



# WA Pasture & Livestock Update Wagin

**Tuesday, 1 August 2017**

Starting at Xavier White’s property

then Wagin’s Eric Fallow Pavilion for lunch and the afternoon sessions.

We’ll start the day by getting out in the White family’s paddocks to see and hear about the many pasture options they have introduced into their mixed farming system. These include **lucerne, chicory, sub clover, Balansa clover, messina, forage oats and Anameka saltbush**. Xavier, with the help of Phil Barrett-Lennard, will discuss why these species have been chosen and how they fit into their whole farm operation both logistically and economically.

Out in the paddocks we’ll also cover off on **pasture nutrition** through effective use of fertilisers; the importance of rhizobia in **fixing nitrogen**; **varieties** of these species and others available and their suitability to this region; and efficient strategies for **nitrogen application** to get best bang for your buck.

Speaker	Afternoon topics
Clayton South, producer with Paul Omodei, Planfarm	<b>Driving profitability of livestock within a mixed farming system</b> Clayton and Paul will discuss how and why they use livestock efficiently and profitably in the South family’s business, so that cropping and livestock complement each other one season after the next. They’ll also share how they use pastures to link the two together.
Phil Nichols, DAFWA	<b>Pasture varieties for here, there, but not everywhere</b> Phil Nichols from DAFWA continues to be a fountain of knowledge of pasture species in WA. He will bring us up to speed on newly available species such as messina, tederia and new clover varieties for medium and low rainfall regions. He’ll also cover some varieties that are in the pipeline which producers have been seeking.
Richard Apps, MLA	<b>Your levies at work – what is MLA up to in the R&amp;D space?</b> With a lot of action happening at MLA, Richard will run through some of the latest regionally relevant research to give a snapshot of activities, including work on WA Producer Demonstration & Research Sites in the areas such as clover root disease, Greenseeker technology for pasture measurement and phosphorus efficiency in pastures. Posters will be on display with MLA available to discuss the details during breaks.

Local producers	<p><b>The Pasture &amp; Livestock Updates Producer Panel</b></p> <p>An event favourite where we hear from three local, but diverse, producers from across the region as they chill on bar stools and talk about what they are doing with their pastures and those that eat them so far this season. The panel will also share how they plan to get through the rest of this season and what they are going to do in the planning for their pastures for the 2018 season.</p>
Phil Barrett-Lennard, agVivo	<p><b>Chaff carts and crop grazing – do they stack up?</b></p> <p>Mixed systems in WA rely heavily on bringing livestock and pastures together with cropping operations. Chaff carts and crop grazing are being adopted widely, so what is the science behind this and what do we need to know to do this well without a dramatic negative impact on one enterprise or the other? Phil Barrett-Lennard will share what has been found and ways to use the information on farm.</p>
Beth Paganoni, DAFWA, with producer, Emily Stretch	<p><b>ATM and BS technology – it's not what you're thinking</b></p> <p>There's a lot happening in the technology space for producers. There are the tools being used 'At The Moment' on farms in the region and we'll hear from a producer using some of them on their farm – warts and all. Then there is the 'Blue Sky' technology that's being worked on for future benefits for livestock and pasture enterprises, which will be shared by a well-known researcher from the region.</p>

**Time:** 9.30am at Xavier's sheds for a 10am start

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**Venue:** We'll start at Xavier White's property at 2051 Bullock Hills Rd, Wagin then travel to the Wagin Showgrounds Eric Fallow Pavilion for lunch and the afternoon session.

**Cost:** \$30 (cash or cheque on the day. No credit card facility available)

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