

Going into goats: The weed busters

An important information day for existing, new and potential goat producers

Keynote speakers will address:

- Chemical free weed control using goats
- Incorporating goats into other farm enterprises
- Capitalising on export and domestic market opportunities

Date: Friday 30 May 2008

Venue: Gateway Quality Hotel
29–37 Ryley Street,
Wangaratta

Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$10



Call 1300 794 000 to register

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TIME	GUEST SPEAKER	SEGMENT
9.30am	Registration	
10.00am	Heather Osborn (Chair, VFF Goat Committee)	Introduction
10.05am	Lucinda Corrigan (Director, MLA) Ben Hardman (Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture Victoria)	Welcome address
10.25am	Geoff Davies and Fiona Lander (Goat producers, Moree)	Case study: <i>Experiences in running large numbers of goats for weed control and the financial viability of their operation.</i>
10.45	Professor Ron Leng (Nutritional Biochemist, University of New England)	Technical overview: <i>The unique aspects of goats that enable them to adapt to challenging climates and plant species.</i>
11.30	Landline Video Presentation	
11.40	Dr Bruce McGregor (Animal Scientist, Melbourne)	Case study: <i>Summary of work on weeds including blackberries, gorse and thistles.</i>
12PM	LUNCH & INSPECTION OF INFORMATION DISPLAYS	
1pm	Rick Gates (Goat producer, Wilcannia)	Case Study <i>On-farm operational management and woody weed control methods</i>
1.30pm	Martin Saul (Goat producer, Maryborough)	Case study: <i>Reasons behind diversification into goats</i>
1.50pm	Damien Wall (Environmental Consultant, Albury)	Case Study: <i>Challenges facing the successful utilisation of goats to control blackberries</i>
2.15PM	AFTERNOON TEA	
2.40pm	Jon Hayes (Manager, Norvic Foods)	Industry overview: <i>Export markets and marketing opportunities</i>
3.00pm	David Booth (Goat producer and wholesaler, Buronga Organics)	Industry overview: <i>Domestic markets and marketing opportunities</i>
3.20pm	Peter Schuster (Schuster Consulting, Sydney)	Industry overview: <i>Australia's position in the global market place</i>
4pm	Heather Osborn	Closing remarks