



## Up-coming events for South Coast Beef

We're now into the serious business season for South Coast Beef so here's the **dates for your diary:**

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| <b>April 17</b> | Target 969<br>Topic: | On farm discussion and walk at Brad Hawthorne's property Target Creek Farm Bendeela Road, Kangaroo Valley, (1km from Moss Vale Road on RHS) 9am-noon.<br>Herd management in readiness for calving 2021 |
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| <b>May 5-8</b> | School Steer Spectacular: | Led Steer Judging at the Nowra Showground<br>Carcass Judging at Western Sydney Meat Worx, Picton |
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**SCB Members Challenge:** Contact Rob Stafford by return email or call 0467767375 to enter your steers.  
*The School Steer Spectacular will this year include a members' only class; called the SCB Members Challenge. Members are invited to enter one or more steers in the Challenge to see how their cattle stack up to domestic market specifications. This is an ideal opportunity to assess your breeding and management program.*

Cost: \$50 per entry plus 5% commission on carcass value, and we'll collect the steer(s) from your farm and deliver them straight to Picton abattoirs.

Cattle: Steers, milk teeth only, no secondary sex characteristics and straight from the paddock.

Market specifications:

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| Light-weight  | 160-200 kg carcass wt., 5-8mm P8 fat |
| Medium-weight | 201-240kg carcass wt., 6-10mm P8 fat |
| Heavy-weight  | 241-280kg carcass wt., 8-12mm P8 fat |

Prices: Carcasses will be valued according to carcass score. No GST.

Awards: Prize money and Gold, Silver and Bronze as well as Champion ribbons will be awarded

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| <b>May 15</b> | Spectacular Dinner and Awards Presentation,<br>Venue to be arranged<br>Guest speaker: Ian Broderick from Mollymook Meats |
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*We would like all SCB members to attend this annual get together to celebrate the Spectacular winners and hear our guest speaker, Ian Broderick a local beef wholesaler who is purchasing our Spectacular carcasses*

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| <b>May 28</b> | Farm Fencing Field day, venue to be arranged |
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| <b>June 18</b> | <b>Introduction to PROGRAZE: Calling for Expressions of Interest to participate.</b><br>This is a serious course on cattle and grazing management, a must for new people to the industry. This course is conducted over 12 months and covers the A to Z of the beef industry. Free to SCB members, limited places available. |
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| <b>June 25-26</b> | <b>Pasture Principles coaching with Basil Doonan</b><br>On-farm discussion and walk. This time it is advisable to attend either all day Friday or all day Saturday. Times to be advised so put the dates in your diary now.<br>Topics for discussion: Fertilisers and Feed Budgeting<br>Fri 25 B&A Grills, Little Forest Rd Milton and B&A Davies, Little Forest Rd Milton<br>Sat 26 L&S Pippard, Willow Vale, Gerringong and tba |
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Attendees at Basil's recent session enjoyed a rewarding review of last year's seminar and were able to start practising pasture assessment and planning the pasture feed supply. For those who couldn't attend, all is not lost because this session will also include a review and practise of those basics skills.