

2017 Field Day

FREE sheep classing workshop @ Tuloona shearing shed

10am — 12.30pm

This **free classing workshop** aims to give sheep producers an overview of the sheep and wool selection tools they have at hand to ensure they choose the correct type of sheep for their operation. Participants should leave the workshop with a solid, basic, understanding of these tools and be able to confidently attempt assessing sheep for their own operations, and read results — such as the ones produced by our sire evaluation trials and the MLP — with more confidence and understanding.

Beginning at 10am, workshop participants will be given a quick overview of ASBVs and how they are created and what they mean. Participants will be split into small groups (<10) to rotate between the 4 presenters, all offering knowledge of different aspects of sheep selection. The aim is for participants to have hands-on during these 20-30 minute sessions. The workshop will conclude with a 10 minute question and answer session.

Topic & Presenter	What will be covered
Combining Selection Tools Allan Casey Advanced Breeding Services	Understanding what is written on the paper and how it relates to the visual picture of a sheep. How can you read the data and relate that to the animal in the pen? How can these selection systems create more money? And how to select a sheep to a clear breeding objective — your own, with as much accuracy as you can using what tools you have.
Visual Classing Rob Russell SheepScope	How to assess a sheep's structure and what to pay particular attention to. How does overlooking structural issues impact production – what can you overlook and what should you class out? How can these selection systems create more money?
Science of Wool/Skins Rob Close Kurra Wirra Merinos	Understand what the impact of not paying attention to skins can mean, how to assess skins and wool for different production aims. What do 'good' and 'bad' skins and wool structure look like? Understanding fleece rot and dermo. How can you make more money from this selection?
RamSelect & ASBVs Penny Schulz Sheep CRC	What are ASBVs, how are they created, what do they mean, how can producers get the information out of them they need? What is available to help understand them? What is the difference between ASBVs, EBVs, a trait breeding value & a breeding index What is RamSelect and how/why do/would you use it? How can this help me make more money?

Workshop participants will be provided with a copy of the Sheep CRC's Understanding Australian Breeding Values booklet.



This FREE classing workshop is limited to 40 people

To book a place contact Liz Mecham on 0407 015 059 or email petelizmecham@bigpond.com

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Program of Activities @ Tuloona shearing shed

4580 Coleraine-Edenhope Road HARROW VIC

12pm — 5pm

From 11.30am: Autodrafting demonstration. See an autodraft in action as the site committee draft 1400 sheep into their 50 sire groups.

12pm: Lunch available at Tuloona shearing shed. Provided by the site committee and catered by the Wando Vale Hall Committee.

From 12pm :

- ⇒ Viewing of 2015 and 2016 Merino Lifetime Productive trial progeny.
- ⇒ Static information displays and working demonstrations onsite by industry businesses and site committee sponsors.

2pm - 3.30pm: Keynote speakers

2pm-2.10pm: Marius Cuming, AWI — Lifetime Ewe Management App and how producers can get the most out of it. **Free to download on the day**

2.10-2.40pm: Rob Herrmann, Mecardo — Make Merinos Great Again

2.40-3.10: Nathan Scott, Achieve Ag Solutions — Making EID make money for you

3.10-3.30: Panel discussion — MLP Knock on ... What will commercial producers get out of the project? Results from the project so far.

3.30pm - 5pm:

- ⇒ Viewing of 2015 and 2016 Merino Lifetime Productive trial progeny drafted into their sire groups.
- ⇒ Static information displays and working demonstrations onsite by industry businesses and site committee sponsors.

5pm: Refreshments.

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