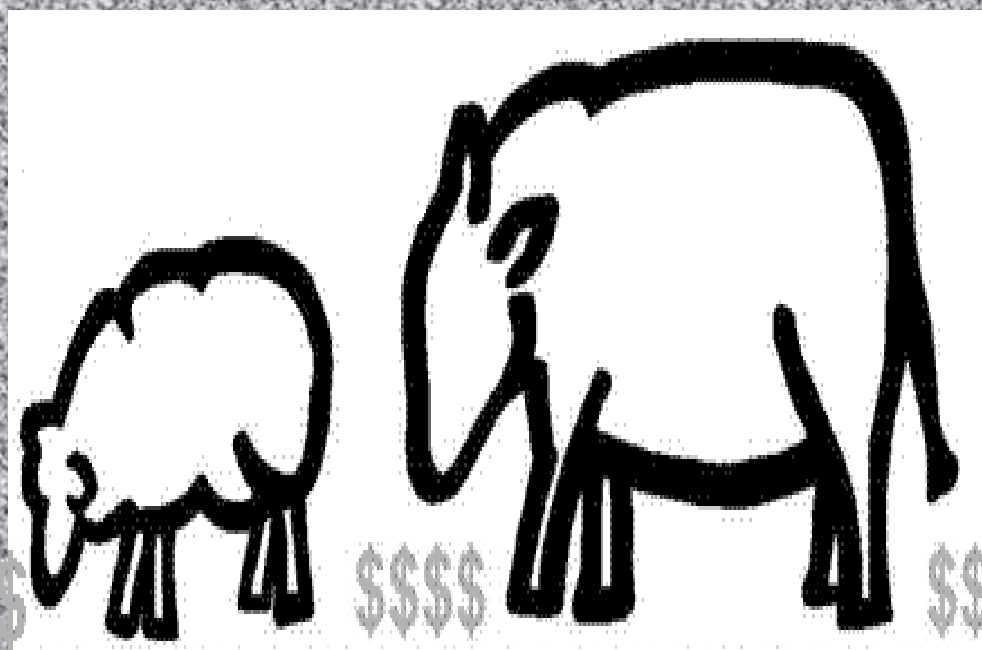




South East Prime Livestock Achievers



"Profiting from Prime Livestock Production"

July 2011 Newsletter



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Profit from Prime Livestock Production

SEPLA information and activities

SEPLA Annual General Meeting

19th August 2011 (to be confirmed)
6.30pm for dinner with guest speaker
Settlers Cafe, Naracoorte

If you would like to become part of the SEPLA committee and would like more information please contact Krysteen (0408 655108) or Nick Edwards (0429 660 067).



A Key Profit Drivers forum was held at Naracoorte on 22nd June we would like to extend our appreciation to the presenters

- Ken Solly
- Penny Craig
- Nathan Craig
- Elke Hocking



And also to all those that attended for your on going support – it was a very valuable day and gave everyone a lot to think about.....

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With lambs being worth a dollar it is all the more important to ensure they are finished properly. When ryegrass runs to head and the quality within your pasture declines it can be difficult to get the extra weight on your stock which then equates to more dollars in your pocket. Fodder crops are a very inexpensive way to maintain the quality which in turn puts on the kg. Fodder crops are also an excellent way of cleaning up a paddock which can be renovated into a permanent pasture the following year. Fodder crops are increasing in popularity due to the large volumes of feed produced as well as the benefits realized when establishing a perennial pasture.

For more information contact Naracoorte or Gambier Seeds staff.

A Quick Guide to Options

| Variety | Weeks to 1 st Grazing | Best Stock Option | Recovery from Grazing | Sowing Rate Kg/ha |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Brassica's | | | | |
| Bouncer | 4 - 6 | Sheep/Cattle | Good | 3 - 5 |
| Hunter | 4 - 6 | Sheep/Cattle | Excellent | 3 - 5 |
| Leafmore | 6 - 10 | Sheep/Cattle | Excellent | 3 - 5 |
| Winifred | 8 - 10 | Sheep/Cattle | Excellent | 3 - 5 |
| Subzero | 8 - 10 | Sheep/Cattle | Excellent | 3 - 5 |
| Rangi Rape | 10 - 12 | Sheep/Cattle | Poor | 3 - 5 |
| Turnips | | | | |
| Appin Turnip | 10 - 14 | Sheep/Cattle | Good | 1 - 2 |
| MPT | 12 - 14 | Sheep Cattle | Poor | 1 - 2 |
| Sundry | | | | |
| Ultrafeed | 8 - 10 | Sheep/Cattle/Hay | Excellent | 5 - 25 |
| Tonic Plantain | 8 - 10 | Sheep Cattle | Excellent | 3 - 5 |
| Choice Chicory | 8 - 10 | Sheep/Cattle | Excellent | 3 - 5 |
| Shirohie Millet | 5 - 8 | Sheep Cattle | Excellent | 5 - 10 |

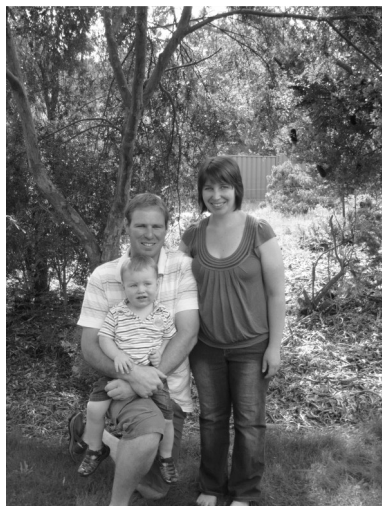
Call Jamie Tidy, Mark Williams or Josh Greene to discuss your options

Naracoorte Seeds -

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SEPLA Committee Profiles



Penny Craig

current Treasurer and Research Officer of SEPLA

Family status: Married to Nathan with the very active 2 yr old Charlie and expecting the next addition in July

Where do you live: Naracoorte

Business: In addition to my private consulting work that currently manages the Research interests of SEPLAs, Nathan and I run a contract disc seeding business and crop management services. Recently I have submitted my PhD on the "Development of a novel crop-pasture system for mixed farms in the higher rain-fall zone of southern Australia" and intend to pursue a career in agricultural research, whilst still maintaining the close contact I have had with producer research over the past seven years.

Preferred beverages: Currently in forced abstinence, but still enjoy the occasional good latte or hot chocolate with a fine pastry of course

Out of work interests: Bike riding, gardening, painting, reading, bush walking, fine dining with great company and day spas!



Nick Edwards

current Chairperson of SEPLA

Family status: Married to Janelle with 2 lovely kids (Andrew and Samantha)

Where do you live: Avenue Range - at "The Washpool" almost in the heart of Avenue's CBD as a family partnership with the in-laws

Property size and mix: about 1,000ha; mainly black clay flats sown to Phalaris, Sub, Persian and Balansa Clovers and Burr Medic; now trying

fescues and Barberia ryegrass in SEPLA's pasture trial; also about 50ha of sandy 'hill' country sown to lucerne and chicory as a prime lamb finishing system

What do you run: ~4,000 breeding ewes; mix of self replacing Merinos flock (aim to sell Merino wether lambs for slaughter by 11 months of age), Merino ewes mated to Super Border rams (replacement first cross ewes; mated as lambs) and Merino and First Cross ewes mated to Poll Dorset and White Suffolk rams (first and second cross prime lambs)

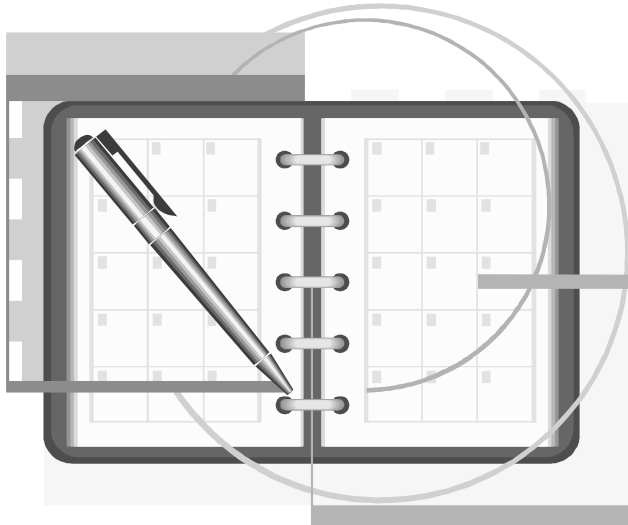
Any other enterprises: 100-150ha sown to Barley, Canola and Oats/Ryegrass/Shaftal Clover for hay

Off farm interests: Work 3 days per week for SARDI at Struan Research Centre as a Research Scientist in Grazing Production Systems (sheep and cattle); have previously worked in New Zealand and Western Australia in similar positions before moving here in 2000

Preferred beverages: Beer first (Coopers Lager at the moment) followed by red wine from the Coonawarra of course

Football team: Adelaide Crows!., Norwood and Lucindale





July

15th

Maximising Production from Cereals in SE

29th

Members and Sponsors Dinner

“A story that will inspire you”

August

8 – 12th

Study Tour

Farming Systems and Innovation on the Eyre Peninsula

19th

SEPLA AGM and Dinner

23rd

GRDC Updates and MFMG AGM

September

13th and 14th

PA and SEPLA Trial site visits across South East

28th



Canola trial site visit at Horsham

October

26th

Frances Field Day

27th

Connurra Field Day

November



4th

SEPLA

Sticky Beak Day and End of Year BBQ

9th – 10th

MIMG

Irrigation Bus Tour