



Media release

Knowing sheep

Led by Doug Alcock, professional agriculturalist and sheep production expert, a group of local people keeping sheep on small (and not so small) farms around our region gathered on Saturday to get to know more about sheep at the latest Small Farms Network – Capital Region workshop. As always with the Small Farms Network, every question was a good one. We learned about how to move sheep around yards, hoof trimming, vaccinations, worms and drenching. We talked about pastures and how to calculate amounts and provide grain supplements safely. A hands-on session in the sheep yards at Gold Creek Station gave everyone a chance to try fat scoring sheep – a process that is so much easier when each sheep comes with a peg numbered with its fat score!

The network is working on developing a sheep husbandry calendar for the Capital region. At the workshop we delved into best lambing and shearing times for our climate and how to work out from those dates when other things should happen.

If you missed this workshop and are now wishing that you were there, a summary with links to extra information is on our website at smallfarmscapital.org. You can also sign up for our newsletter to find out about upcoming workshops including one about farm fencing and another about lamb marking. All this is made possible through support from the Australian Government, South East Local Land Services, the ACT Regional Landcare Co-ordinator and the Palerang Local Action Network for Sustainability.

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