

Thinking Beyond

News from the Riverina Stud Merino Field Days Association **Spring**

the Boundary Fence

Will you be Thinking Beyond the Boundary Fence on Sept. 12? You Should Be.

This year's Riverina Stud Merino Field Day at Shear Outback, The Australian Shearers' Hall of Fame in Hay, will be a very special event with a number of great achievements to celebrate. In addition to being our thirty year anniversary, we will be showcasing more than two dozen of our Association's finest studs and breeding stock. Visitors to the 2003 Field Day will be able to see the Association's renowned winning trifecta traits, - fibre, frame, fertility, for themselves.

In addition to this, the 2003 Riverina Stud Merino Field Day introduces an interactive and informative forum on **grazing land use for the long term future**. After introductions and questions, field day visitors will have a chance to meet the speakers face to face for indepth discussion of their own issues and concerns.

Topics will include future marketing trends and how to tap into them, new production methods and practical grazing methods, native vegetation,

conservation and how to create pathways to sustainable rural landscapes, and also the psychology of change and resistance to change, - and how to harness it for a better long term future.

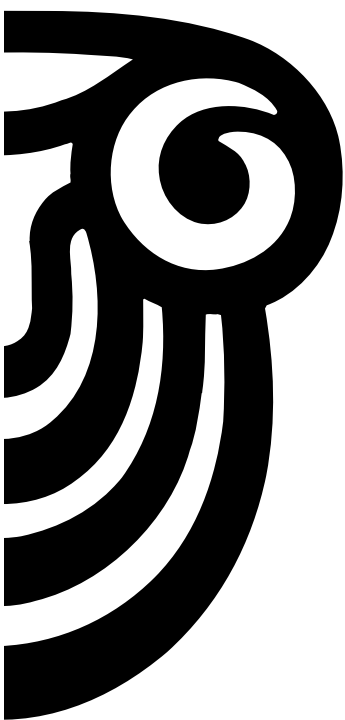
Speakers at the forum will include:

Mr Geoff Fishburn, - Deputy Director General of the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources.

Mr Rick Farley, - Chairman of the NSW Resources and Conservation Assessment Council and Managing Director of the Farley Consulting Group.

Mr Justin Steadman, NSW Regional Manager: Resource Consulting Services (RCS) - RCS was established in 1982 with the aim of helping primary producers help themselves. The RCS Grazing For Profit System provides training and support for clients to bring about holistic change in their own business.

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One Oak Poll

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Pooginook

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Trevail Park

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Willandra/Willandra Poll

Willandra No 2

Willurah

Woodpark

From the President

Welcome to the Spring edition of Thinking Beyond the Boundary Fence, the bi-annual newsletter of the Riverina Stud Merino Field Days Association.

You will be able to read more in this newsletter about the newly released 2001 drop Second Shearing test results from the Falkiner Research Station's Central Test Sire Evaluation program. There are several Riverina Merino Studs participating in the program and they are receiving the highest grades overall for progeny performance in the carefully controlled tests. Come along to see the proof with your own eyes on September 12 at Shear Outback in Hay; - more than two dozen of our Studs will be showcasing breeding stock and the Riverina Merino's winning trifecta traits, - frame, fibre, fertility, will be there for all to see. There are also many highlights to the day in terms of events: at 1pm, join in the Thinking Beyond the Boundary Fence forum on Future Land Use in the Main Arena. The Elders VP Riverina Ram of the Year is at 4:00pm, also on the Main Stage.

Please mark the 2003 Riverina Stud Merino Field Day in your diaries. I look forward to welcoming you on Sept. 12.

Michael Elmes

President, Riverina Stud Merino Field Days Association

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Mr Corey Watts, - ACF, - Coordinator of the Salinity and Sustainable Agriculture Program. Corey works alongside farmers, business people, scientists and others to develop workable solutions to most of the key environmental challenges facing Australia.

Mr Michael von Berg, - Michael von Berg & Associates was established in Adelaide in 1990, and specialises in strategic planning, value supply chain management, and international business development with a strong focus on agribusiness, international trade, and the wine, food and beverage businesses.

Mr Andrew Campbell, - Executive Director of Land and Water Australia. LWA operates independently to

invest in, broker and manage natural resource management research and development. Andrew Campbell has been involved at the cutting edge of natural resource management and is the author of **Landcare - communities shaping the land and the future and Planning for Sustainable Farming.**

Mr Clive Murphy, - Clive Murphy is regarded as one of the world's leaders in self development. He is the principal of the Clive Murphy Self Empowerment Centre and is an international author and speaker. He was a guest speaker at the second international Rotary Peace Conference in 2000. Noted works are 'You Have the Power' and 'Empower Yourself: A Practical Guide to Building Self Esteem.'

Thanks to Alec Morrison for his generous assistance in the research and writing of articles for our 2003 Riverina Stud Merino Field Day publication, and for the information on the Pennefathers contained in this newsletter. We hear there is more great works to come...

Hot off the Press...

Former President and FSF Supremo Alec Morrison has a new book hitting the shelves in November. Titled '**Frank Gardiner, Bushranger to Businessman**', it is the exciting story of Australia's most successful bushranger who, in 1862, stole more than \$3 million from the Gold Escort at Eugowra.

The book is being published by the American Group, John Wiley and Sons.

We also believe that Alec is currently working on another manuscript about the nineteenth century Police Inspector Sir Frederick Pottinger...

Young Riverina Ambassador



Pooginook jillaroo, Jo Kuch (pictured at the 2002 Riverina Stud Merino Field Day) has just completed the **Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program**, part of her prize for winning **The 2002 Sandy Robertson Young Riverina Ambassador Award**. For 2003 entry enquiries, contact Wendy Spencer on (02) 6959 1180 or email: wendy@riverinamerino.com.au

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