



Beef Bulletin

Our program has been a little disjointed this year so I thought it may be best to issue an update so we're all on the same page for a few months. Here are some dates for your diary below and calendar attached.

PROGRAZE Friday 27 May

The next session of PROGRAZE with Phil Graham is on tomorrow Friday, 27 May at Greg Mumm's property, 1540 Kangaroo Valley Road, Kangaroo Valley. We're meeting at the KV Showground at 9am and car-pooling in as it's very wet. The following session will be Friday 18 June and then the last session in August, date to be determined.

Regrouping after a disaster- A 3 part webinar series starting **Monday May 30**, 11am–12pm. See attached flyer.

Target 969 Friday 1 July All About Bulls – See attached flyer for the full program

For those unfamiliar with this project it is about herd fertility with a target of achieving 96% calving rate in a 9 week joining period. Fertility is the most important trait in a breeding herd and it is 5 times more important than growth and 10 times more important than carcass merit in terms of its impact on profit. But high fertility is not an easy get with lots of things you need to get right to achieve it. One of the major elements to fertility is the BULL.

So our next session for Target 969 on **Friday 1 July** and is all about bulls. This will be a full day with a seminar at Foxground RFS and a workshop eye-balling pens of bulls at Mick Hamilton's yards, Foxground Rd. The day will be presented by Alastair Rayner from Rayner Ag and supported by Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA).

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself and an open mind.

This is advance notice for SCB members. Places are limited so bookings are essential and you will need to book your place early. For the small cost of \$20 for SCB members and \$40 for non-members you will learn about all the issues you need to know when buying and managing a bull for fertility and genetic merit.

Advance payment is by EFT: South Coast Beef BSB 062 032 Acc No. 1037 6997

Weeds, Weeds, Weeds Friday 15 July

It seems that after the droughts and fires everyone has a weed problem, and if you haven't, you might have some surprises after the floods. If you have a weed that you'd like identified bring it along for show and tell.

Weeds, Weeds, Weeds will be a half day field day at Brad Hawthorne's property Bendeela Rd Kangaroo Valley starting at 9am and finishing about 2pm with a lunch provided. The program will include:

- Ross Cannon, a weed specialist from LLS will cover weeds of both pasture and bushland
- Evelyn Walker will talk about toxic plants and possible dangers for livestock
- Ed Hogan will discuss integrated weed management and then we'll go on a farm walk to identify some weeds.

There's no cost for this event as it is being supported by Local Land Services Berry and the Shoalhaven City Council.

SCB Dinner with Guest speaker Friday 26 August

We have now missed two years of our South Coast Beef Dinner due to CoVid-19 so this year we're having a dinner and guest speaker at our AGM in August. The guest speaker is yet to be confirmed. More information as we get closer to the date but save the date now.

Berry Small Farm Field Day September 9 & 10

Pasture Principles Tour to Tasmania – September/October. This tour is being organised for members who participated in the Pasture Principles project with Basil Doonan. More details to follow.

VALE WARWICK HARPER

Sadly Warwick Harper, one of our long-time and enthusiastic members died recently after a battle with mesothelioma and more recently cancer. We will miss his enquiring mind and his infectious enthusiasm for learning more about better beef management.

FOR SALE Steve and Susan Nicholas have some cows and calves for sale. See the attached sheet for details.
