

The Traprocket

Edition No 8 – 1st September 2023

Reports & Election Results from AGM held on Friday 18th August 2023

Our first speaker for the day was member Bruce -

The first part of Bruce's address was to present a report on the Wild Dog Meeting at Karara.

- 31 proactive property owners attended the workshop congregating at "Warahgai" Karara on Saturday 15th July to increase their knowledge around the control of Wild dogs in S/E QLD.
- Participants attended from North to Toowoomba, East to Boonah and South to Tenterfield.

Some of the key concerns from the group:

- Increasing engagement from community and neighbours in the control of dogs,
- The dramatic increasing activity in areas previously free of dogs,
- lack of knowledge in how to control and eradicate dogs.

Key Takeaway Points

- Location of trap: set traps where there is evidence of dogs, tracks, and scratching's.
- Natural lures from around your dog kennels and dogs is generally best especially in summer.
- Dogs generally run the same tracks and roads and don't deviate; presenters spoke of catching numerous dogs in the same spot over many years.
- Preference to smaller traps, less disturbance of area and faster to set and leave the area, minimising human, scent, and smell.

The second part of Bruce's address was to show us the new Elders Wool Handling Facility in Melbourne.



What are the benefits of an automated handling business?

- This is the largest single supply chain investment in the Australian wool industry this century. Elders' stand with our clients, striving to deliver the most sustainable wool supply globally.
- Optimised logistics, sampling, sales and storage of wool through automated warehousing operations, starting from the moment the farmer's wool is received to the dispatch of sold bales.
- The technology involved complements Elders' organisation-wide aim of achieving 100% renewable electricity in all our Australian sites.
- Elders has invested in the development of our own software that will be modern and secure to deliver a more efficient end-to-end selling process for its clients.
- Knowing where your wool is along the supply chain.
- Centralised business model putting Elders in the best place to keep grower's costs down over the long-term.
- The business will complement Elders' existing wool offering, providing a full end-to-end service that will improve efficiency and outcomes for clients.
- Efficiency improvements end to end aims in getting wool to market faster.

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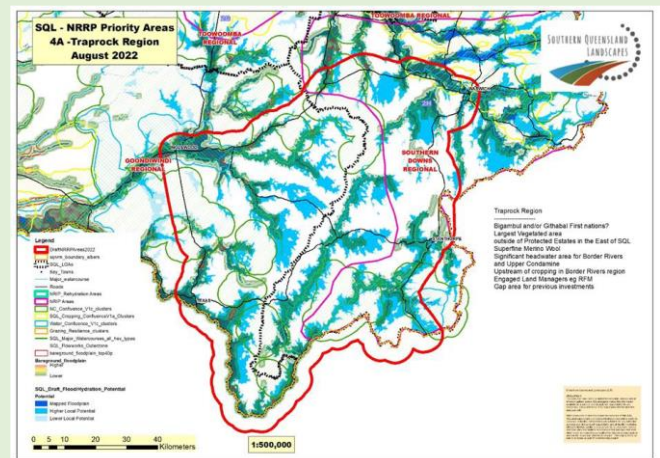
Vanessa, Southern Queensland Landscapes was our second speaker for the afternoon.

Vanessa's address was about the NRRP – Natural Resource Recovery Programme.

This programme aims to support adoption of sustainable land management practices to improve land condition through the Traprock by minimising bare ground and increasing infiltration and pasture resilience.

Innovation & Sustainability

- Innovations through automation and new software. Sustainability through a modern and efficient warehouse.
- Environmental sustainability is a key Elders objective. Elders is aiming to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions from its hubs through the use of solar power, renewable energy, LED lighting and energy efficient equipment.
- AGVs are low-energy, high-reach, self-driving forklifts. Critical to our operation, they are very accurate and can operate autonomously 24 hours per day interacting with our automated machines. The AGVs are controlled by a smart optimisation software that minimises movement and maximises productivity, shortening and interleaving trips.
- The AGVs significantly reduce the safety risk to people, and when powered by renewable energy, they operate without producing any greenhouse gas emissions.
- Elders is developing our own software that will be modern and secure technology that is focused on our customer and our business needs, and any changes are to benefit our customers.
- The new software is cloud based and mobile optimized and customer service supported



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After a comprehensive presentation accompanied by a number of slides Vanessa went on to explain that SQ Landscapes has secured funding from the Queensland Government under the Natural Resource Recovery Programme to support land managers to implement approved projects that improve ground cover (land condition) in priority areas. The goal of the project is to support land managers in the Traprock region of Southern Queensland to implement approved projects that improve ground cover (land condition).

The project initially runs from now until June 2024. It aims to support adoption of sustainable land management practices to improve land condition through the Traprock (and 2 other areas in Southern Queensland) by minimising bare ground and increasing infiltration and pasture resilience.

The project will work with landholders to share knowledge and implement land management practices that improve land condition and profitability by minimising bare ground and increasing the water held in soils which will help maintain pasture growth and livestock productivity especially during dry times.

If you would like more information please contact Vanessa via the Southern Queensland Landscapes website - <https://www.sqlandscapes.org.au/>



The afternoon concluded with some very welcome refreshments and a vast assortment of tasty appetisers (photo below).



Traprock Group Association Inc – AGM 2023

After a very tasty afternoon tea we got to the more serious business of the Annual General Meeting. With the reports, the presentation of the audit report for last financial year plus the budget for next year out of the way it was on to the election of office bearers.

Office Bearers for 2023-2024 year are as follows:

President: Pieter Snr
Secretary: Valerie
Treasurer: Jane
Past President: Peter
Member Services: Amanda
Committee: Matt & Pieter Jnr

Traprock Christmas Party to be held on Saturday 16th December 2023 at Terrica Woolshed

Thought for the day:

Positivity is the state of mind that helps you imagine and see the possibility of what you can learn, earn and achieve today.

Till next time.

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