

The Traprocket

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Report on Worm Information Day & AGM – Friday 26th August 2022

Commencing at 10.30am we had an extremely full day. Matt started the day with a practical demonstration of the new ProWay drenching/drafting race. There were plenty of volunteers willing to test it out. We then moved into the shed where Dr Melanie Smith gave us a very detailed outline of the research into goats conducted by MLA. Professor Hoffman took us up to the lunch break with his work on the worm project. His address was very interesting & entertaining with some light humour. After a very tasty lunch of soups, very welcome on an extremely chilly day, Dr Anne Beasley spoke about parasites & control. The day was completed with information provided by Virbac Australia Animal Health, Zoetis Animal Health and Boehringer Ingelheim on the drenches and injections available for the treatment of worms in sheep and goats.

Report on Dick Richardson Workshop held at Cement Mills Community Hall on Thursday 3rd November 2022.

Fourteen Traprock Group members attended a Grazing Naturally Information Day by Dick Richardson. Dick had previously worked as a Holistic Management Educator under Allan Savory.

The objective of Grazing Naturally, is to create a fit for purpose grazing orientated community of organisms to produce the environment for grazing and animal production with regenerating soils.

It was very interactive day starting at 9am. The day finished at 4.30pm with a field walk at “Wyangarra” where we used the STAC method to estimate the amount of available feed. We were then able calculate how many head of livestock to run in the paddock.

It was an extremely informative day, enjoyed by all. Thank you to Dinie for the delicious morning tea and the Gore Roadhouse for a very tasty lunch.

Remember the Traprock Christmas Party on Saturday 3rd December 2022 at Inglewood Hotel commencing at 5.00pm

A Poem by Ian O’Brien (Retired Shearer from the Traprock)

For those who haven’t seen the following poem aptly called “The Traprock Wether”

*Yellow and matted, lousy and blown,
That’s how the Traprock wethers are
known.*

*Home wreckers they call ‘em, they’ll drive
you to drink,
It’s just impossible to make them look pink.*

*Rough and wrinkly, tight on the hocks,
They make two lines, skin pieces and locks.*

*Free combing, good cutting are next to
none,
It takes three days to get howes 13211.*

*Singlet full of spear grass, legs full of pear,
I wished to God! I wasn’t there.*

*The bogi pushing through the cot,
Smoking! Steaming! Piping! Hot.*

*They’ll kick and they’ll strain again and
again,
Just to cause more backache and pain.*

*At the end of the day while having a beer,
There is still one thing very clear.*

*That maggots and lice can live together,
On their host “The Traprock Wether”*

Thought for the day:

If you want your children to listen, try talking softly to someone else.

Till next time.

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