



WA Pasture and Livestock Update Brookton and Pingelly

Thursday 5 October 2017

Starting at Colin & Anna Butcher’s property, ‘Mailrock Farm’, then to the UWA Farm for lunch and the afternoon session

The day will start in the paddock, looking at some of the Butcher’s Serradella and Biserrula pastures. We will also look at some of their cereal crops grown without fertiliser nitrogen. Brad Nutt (Murdoch University), Ron Yates (DPIRD), Angelo Loi (DPIRD) and Chris Poole (ALOSCA) will be on hand to discuss annual legume options, twin and summer sowing, nitrogen fixation and inoculation techniques.

Speaker	Afternoon topics
Tim Watts, producer	Driving profitability of livestock within a mixed farming system We’ll hear from Tim Watts, a local mixed farmer from Pingelly, on how he efficiently manages crops, pastures and livestock through good seasons and bad to maximise profitability while managing risk.
Phil Nichols, DPIRD	Pasture varieties for here, there, but not everywhere Phil Nichols from DPIRD continues to be a fountain of knowledge of pasture species in WA. He will bring us up to speed on newly available species such as Messina and Tedera and some exciting new sub clover varieties.
Phil Barrett-Lennard, agVivo	Chaff carts and crop grazing – do they stack up? Mixed farming systems work best when there are synergies between crop and livestock enterprises. Phil Barrett-Lennard will discuss the results of recent research on chaff carts and crop grazing, and will provide tips on how best to use these tools.
Local producers	The Pasture & Livestock Updates Producer Panel Three local producers will discuss how they manage their pastures and livestock, the challenges they are facing in 2017 and what they plan to do differently in 2018 and beyond.
Phil Barrett-Lennard, agVivo and Dave Collins, Greening Australia	Inspection of perennial pastures, shrubs and trees The UWA farm successfully established a mix of perennial pastures in a small low-lying paddock in 2015. Phil Barrett-Lennard will discuss species options and establishment techniques. UWA Farm has also planted large numbers of trees and shrubs in recent years. Dave Collins from Greening Australia will discuss the pros and cons of different establishment techniques for trees and shrubs.

Time: 9.30am for a 10.00 am start. 4.00pm finish.

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Venue: We'll start at Colin and Anna Butcher's 'Mailrock Farm', 499 Dale Kokeby Rd, Brookton before moving to UWA Farm, Page Rd, Pingelly for lunch and the afternoon session.

Cost: \$30 (cash or cheque on the day. No credit card facility available)

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