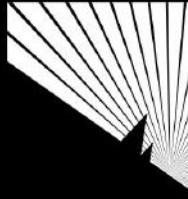


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NEWSLETTER

September 2012



South East Prime Livestock Achievers



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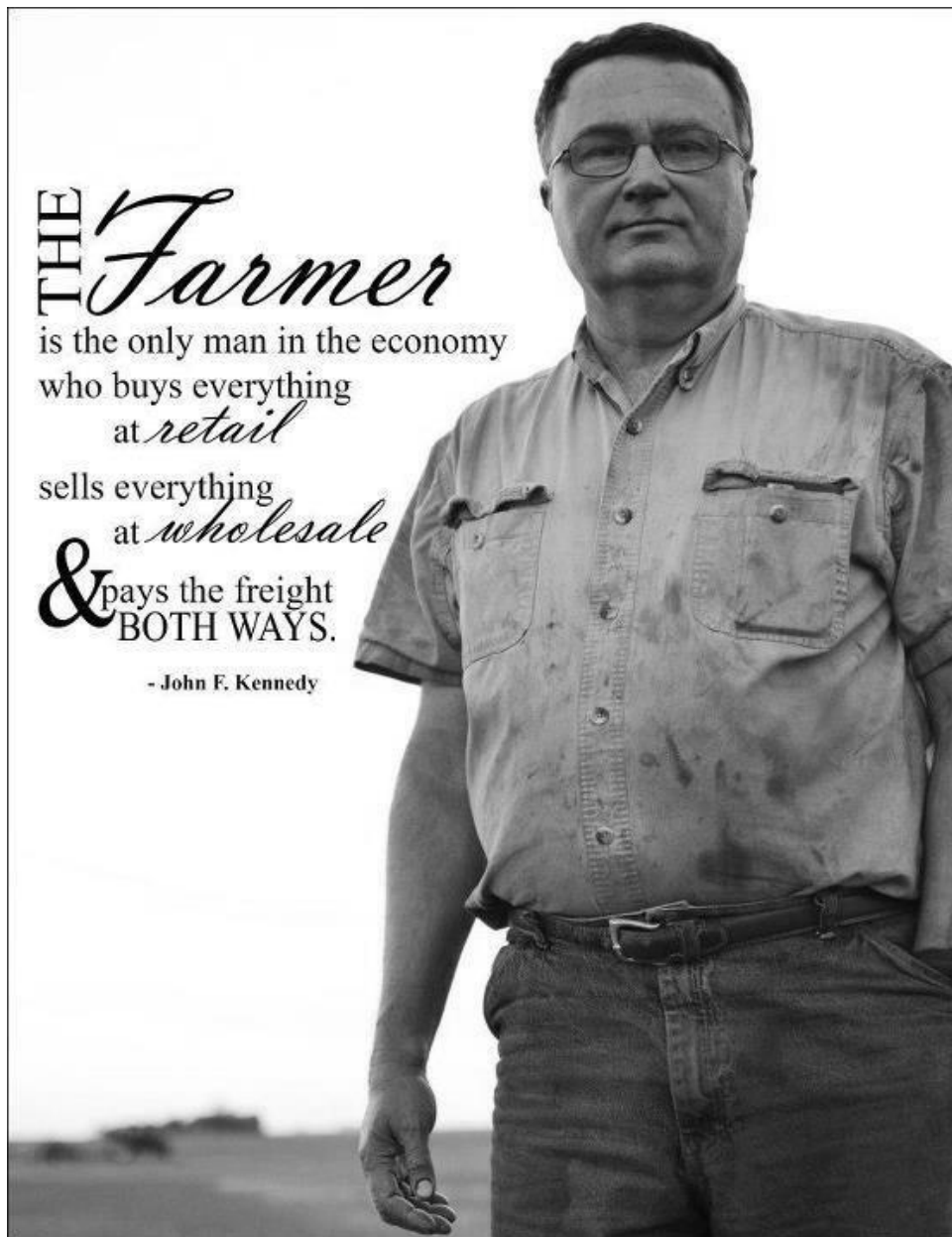
2012 MFMG FIELD DAYS

30th October at Frances

31st October at Conmurra



GLEN CARRON LTD
Beachport S.A.
BULK HAULAGE SOLUTIONS



Are you interested?

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

We have had a request from a member to look into accessing some assistance with writing these procedures for farm equipment

If you have employees this should be a consideration to ensure you are meeting OHS requirements

Smart phone and Ipad apps

Would you be like to learn more about how to use these from a farming perspective?

We are looking at running some informal small group sessions



Please contact Krysteen if you would like to be learn more about either

SOPS

Or

Apps

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A word from Duan Williams

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I will begin by introducing myself, for those of you who do not know me.

My name is **Duan Williams**, I am the new Chairman of the MacKillop Farm Management Group.

I grew up on a family farm only a few kilometres East of Mt Burr (between Millicent and Penola). For as long as I can remember I had always intended spending my life farming in the lower South East. I boarded at Rostrevor College in Adelaide for the final two years of high school, then spent a further four years studying Agricultural Science at the University of Adelaide. Admittedly not being much of a scholar I was enthusiastic to return home and put to use my preferred practical abilities. I have been, for ten years now, solely managing and running our family business as a fifth generation producer on much of my forebearers land.

I am currently running a mixed farming enterprise consisting of mainly prime lamb production, coexisting with Broad Bean, Wheat, Canola and Lupin rotations and trading in Angus Steers. Our relatively recent introduction into cropping originally introduced me to the MFMG of which I have been a committee member for 5 years and now chairman.

As my first order of business I would like to sincerely thank **Martin Flower**, the retiring chairman, for firstly taking on the role at short notice to fill an unforeseen void, and secondly for his efforts over the past 18 months where he has given valuable personal time and commitment to our group. I look forward to working with him as

our vice chairman for the coming year.

Also we farewell **Peter Hannaford and Hayden Maher** (Viterra) from our committee. Peter has given the group nearly a decade of his time and valuable grower insight for which we are extremely grateful. Hayden has been one of our Agribusiness committee members representing Viterra for three years now and we would like to thank him for his time and efforts.

To fill our remaining Northern representative position it is my pleasure to welcome Tom Sambell to the committee, Tom has a solid history in both production and Agronomy, we look forward to his addition to our group.

In recent months we have held a number of very successful events.

In mid July, a Precision Ag Day was run in conjunction with SPAA at the Naracoorte Showgrounds. The event was well attended and showcased a broad spectrum of innovative agricultural equipment as well as a number of growers currently using these tool sharing their experiences. I'm certain we will continue to produce these seminars as they are well received and provide outstanding exposure to precision agriculture.

Later in July, the MacKillop Irrigation Management Group ran a number of seminars on improving efficiencies in various methods of irrigation. By all reports these too were a success.

On August 3rd we conducted our annual sponsors day, this year with 9 holes of Ambrose golf at the Naracoorte Golf Club, followed by a testimonial dinner for **Trent Potter** to honour his forty one years in agricultural research.

A word from Duan Williams *cont*



The golf was obviously a lot of fun. The team from **Elders** was well represented, the team from **NAB**.....well, they were there ! I feel I needn't elaborate. The dinner was extremely entertaining with a number of Trent's past colleagues given an opportunity to reminisce and share some of their favourite memories of working with him. The Golf Club was almost full with quite a few attendees not able to make it for the golf but joined us for dinner.

Most recently was the GRDC Updates held in the Naracoorte Town Hall, which was very well attended, with over 100 faces in the crowd. The day was a great success and as always very informative. The shorter format (1pm finish) was well received, hence should be replicated next year.

Coming up is our jewel in the crown, the **MFMG Field Days, at Frances on the 30th of October and Conmurra on the 31st of October.**

I strongly urge you all to attend your nearest field day as it does provide extremely valuable information on varieties and treatments that can make a significant contribution to planning for the next season. If you can, bring a neighbour or a friend that may otherwise be reluctant to attend, we facilitate these fantastic trials to benefit the entire industry, not just our membership.

I would like to finally thank our sponsors of whom we proudly advertise on our web site and field day signs, especially our Gold sponsors, - **Elders, Glen Carron Pty Ltd, NAB and Seedmark** - for their continued support and sizable contributions. We look forward to a continued symbiotic relationship with you all.

I wish you all the best for the remainder of this season. Here's hoping for a co-operative spring leading up to harvest.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions that you would like '**your**' **MFMG** to investigate, don't hesitate in bringing them to our attention. We have representatives in your area and the group exists to assist you.

Regards,

Duan Williams



Smart phone and Ipad apps for farmers

EvoCrop is a real time cropping records management tool designed for use during operation for farmers by farmers. Whole of operation data entry is included, from sowing through to harvest and marketing of grain. EvoCrop has been designed to be simple to use, cost effective and flexible to suit farming operations throughout Australia, all in an attractive and professional package.

Key features:

- One-off complete system purchase
- Simple to set up and use
- Attractive and friendly user interface
- Complete cropping records management from sowing through to harvest and marketing
- Server syncing for secure records storage and multiple user data access
- Flexibility to customise to your operations
- Auto entry of data to save time
- Online and offline use – no need for constant internet connection
- Gross margin calculation capability
- 24 hour support service from Rustic Evolutions



The official South Australian **Country Fire Service** iPhone app, which allows you to stay informed of fire activity and other incidents in your area, and to assess your own preparedness for bushfire.

Features:

- Interactive map showing all current CFS Incidents
- Incidents table including CFS incidents and Prescribed Burns
- Current fire ban information and Fire Danger Rating information
- What to do and what not to do on days of high fire danger and fire ban
- Integration with location services to centre maps based on your current location
- Information on Bushfire Safer Places near you
- Call 000 function
- Email your friends function to keep your loved ones informed of your intentions in the event of a bushfire
- How Bushfire Ready are you? checklist to start you thinking about preparing yourself and your property for bushfire
- Listen to the Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS) used to alert the public before broadcast of warning messages



Cricket LIVE Australia is the official app from Vodafone for the 2011/12 cricket season, as endorsed by Cricket Australia.

Watch live TV coverage of this Summer's Australian international & Big Bash cricket. Get involved with Vodafone Viewers Verdict, share scores and events as they happen watch Video highlights and much more.