

Barossa- Fleurieu Bus Trip- Friday 19 April: Schedule

Time	Destination	Further Info
8.00am	Depart Keyneton Park	
10.00am	Waitpinga- Bill Fraser's Dairy Farm **Further facilitated by Greg Mitchell	Fleurieu partner farm project Alternative forage project Spring sowing perennials African Black Beetle pest Plasbak-recycling silage twine
12.00pm	Travel to Parawa Hall- Lunch **Further facilitated by Greg Mitchell	Demonstration plot- perennial pasture varieties
1.00pm	Parawa- Maylands Property managed by Phil Bellamy	Optimising lamb growth rates- paddock design, weather events, ration mgmt Direct marketing- pros and cons Plantain and chicory pasture trial
2.30pm	Travel to Hindmarsh Tiers/ Myponga	
3.00pm	Hindmarsh Tiers- Alistair Just's Beef Farm	Techno and rotational grazing Alternative forages- grape marc/ silage Perennial pasture trial
4.30pm	Depart Hindmarsh Tiers/ Myponga	
6.00pm	Arrive back at Keyneton Park	

Bill Frasers:

Bill's dairy property was used as the Fleurieu partner farm which involved a three year project looking at cost effectively trying to provide year round pasture feed. This involved rotational grazing, optimum stocking rates and good pasture management.

One of the conclusions drawn from this project was that it was difficult to sustain pasture production through the summer months. Therefore an 'Alternative Forage project' was developed to look at spring sowing perennial pastures.

Bill is also involved in the Plasbak scheme which recycles twine and silage wrapper.

Maylands:

Phil spent 7 years selling 50 lambs per month directly to butchers. This very demanding job meant meticulous attention to detail including optimum paddock design, perfect rationing and a long lambing period, to ensure lamb growth rates so he could meet the market specifications. He will discuss how he achieved this and the pros and cons associated with it.

Phil has also trialled a chicory and plantain pasture which will be observed on the day.

Alistair Just's:

Alistair runs a meticulous techno grazing system with innovative fencing, watering points and a great attention to detail to ensure the cattle get the most out of the pastures whilst maintaining its productivity. The property is also the site of a perennial grass trial which is a three year trial looking at the persistence of species within a practical rotational grazing system.

Alistair has also been trialling alternative forage options such as grape marc and pit silage.