wool production in a farming operation.

The session will conclude with a panel Q&A session between one another and the audience.

Panel speakers:

Chris Wilcox

Chairman, Market Intelligence Committee, International Wool Textile Organisation; Executive Director, National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

Phillip Graham

NSW Department of Primary Industries.

Chris Kelly

Australian Merino Exports Pty Ltd.

Robert Herrmann

Mecardo - market analysis.

MC: Marius Cuming

Communications Manager, AWI.

