

BESTWOOL/BESTLAMB Phone Seminar

The next BWBL phone seminar will be held on Monday 7th September at 1.15pm on a phone near you. The topics to be covered are annual weeds and animal health.

Some of the annual weeds have become increasingly dominant after years of short seasons – eg broadleaves, silver and barley grass. Should they be controlled now, is it too late, will you be left with less feed and more bare ground over summer?

Andrew Speirs, agronomist with Mike Stephens and Associates, will discuss how to decide whether some control can be done now and if so what the options are.

Hypocalcaemia or pregnancy toxaemia – which is it? Whilst it may be too late for many flocks – knowing what the deficiencies are will help with future prevention at lambing. Robert Suter, Sheep Disease Project Manager with DPI will discuss how to diagnose the 2 diseases. Buying clostridial disease vaccine now days seems a bit like buying milk – so many options – with cheesy gland, selenium and/or B12? How do you decide – or does the retailer tell you what you want?

To register for this phone seminar please call 03 5355 0531 – notes for the seminar will then be sent so that participants can follow along with the presentation.

BWBL Group Activities

BWBL groups continue to deliver a diverse range of activities. One of the key strengths of the BWBL program is the ability for producers to drive the outcomes of the group and focus on the areas of the business which need most attention and interest the members. The BWBL structure offers continuity which allows groups to focus on issues at a more detailed level which is providing the confidence for businesses to make changes to improve the farm productivity.

Groups have participated in 179 activities during the 08/09 year. Activities included pasture management, grazing management, farm business reviews, animal health and nutrition, soil health, fertiliser decisions and business planning meetings.