

Making Stock Management Areas Manageable

Cattle Containment at Table Top

Snapshot



On June 6th, 2023 Holbrook Landcare Network hosted the first Stock Management area workshop at Marcus Richardson's 'Larakoona' Property, located 25km North-East of Albury.

Guest speaker, former DPI Livestock Officer, Greg Meaker presented essential components of containment site establishment, highlighting key design and site selection consideration from the *Guide to Confinement Feeding Sheep and Cattle in NSW Manual (2023)*.

Tanisha Shields, from Agrista provided a unique demonstration on how Return on Investment calculations can value-add and better inform financial decision making associated with setting up stock management areas.

Outcomes

- 19 Registrations were taken for this workshop with a total of 15 active participants on the day.
- 67% of participants not currently using stock management areas identified they would be *Almost Certain - Certain* to implement learnings from the workshop.
- 60% of participants currently using stock management areas said they'd *Likely* implement changes; the remaining 40% of this demographic stated they'd be *Almost Certain*.

Feedback

- Organisation of the day, catering and preparation of resources was executed well.
- Greg's presentation provoked a lot of group discussion, and he worked well to read the room and tailor content as he spoke. Additional feedback highlighted that time allowance for Greg's presentation needed to be revisited - needed more time.
- Tanisha's presentation proved to be the highlight. She demonstrated great technical knowledge, managed and encouraged group discussion to personalise the demonstration of the ROI Tool for the group's benefit. Additional feedback was a better breakdown of acronyms would have been beneficial.

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Figure 1. Chart of Percentage of Attendees currently using SMAs On-Farm

