

BESTWOOL/BESTLAMB & DPI Investing In Sheep Industry Leadership

BWBL and the Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) Meat and Wool program are again each sponsoring two candidates to take part in the Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program as a way of investing in the leadership capacity within the wool and lamb industry.

Two Bill Easton Rural Leadership Scholarships from the DPI Meat and Wool program are available to prime lamb producers, and in addition, two BWBL scholarships are available to members of the BWBL program. These scholarships cover the full cost of participation in the Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership program, including all accommodation and meals.

The 2010 program will run from Sunday, June 27 to Friday, July 2 at Marcus Oldham College Geelong. The program has been designed to develop participant's skills in teamwork, future vision, communication, public speaking, negotiation, interpersonal relationships, goal setting and community leadership.

If you are interested in applying phone on (03) 5355 0531 or email annette.taylor@dpi.vic.gov.au

BWBL F'EWETURE Farming Annual Conference

The BWBL F'EWETURE Farming Conference will be held at the Bendigo Exhibition Centre on June 23, 2010. The conference will feature high profile speakers and interactive concurrent sessions.

Last year participants rated the concurrent sessions highly and again there are a wide range of sessions to choose from. Each session will be run three times so that participants can attend six from the 12 sessions on offer.

San Jolly from Productive Nutrition is one of the session speakers and will be presenting two subject areas – Optimising lamb production systems and the Economics of grazing crops. Other session speakers include: Mark Ferguson from WA Ag talking about breeding the merino ewe of the future, Kate Sargeant from DPI talking about soil fertility and structure, Nick Linden from DPI talking about ewe efficiency, EverGraze with ramping up reproduction performance, John Webbware from MacKinnon and Peter Vandeleur speaking about management costs and market rewards around mulesing and Robert Suter from DPI talking about causes of ewes death.

These sessions are only part of the mix, so be sure to put this date in your diary.

A dinner at the All Seasons Bendigo will precede the conference on 22 June.

Admission to the conference is **FREE** to group members - \$30 for Associate members - \$50 for General Admission (Sign up for free associate membership on the day and pay only \$30)

Registration is essential phone (03) 5355 0531

