

# TRAPROCK GROUP NEWSLETTER

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## Field Day September 9, 2011

Members gathered at "Artunga" for a Field Day at Garry Waters Dorper Stud in conjunction with Agforce members.

The day started with our Annual General Meeting and all current committee members agreed to continue in their roles for another 12 months.



Unfortunately the weather was not kind, and members had to endure a bitterly cold and windy day.

Brent Finlay shared information on initiatives around Wild Dogs. The Traprock Group and Agforce are continuing to work together to lobby councils and local authorities in dealing with this trying issue.

Peter Mowett talked about Johne's Disease. To ensure we are fully aware of this threat, Noel O'Dempsey has organised a follow-up speaker, Dr. Ray Kaplan, for our first meeting in 2012 to talk further on this topic.

A highlight of the day was the delicious roast lamb provided by Garry Waters for lunch. It was enjoyed by everyone.



James Nason shared some interesting anecdotes of his experiences in establishing an online newspaper, Beef Central [www.beefcentral.com](http://www.beefcentral.com).

The day finished with an interesting insight into Garry Waters' Dorper stud operation. The Traprock Group appreciated the time and effort involved in hosting the event. It was greatly appreciated by all members.



## Hog Hopper

New technology is available for baiting feral pigs called the Hog Hopper. Details can be found at:

[http://www.animalcontrol.com.au/pdf/Hoghopper\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.animalcontrol.com.au/pdf/Hoghopper_Brochure.pdf)

While some promising results have been achieved, the Traprock Executive have heard a report from National Parks and Wildlife that their trials are still underway.

## Web Site Update

By Margôt Tesch

It's on its way! We have entered into a contract with a web developer in Brisbane called Simjen [www.simjen.com.au](http://www.simjen.com.au).

They have provided the first draft design documents which we are working through and fine tuning. Hopefully, the new website will be up and running before the end of the year.

## \$200 Cash Back Resistance Testing

Those Full Traprock Members who paid for and carried out drench resistance tests to find drench type effectiveness, are entitled to take advantage of this special offer courtesy of the Traprock Group.

Present your invoices to the Treasurer to claim this cash back offer.

## Art in the Woolshed

Unfortunately due to our inability to secure an Art Curator for the Art in the Woolshed, the event has been postponed until 2013.

## Date Claimers

### Christmas Function

When: 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 from 2 pm  
Where: Warwick Bowls Club  
What: Afternoon of Barefoot Bowls with dinner provided. A bus pick-up and drop-off will be available for \$20.00. Details published soon. Children welcome.

### General Members Workshop

When: 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 Time TBA  
Where: TBA  
What: Hands on workshop with Dr Ray Kaplan discussing and demonstrating the FAMACHA method to detect haemonchus infestations

### Christine Jones – Soil Carbon

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2011, Time TBA  
Where: TBA  
What: All day workshop with Christine Jones <http://renewablesoil.com/dr-christine-jones.html>

## Call for Suggestions

If you have any suggestions for the management committee to investigate, please call or email me. Thanks!

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