

A Message from the President

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I can't believe that we have had two Traprock meetings within the last fortnight. I think it's time to take a breath and congratulate ourselves on two very successful meetings.

Wool: A Traprock Woolgrowers Workshop was held at Cement Mills Community Hall on Wednesday 21st April with a large gathering of interested people in attendance. In fact, twenty-eight members and non-members came to listen to Maurie and Andrew explain the exciting new resource for the Australian Wool Industry – WoolQ. WoolQ is an online platform which allows woolgrowers and industry participants to easily harness digital efficiencies across the selling cycle. You can register for this free tool at www.woolq.com

Traprock Meeting held on 29th April 2021 at Terrica Woolshed. The afternoon commenced with two presenters, Callum & Jamie representing Green Collar Carbon Farming. They tag teamed to present a comprehensive overview of the process if you are considering carbon farming for your farm and business. With a steady stream of questions about the process it certainly kept them on their toes for the duration of the presentation. With a short break for a delightful afternoon tea and some news before our second speaker was introduced. Pieter took us through the process of developing a solution to provide real-time information of your farming operation. This information helps you monitor livestock, watering points including water level sensors, weather station information and on farm surveillance cameras at strategic points such as water points, gates or property access. Once again there was plenty of interaction with the audience seeking more information. The day concluded with a fantastic BBQ, refreshments and a lot of fellowship. A lot of positivity to come from the afternoon.

Communication: More information regarding this hot topic. For those who were not able to attend the above meeting at Terrica. I received an email late last week with regard to the progress that has made with improving mobile phone coverage in the Traprock. I might add that a sterling job has been done with this portfolio as it does seem like a waste of time at times with little reward as everything is so slow moving. Traprock received a follow up email from our Federal Member saying that he has contacted the Regional Manager of Telstra, requesting that she make contact with Traprock to arrange a meeting to discuss the issues in the Traprock area. He has also written to the Mayors of Southern Downs & Goondiwindi requesting that a council representative approach the telecommunications providers such as Telstra to request lodgement of an infrastructure project for the Traprock area under Round 6 of the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program. We will keep you posted with any further developments.

Other News: It was suggested that we visit a Traprock member's property for a farm walk as he has come up with some innovations regarding improved pastures and breeding oats amongst other new ideas. As the idea was well received, I spoke to the owner after the meeting to gauge his reaction to the idea. He was very receptive to holding a farm walk probably in June. He did say that it would be an advantage if you viewed the two YouTube videos prior to the farm walk, this will help you get the best out of the experience. **Please contact me to indicate your interest in taking part in the day & links to the videos.**

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