



# GOAT WEBINAR + Q&A

An online workshop delivered as part of the MLA Goat Roadshow series

Monday 27 March | 7:00pm – 8:30pm AEDT

## Sustainable grazing management of rangeland goats

Goat producers – this is your opportunity to further your understanding on managing livestock sustainably in their environment to ensure long-term landscape productivity, industry viability and environmental health.

This FREE Meat & Livestock Australia Goat Roadshow Webinar will seek to provide an overview of how rangeland goat producers can best optimise their operations to maximise productivity and sustainability in the rangelands. This includes understanding the grazing and browsing behaviours of goats, how to manage them effectively, and how to gain a further understanding of how goats utilise the landscapes and resources so you can optimise infrastructure investments e.g. fencing and water sources.

Speakers will highlight the importance of understanding the impact production changes, such as moving from an unfenced to fenced environment, a change in stock numbers or a mixed-livestock enterprise, can have on the rangeland environment. How, what, and where goats graze when compared with animals they share

the environment with - sheep, kangaroos and cattle – and how that can impact the grazing pressure and long-term sustainability of the rangeland environment.

The webinar will also cover rangeland soil carbon and landscape rehabilitation. Given the low rainfall of this environment, the importance of maintaining soil carbon is driven by the need to ensure the landscape continues to be productive.

Goat producers are invited to hear from MLA as well as:

- Project lead within the Carbon Storage Partnership and Systems Modelling Team Leader at the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA), Associate Professor Matthew Harrison
- Queensland cattle and goat producers - Peter and Georgia Whip, PRW Agribusiness
- Grazing/browsing preferences of goats, cattle, sheep and kangaroos – Lester Pahl, Qld Agriculture and Forestry, Toowoomba
- Spatially resilient grazing systems and goat behaviour in the landscape – Mark Trotter, CQ University



## AGENDA

7.00pm	<b>Welcome</b> MLA has a range of R&D projects and marketing levy funding aimed at ensuring the long-term sustainability and productivity of Australian goat producers.	<b>Joe Gebbels</b> Program Manager, Sheep and Goat Productivity, MLA
7.15pm	<b>Spatially resilient grazing systems and goat behaviour in the landscape</b> Mark will discuss recent MLA funded research looking at how small ruminants (goats and sheep) in Western Qld utilise the landscapes in which they graze and how producers can utilise these insights to make informed management decisions which can influence the productivity and sustainability of their enterprise.	<b>Mark Trotter</b> CQ University Professor in Precision Livestock Management, School of Medical and Applied Sciences, Central Qld University
7.30pm	<b>Soil carbon in the rangelands</b> Matt manages the MLA funded NEXUS research projects and has particular expertise in farm systems modelling and soil carbon. Matt will talk about rangeland soil carbon and landscape rehabilitation. Given the low rainfall of this environment, the importance of maintaining soil carbon is driven by the need to ensure the landscape continues to be productive.	<b>Associate Professor Matthew Harrison</b> Systems Modelling Team Leader, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, University of Tasmania
7.45pm	<b>Producer case study</b> Queensland producers Peter Whip and his daughter-in-law Georgia run a Wagyu cattle and rangeland goat operation near Longreach, Qld. During the drought, they started running goats for financial return but also to manage encroaching timber.	<b>Peter and Georgia Whip</b> Producer, PRW Agribusiness, Longreach, Qld
8.00pm	<b>Grazing preferences</b> Lester is a principal scientist with the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. He has extensive experience in the cattle industry and has researched the management of kangaroos, goats and sheep in the rangelands. He will explore the grazing/browsing preferences of goats, cattle, sheep and kangaroos in this presentation.	<b>Lester Pahl</b> Qld Agriculture and Fisheries, Toowoomba
8.15pm	<b>Q &amp; A Session</b> We'll invite the webinar speakers to conclude with a facilitated panel session to answer your questions.	<b>Joe Gebbels and speakers</b>
8.30pm	<b>CLOSE</b> We'll leave you with details on where to find more information and what other goat industry events are coming up.	

## REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE WEBINAR.

Register for the webinar at <https://bit.ly/MLAGoats-March>

Can't make the webinar date? Register anyway! We'll record the webinar and distribute the link.

What time does this start in my state?

NSW / Vic / Tas	Qld	SA	NT	WA
7.00pm (AEDT)	6.00pm (AEST)	6.30pm (ACDT)	5.30pm (ACST)	4.00pm (AWST)

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