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### **Two Sheep health and management workshops for local farmers**

Well respected sheep nutritionist San Jolly will be making two appearances in the Wimmera Region this week to help farmers address current sheep feeding challenges.

With funding received from the State Governments Drought Response Package, the Northern Grampians Shire Council, Pyrenees Council, Agriculture Victoria and the Grampians Pyrenees Primary Care Partnership, Project Platypus and Perennial Pasture Systems have worked together to bring two events across the region.

‘We’re incredibly fortunate to be in the position to offer two workshop sessions with San Jolly. Based in South Australia, San is currently in demand as a consultant and speaker’ said Events Coordinator with Project Platypus Bronwyn Bant.

With many years’ experience gained from working with producers and industry colleagues, managing a property together with her continuing interests in research, San and her team at Productive Nutrition have become sought after as livestock consultants as well as presenters for key note addresses and workshops. San’s presentations are recognised for their engaging, practical and unambiguous style.

San will present at the Marnoo Hall on Thursday 14th of April at 7.30am. Managing ground cover and optimising winter pasture growth, de-stocking versus biosecurity, stock containment area management and what’s the best balance for annual and perennial pastures are all topics which will be covered at the Marnoo breakfast event. RSVPs are essential for catering. Please RSVP to Project Platypus on 53584410 by the 12th of April. “We are also encouraging local sheep farmers with specific questions for San to email their questions so San has time to respond to and assist as many people as possible. Questions can be emailed to [bronwyn@platypus.org.au](mailto:bronwyn@platypus.org.au)” said Ms Bant.

Perennial Pasture Systems are delivering an in-depth evening event on Thursday the 14th of April, addressing optimising animal production and well being after a dry time. The seminar is at the Crowlands Hall commencing at 4.30pm and will include a complimentary BBQ tea.

Senior Veterinary Officer with agriculture Victoria Rob Suter will discuss animal health risks, Rob Herrmann from AgConcepts will discuss resilience and being prepared for better times. Wonwondah farmer Peter ‘Dutchy’ Velthuis will provide first-hand experience regarding sheep feedlot protocols and costs. San Jolly will also present and discuss transitioning sheep from grain to pasture feed. To book your place at this event contact Rob Shea by the 12<sup>th</sup> of April on 0438 521357.

“It’s not often that sheep farmers will have the chance to hear from such a well regarded expert locally, and at no cost, so I would really encourage local farmers to make the most of the opportunity, come along to one of Sans presentations on the 14th of April, and hear how considered management of your sheep enterprise can improve your farms sustainability both financially and environmentally” said Ms Bant.

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