

BWBL Coordinators Conference

At the BESTWOOL/BESTLAMB (BWBL) Coordinators Conference held in Benalla last week coordinators heard from, and interviewed a range of speakers.

Coordinators heard from Peter St Vincent Welch from Cobbett Technologies about an alternative to conventional mulesing called *Skintraction™*, which is about to be released. This revolutionary system involves the needleless, intradermal injection of a patented active formulation.

Mick Curtis from Auctions Plus was interviewed by the coordinators about dealing with processors and stock agents. The discussion revolved around how stock should be presented, the best time for marketing lamb, how to understand feedback sheets and how to have more control of your product.

During the farm tour of Northgate Park at Greta West, Jason Trompf talked about their approach to genetic selection and involved coordinators in an exercise to choose rams from the LambPlan Terminal Percentiles sheet. All coordinators enjoyed the challenge and felt that the session could be used with their groups.

Phil Toland finished off the day discussing the modern Merino from a stud breeder's perspective. Phil emphasised that producers need to first decide what sort of flock they desire and then how to use the information that is available, using estimated breeding values.

Those wishing to find out more about the information presented at the conference should contact their local BWBL coordinator.



BWBL Next Phone Seminar

The next BWBL phone seminar will be on Tuesday, December 15 at 1pm and will feature Lewis Kahn talking about sheep nutrition from dry feed. Craig Turton will also give a brief introduction to a new water project that producers can access through their groups on how to use water wisely.

Register your interest to be part of this phone seminar by calling (03) 5355 0531.