



Update

Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

The team here at FutureBeef feel for the communities in Western Australia who are experiencing and recovering from significant floodwaters. We've put together an article sharing what we learnt from the 2019 floods in north Queensland, including a list of actions you can do now, and in the future, to support your business' recovery. [Click here to read more.](#)

We welcome feedback on the FutureBeef eBulletin via [email](#), call us on 13 25 23 (for the cost of a local call in Queensland), connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#), or check us out on [YouTube](#). We'd love to hear from you...

Kind regards,

Jodie,
on behalf of the FutureBeef team

Australian Feedbase Monitor webinar recording

If you missed MLA and Cibo Labs' *Getting started with Australian Feedbase Monitor* webinar at the end of last year, fear not, we have the link to the recording. Watch along as Cibo Lab's Extension Manager, Alastair Rayner, steps through how to set it up and how it works.



[Find out more about the Australian Feedbase Monitor](#)

Bottle teats hidden cause of calf loss in northern beef herds



Bottle teats immediately after calving were the most common cause of calf loss in the recently concluded CalfWatch project. Project leader and Principal Livestock Research Officer, Tim Schatz, indicated he was surprised the incidence of bottle teats was so high. He said, "Quite a few of the cows with bottle teats at calving looked normal several weeks later, so we wouldn't have identified that they had a problem with bottle teats at a muster later in the year. If this herd is representative of other northern herds then bottle teats are a bigger problem than we thought."

[Read more findings from the CalfWatch project](#)

Are you hesitant to buy a remote water monitoring system?

The peace of mind would be nice, but what type of system is best for your property?



Our wonderful colleagues at Leading Sheep have developed a remote water monitoring system purchasing cheat sheet, outlining the questions to ask to ensure you get a system that works under your conditions.

[Click here to download the PDF \(167 KB\).](#)

Biosecurity corner: ExoFlare — Biosecurity risk assessments made easy

ExoFlare People is an easy-to-use digital record of all people movements onto your properties to assist in preventing and tracing diseases. With the support of ISC and MLA, it's available to producers at no cost.



By answering just a few quick questions, ExoFlare People provides the property entrant with a biosecurity risk rating, and sends alerts directly to the property manager. Unlike other check-in apps and websites, ExoFlare securely stores and collates data, ready to be downloaded as needed.

[Check out how ExoFlare People can improve your biosecurity plan](#)

Case study: Riparian fencing and off stream water – a win : win



Tom and Leslie McDowell are relative newcomers to Queensland having moved up from NSW in 2019. Like many others, the McDowells found themselves in the worst drought in 100 years. The surface water across their property had dried up, and their cattle were forced to traverse the steep riverbank to get water.

[Here's how the GRASS program assisted Tom and Leslie preserve their riparian area](#)

Leucaena demonstration sites in the NT refine establishment advice



The Leucaena Network's Sustainable Long Term Leucaena Grass Production in Northern Australia producer demonstration site wrapped up recently, bringing an end to a fruitful project. The Leucaena Network's Executive Officer, Bron Christensen, believes that whilst there are several diversification options available to landowners in the Northern Territory, leucaena has the opportunity to play a key role in assisting enterprises to increase their grazing productivity and profitability.

[Read more →](#)

But wait, there's more!

Ability Agriculture — Increasing support and opportunity for disability in agriculture

Do you work in agriculture and have a disability? Ability Agriculture is an online community and platform raising awareness and increasing support and opportunity for disabled people working in agriculture. If you have a story you would like to share, or an invention that has made farm work easier for you, be sure to get in touch with the founder, Josie Clarke.

[Read other's stories on Ability Agriculture](#)

The WA Producer Innovation Fast Track grants have been extended!

The Producer Innovation Fast Track grants match up to \$20,000 for northern Western Australian cattle producers who are interested in adopting technologies to boost their business performance, resilience and sustainability. The application due date has recently been extended to 15 February 2023.

[To find out more, click here](#)

Secure Jobs, Better Pay — how it will impact your business

The Lucas Group have prepared a short article outlining how the Federal Governments' Secure Jobs, Better Pay Bill, has enacted significant reforms to the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth) (FW Act). The changes range from pay secrecy to enterprise bargaining.

[Here is what you need to know to remain compliant](#)

The Australian Rangeland Society Conference is calling for abstracts!

The 22nd Australian Rangeland Society Conference is being held in Broome, 18-22 September 2023 with the theme of 'action stations'. The organising committee invites abstracts for presentations and posters from rangeland managers, practitioners and researchers who are keen to showcase how their work, connections, and experiences.

[Find out more...](#)

Survey request: Pest and parasite control practices

Livestock producers are invited to participate in a survey collating pest and parasite control practices in Australian herds. The survey is being conducted by University of Western Australia PhD candidate, Megan Lewis.

Megan states, "The results of this survey will highlight what is occurring around Australia in terms of pest and parasite management and help point researchers in the right direction to provide research and advice that will cater for the range of different livestock farming situations."

Megan anticipates the survey will take between 10 and 20 minutes. If you can assist, please [click here](#).

Upcoming events

KLR Marketing school

[Roma](#), 31 January-2 February

EBVs and bull performance data	Online , 1 February Charters Towers , 2 February
Breeding EDGE	Goondiwindi , 1-3 February Kununurra , 1-3 March Broome , 8-10 March
Excel spreadsheets for grazing enterprises	Begonia , 8 February
Lead with certainty	Charters Towers , 9-10 February Alice Springs , 14-15 February Katherine , 27-28 February
Mental health first aid	Charleville , 13-14 February Roma , 16-17 February
Business EDGE	Mount Isa , 23-24 February Townsville , 1-2 March Roma , 20-21 March St George , 23-24 March
Nutrition EDGE	Chinchilla , 28 February-2 March Katherine , 21-23 March
GRASS and GrazingFutures workshop	Monto , 14 March
What's your plan?	Dunkeld , 15 March Bymount , 16 March
BeefUp forum	Broome , 27 March Kununurra , 31 March
Grazing land management EDGE	Katherine , 28-30 March

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