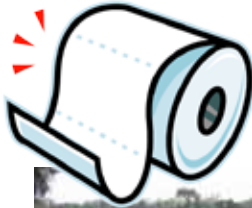




Etiwanderingings

Christmas 2010



Life is like a roll of toilet paper.....



The Prattley yards we built at Etiwanda in 2008 - handle sheep and goats no worries – they have been a great investment!

They say, life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer you get to the end the faster it goes!! Well Lordy help us when we get to 80 our toilet paper is going to be spinning faster than the speed of light – this year got away from us and the Spring Newsletter just didn't happen! We haven't been sitting idle I can assure you – we have been up to lots of interesting things!! Here's an update on what we have been up to and what we have planned for 2011.

Trip to South Africa - Sept 2010



One word describes it - Brilliant!

This is our 2nd time we have had the pleasure of travelling to this beautiful country – if you have never been; it is really one of those things that should be on your "Bucket List". This time we had the added pleasure of travelling to Namibia, stunning desert country where we were, very isolated hard country, makes home look pretty civilised!

The trip was a combination of sourcing new genetics and a family holiday – we took our two girls, Emily & Jess with us, along with Andrew's Mum Nancy, and we all had a wonderful time.

The main instigator for the trip was to source top quality animals with generations of type 5 and type 6 genetics behind them, i.e. animals that

breed consistently well and have proven to be top animals, not just a lucky fluke. We went looking for femininity in the ewes, good clean cover, production and conformation (excellent feet and legs, along with a structurally sound animal on top of them) we did not go looking for show winners! We visited three studs that will complement the genetics and productions methods here on Etiwanda – we are working on bringing embryos from each stud to be implanted here in 2011. We will keep you posted as to the progress of these embryos/lambs.

We travelled about 3500kms in the 2 weeks we were there and we were amazed at the constantly changing face of the country – every 50kms or so the country is different. We travelled mostly through the Northern Cape, spent two nights at the Kgalakgadi Transfrontier game park on the



Namibian/Botswana Border, into Namibia for a short while (one trip in Namibia had 72 sand hills in a row and we all felt a bit carsick!) and then back down the South African Western coast, returning to Capetown to fly home.

The photos above are mountain ranges around the town of Wellington, in a vineyard region near Capetown, rocky basalt outcrops at sunset on Kasteel White Dorpers, bird nest a telephone pole – these are everywhere on the telephone lines – bit short on big trees in Sth Africa! And the last picture is of Karoo Country near Loxton in the Northern

Cape- reminded us a lot of the country around Broken Hill.

The Kgalakgadi Transfrontier National park is about 3 million acres, we were lucky enough to see, hyena's, wildebeest, Oryx, and a pride of lions, along with a whole host of South African wildlife, including springbok, secretary birds, hartebeest, ostriches and the list goes on! These couple of days at the park were a wonderful experience, especially for our girls!



Landmark & Etiwanda are looking for your White Dorper Infused ewes.



As part of our 2011 sale Landmark and Etiwanda are working on putting together upwards of 2000 quality White Dorper Infused breeding ewes. We are looking to source quality ewes to be included in this sale. The Etiwanda sale is extremely well marketed and interest comes from all over Australia each year for this annual event and your ewes will benefit from all the exposure. Ewes marketed and sold through the Etiwanda

sale over the last few years have always sold very well. These commercial ewes will be sold directly after the Etiwanda ram sale and will be sold on Auctionsplus only. If you would like to be involved please call Troy Hartman on 0418 883 696 or Andrew & Megan on 0268 373797.



Etiwanda on Property Sale 2011

The annual Etiwanda on Property Sale is scheduled again for February 25th 2011. Sale will be interfaced with Auctionsplus and commences at 12.00pm. We will be selling approximately 80 Rangeland Ready performance recorded rams from the first half of our 2010 ram drop. We are also working on putting together a substantial line of White Dorper Infused commercial breeding ewes – see below. Watch our website and the papers for more info on this sale. If you would like a sale catalogue you will be able to download one from our website prior to the sale or

if you would like a hard copy please e-mail us on etiwanda@bigpond.com



What does Rangeland Ready mean? Hardy, profitable, unpampered White Dorsers that have never been grain fed, hoof trimmed or shorn. Grass raised on the rangelands of Cobar and performance recorded on Lambplan. Rangeland Ready to go!

General farm life...

2010 has been our wettest year on record since rainfall has been recorded at Etiwanda – to date we have had 34 inches or 850mm – more than double our annual rainfall. The feed that has grown is unbelievable, the stock are rolling fat, we've been chasing fly in the sheep like everyone else and the load of cattle we brought from QLD are not even making a dent on the feed ahead of them! It has been green at Etiwanda for 11 months of this year – I have not seen that since coming to live here in 1997. They tell me it is going to be wet right through until at least autumn – so perhaps you had better pack your gumboots and oilskin to come to our sale!!

2011 plans for the property include the implementation of a



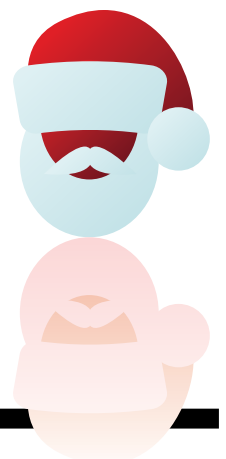
fairly substantial sub-divisional fencing plan. We had hoped to have this further down the track in 2010, but the wet season has meant that job has been diverted until things dry up a bit and you can actually drive on top of the ground without disappearing into in.....and then spending the rest of the afternoon being hot, cranky and sweaty digging tractors/land cruisers/loaders and dozers out of the mud!

The first few months of each year is taken up with ET & AI work, Lambplan scanning and our On Property Sale and Commercial ewe sale – always a busy time!

This work usually steadies up a bit by the end of March, when we can, hopefully, get back onto property improvements again.

We will bring Daan Bosman from South Africa again in June 2011, as part of our 5 year plan to make the Etiwanda flock one of the very best in the country. Not only for attractive, clean coated animals, but more importantly for, productive, profitable and structurally sound animals that consistently

do the job for us and our clients. As mentioned earlier we plan to implant our imported embryos from South Africa and then will be very interested to see what we lamb down later in the year.



What's on the agenda for 2011?

Bioclip Accreditation Training

We used Bioclip on our woollier crossbred ewes this year at lamb marking in September, which made dealing with the flystrike in this ridiculously wet year far easier. For those who haven't heard of it, Bioclip is an injection that causes the wool to fall off (in nets if you wish) or in the paddock if you don't want to harvest the wool. The use of Bioclip also eliminates one muster and reduces workload by not having to put the ewes through the shearing

shed. In our operation, we believe using Bioclip, when the ewes are in for lamb marking, is an efficient use of time and money in a White Dorper operation.

Like everything these days you do have to be accredited to purchase and use Bioclip.

Bioclip ownership recently changed hands and it is now marketed by Heineger - no stocks of Bioclip have been available for the last few months, new stock is expected to arrive in Australia in January. Landmark Russell, Cobar, is working

on arranging an accreditation course for producers and they are planning to hold the course in early January when the product is available. There is no cost for the course and afterwards each person will receive an info pack and a card to show accreditation. For more info on this course or to put your name down please contact Des Harrison at Landmark Russell Cobar on 02 68 362234. At least one of us from Etiwanda will go along and get ourselves accredited.

ETIWANDA FLOCK RAMS –

Buy your rams from someone who breeds them like you ought to!

We mentioned in our last newsletter that our rams have been selling fast – demand has been very high and we have sold out of all our flock and stud rams. The next rams we will have available will be our young rams available at our On Property Sale Feb 25th 2011. After the sale we will be selling directly off the farm in our 3 grades of \$660.00 & \$880.00 & \$1100.00 including GST, do your sums – these rams are excellent value for money!

If you are thinking of getting Etiwanda rams - don't leave it until the last minute or they will all be gone – its pays to just let us know what you have in mind and we can make sure you don't miss out on our Rangeland Ready™ Rams. Call us or drop us an



Quotable Quotes

Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness

To an opponent, tolerance

To a friend, your heart

To a customer, service

To all, charity

To every child, a good example

To yourself, respect. ~ Oren Arnold



INTRODUCING LUKE



On your visits to Etiwanda you will probably meet Luke Carter. We thought we would introduce him so you know a bit more about the young fella.

Luke initially came to us via Tocal Agricultural College as an off campus prac student in 2008 and he liked Etiwanda so much he came back to work with us in 2009!

Luke grew up in the Nyngan area and loves the western country and lifestyle. Luckily he also loves the Dorpers and is learning to love the bush goats!

In 2009 Luke completed his training in Holistic Management and last year he completed a Low Stress Stock handling school here in the Cobar district. Luke is enrolling in further studies this year – study and work will keep him busy.

Luke has a love of Kelpies and breeds pups to sell – so between us with our Border Collies and Luke with his Kelpies we've pretty much got your working dog needs covered!

Be sure to say hi to Luke if you see him about, unassuming chap that doesn't say too much and knows more than he lets on.



From our family to yours we wish you a relaxing, safe and very Happy Christmas! To all of our valued clients – thank you for continuing support we really do appreciate your business!



*See you in 2011!
Andrew & Megan, Emily & Jess
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