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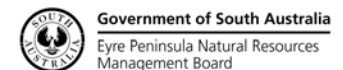
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Connecting People in the Business of Sheep...



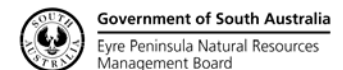
MISSION

To lead change in South Australian sheep and wool growing businesses towards more profitable, resilient and environmentally sustainable production systems.



SheepConnect SA Model

- 📁 Key partnership between Australian Wool Innovation Ltd., Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board and Grain & Graze 2. Other contributors include the SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM, Adelaide & Mount Lofty Ranges NRM, DAFF (Caring for Our Country) and the SE NRM.
- 📁 SheepConnect SA works with other key programs and projects, existing group network (Agricultural Bureau and Farming Systems groups) and other industry stakeholders
- 📁 Project planning is supported through a Project Advisory Group






Project Advisory Group

- Glen Tilley, Chair
- Mark Dennis
- Bert Woolford
- Mark Stanley
- Tony Fox
- Ian McFarland, Project Coordinator
- Claudia Wythes, AWI

SheepConnect SA Model



-  Communication
-  Collaboration
-  Producer Engagement



Stock Journal

Quarterly Feature

Technical Column

in the business of sheep

Good planning can ease business stress when times are tight

By KEN SOLLY

REGARDLESS of the amount of rainfall in the second half of May, this Autumn will go down in history as a poor one.

Out of all the four seasons in the year, much of our success depends on how well things are set up in autumn.

We hold our hopes and expectations on the rainfall that we receive during this period and when it fails to arrive, some higher level of management is required.

The annual business requiring the greatest attention is quite often that of your personal attitude and decision making.

As the autumn break moves further away, it can bring in negative thinking and more defensive decisions.

Management is then based on hope rather than a revised strategic plan.

This can indicate that the key decision maker is not making the best decisions, and stress is taking its toll.

The very nature of farming adds this type of thinking as most producers are single family units working in isolation.

Managing in tight times requires you to first and foremost look after yourself and, by doing so, give yourself every chance of making the best decisions.

A good starting point is not to allow issues to get any bigger than they really are. Avoid making a mountain out of a mole hill.

We have had many of those seasons in the past and will continue to experience them in future.

Secondly, it is to keep reminding yourself that some of the most significant influences on your business are out of your control, most notably the climate and the markets.

You need to accept this fact before you enter the farming game.

As one who has experienced significant setbacks in life, I have come to realise that it is not what happens to you but how you deal with it that is most important.

It is when things get tough that your resilience and attitude needs to shine through.

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Knowing that you have the best available course of action you should be able to rest a little easier and not about playing the cards you have been dealt.

Another important strategy is to ensure that you have farming "blackout time" so you can allow the other important things in your life to give you the enjoyment and satisfaction that the farm interest. Mr Litzow said Sheep Diseases - the Farmer's Guide is available in producers at no cost, thanks to funding support from the Sheep Industry Fund, Australian Wool Innovation, and Meat and Livestock Australia.

The guide includes an A-Z listing of common sheep diseases such as acidosis, bloat, cryptosporidiosis, and tracheobronchitis, and provides in-depth information on symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.

Diseases are also referenced according to symptoms - lameness or coughing, time of year the disease may take place, stock type it may affect, and common plant and feeds linked to poisoning or toxicity issues.

The guide also provides management advice for correct vaccination, worm, fly strike and lice.

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INCREASED expertise about the diagnosis and management of common sheep diseases encouraged Port Lincoln Biosecurity SA animal health officer Emily Litzow to develop an A-Z guide of diseases for sheep producers.

"There wasn't any friendly and easily accessible information for sheep producers relating to sheep diseases," she says. "The guide is available in producers at no cost, thanks to funding support from the Sheep Industry Fund, Australian Wool Innovation, and Meat and Livestock Australia."

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Nutrition critical to avoid toxicity

By ALEX STEWART

As a VET, you know the risk of toxicity to sheep. It's a common problem, and it's often preventable. The key is to ensure your sheep are getting the right nutrition. This is especially true for young sheep, who are more susceptible to toxicity. The key is to ensure your sheep are getting the right nutrition. This is especially true for young sheep, who are more susceptible to toxicity.

Wool, frame top of mind for Yiddinga manager

By JIMMY BROWN

For the Yiddinga manager, wool is the top priority. It's the lifeblood of the business, and it's what the sheep are raised for. The manager is focused on ensuring the sheep are in good health and producing high-quality wool. This is especially true for young sheep, who are more susceptible to toxicity. The key is to ensure your sheep are getting the right nutrition. This is especially true for young sheep, who are more susceptible to toxicity.

Make money out of data

By JIMMY BROWN

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DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY!

Feeding for efficiency and profit: A nutrition workshop

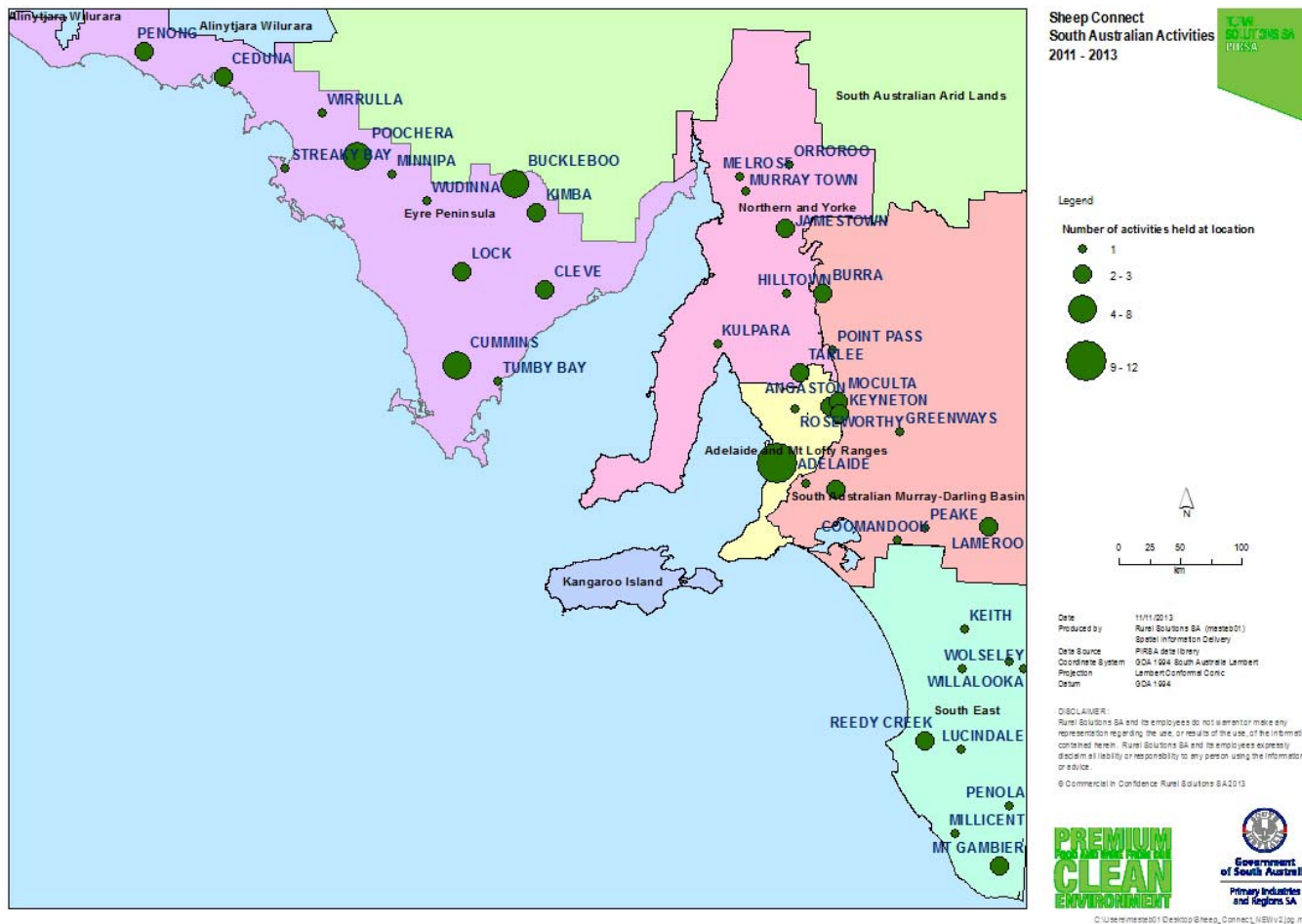
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120 collaborative events - attendance of over 2500 producers and industry stakeholders

Collaborated with over 25 different stakeholders



Evaluation outcomes

- A successful collaboration between SCSA and the Grain and Graze 2 project has delivered a high impact program on the Eyre Peninsula
- Effective collaboration with agribusiness has provided mutually beneficial outcomes in terms of increased adoption of new ideas, practices and innovations by sheep producers
- Leveraging State and Australian Government funding has delivered natural resource management outcomes together with a farm production based program
- The communications material regularly published in the Stock Journal is highly valued by sheep producers and agricultural service providers
- Increased livestock industry networking opportunities have also been highly valued
- Reasonably high level of awareness and understanding of the SCSA program amongst participating producers
- High levels of adoption of new practices, ideas and innovations amongst participating sheep producers
- The majority of producers also reported a positive difference to their financial bottom line

SheepConnect SA 2014-17

Project Mission

To be the key conduit for information that improves the profitability, sustainability and resilience of sheep and wool businesses in South Australia.

The next phase

- Follow a similar model of communication, collaboration and producer engagement
- Greater focus on other regions
- Sheep technology days
- Improved communications through web and other mediums



Questions?

