

# Pasture Update

## *Fertilisers and lime – Facts and fiction*

**Euroa Memorial Oval, Cnr Slee and Dunn Sts, Euroa, Vic**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**9:30am – 12:30 pm, followed by lunch**

Fertilisers and lime can be major annual costs in a grazing enterprise. Knowing where you will get the best responses is key to optimising returns on any investment in these products. This seminar aims to provide the tools and information to allow you to make better decisions about where to invest your dollars to optimise soil health, pasture and animal production. It will answer some frequently asked questions such as:

**Where should I spend my dollars – fertiliser or lime? Is a no input system an option?**

**Are there alternative products that might give better responses to conventional fertilisers or improve soil health?**

**What is the impact of the dry spring/summer on fertiliser requirements this year?.**

**REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL.**

Speaker	Topics
<b>Lisa Warn, Lisa Warn Ag Consulting P/L</b> <i>Lisa Warn is a locally based agricultural consultant and researcher with a long history of working in the grazing industries. In this region, she has conducted research investigating soil constraints, conventional and alternative fertilisers, grazing management and pasture persistence.</i>	<b>Assessing soils and plants to identify what they do and don't need</b>
<b>Cameron Gourley, Agriculture Victoria</b> <i>Dr. Cameron Gourley is a Senior Research Scientist with Agriculture Victoria and an Associate Professor with Monash University. He is a very experienced soil scientist who has worked in the area of pasture and animal production with a focus on productivity and minimising environmental impacts.</i>	<b>National standards deliver better fertiliser advice</b>
<b>Jim Shovelton, Meridian Ag</b> <i>Jim is a Senior Consultant with Meridian Agriculture. He has extensive experience as a district pasture specialist and he also was Senior Agronomist at Richland laboratories providing soil and plant analysis interpretations. For 5 years he managed Australian Wool Innovation's pasture extension program in Southern Australia involving on farm trials with 1200 producers in four states. He is based at Euroa where he also is a sheep farmer.</i>	<b>The Lowdown on Lime</b>
<b>Cam Nicholson, Nikon Rural Services</b> <i>Cam Nicholson is a partner in Nikon Rural Services, a consulting business near Geelong working with the grazing and cropping industries and in natural resource management.</i>	<b>The impact of alternative fertilisers and products</b>
<b>TBC, MLA</b>	<b>MLA research and adoption</b>

# Registration form - Euroa

Registrations by 10 April

Name: .....

Postal address: .....

..... Postcode: .....

Phone: ..... Mobile: ..... Fax: .....

Email address: .....

Special dietary requirements: .....

☐ **DIRECT DEPOSIT**

(please email [office@grasslands.org.au](mailto:office@grasslands.org.au) with your details if paying by direct deposit)

BANK: Bendigo Bank

ACCOUNT NAME: GSSA

BSB: 633-000 Account: 143187599

Reference: 'Surname' then 'Euroa PU'

☐ **CHEQUE**   ☐ **MONEY ORDER**

☐ **CREDIT CARD**

Please deduct my credit card for \$ .....

☐ Mastercard   ☐ Visa

Credit Card Number

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Expiry \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name on card: .....

Signature: .....

**Time:** 9.30am – 12.30pm – with lunch to follow

**Venue:** Euroa Memorial Oval, Cnr Slee and Dunn Sts, Euroa

**Admission:** \$20.00 (GSSA and MLA members); \$50.00 (non-members); \$10 (GSSA student members) - Includes morning tea and lunch

**RSVP:** Wednesday 10 April 2019 to

GSSA Secretary Melinda Caspersz 1300 137 550 [office@grasslands.org.au](mailto:office@grasslands.org.au)

**Further information:** Contact GSSA Mid Goulburn Branch President, Ron Harris 0407 948 431

**Registration:** Complete the registration form and send as per contact details or submit with payment on the day



National  
Landcare  
Program



AGRICULTURE VICTORIA



Grassland  
Society  
of Southern  
Australia Inc



GOULBURN BROKEN  
CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

This project is supported by the Goulburn Broken CMA through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program