

Dorper Sheep Information Day

Saturday March 22, 2014 - "On Property" at Updales Dorpers, Angas Valley SA.

The day got off to an early start with the first attendees coming up the drive at 8.15am (advertised start time 10am!!!) The early birds got put to work assisting with the sorting and penning of rams.

By 10am we had over 45 visitors wandering the displays of commercial and stud sheep, and many were pondering the question of "why would you not buy this ewe?" who was penned in the yards....(she is a 3 year old maiden was the answer).

Special guest speaker Adrian Veitch took the microphone at 10.30 am and the 55 people on hand by this stage took seats and enjoyed his discussion on "Why Dorpers?", followed by a guide on what to look for, and look out for, when selecting animals. Sadly we did not have a sheep with loose shoulders to show off!

The questions just kept on coming and it was well after 1.30pm before Adrian got some lunch from the BBQ.

The group of visitors which contained a number of current Dorper owners, as well as many looking to get started with the breed enjoyed the lunch on offer, and everyone was extremely generous in making a donation towards our local CFS. Jackie was very proud to raise \$96.90 on the day, she presented a cheque for \$150 (incl our donation) to the Palmer Brigade at her school assembly the following week.

Graham took a group for a tour of some good, bad, and otherwise, fences and quite a discussion was held out in the paddocks. They then hiked back via the saltbush and veldt grass pasture, and a quick tour of this year's saltbush seedlings. Many of those people definitely needed a cold drink and a rest afterwards (Graham especially).

Cate, Graham Jackie & Ben Hunt (and Grand-dad on the BBQ!) would like to thank everyone who came along on the day, without your attendance the event would not have been a success. We hope that everyone found the event useful, certainly the contact we have had with people since has been nothing but positive. Thanks also to Adrian Veitch for coming from WA to share his Dorper expertise with us.

PS Total attendance on the Saturday was 55. Total attendance on the Sunday was 2. They rang at 10am to say they were lost and were worried they were going to be late!!!!

