



IS YOUR LAWN MOWER REGISTERED?

For those of us with any cattle, sheep, goats or pigs on our property, we are all part of keeping our livestock industry and our animals safe from a disease outbreak and protecting our domestic and export markets.

This means we need to be able to identify our animals and their movement.

DID YOU KNOW...



Did you know that you cannot sell livestock in a Saleyard or to an Abattoir without a **Property Identification Code (PIC)**?

Registering a PIC for your animals is not a difficult exercise. Simply Google: "WA pic" to learn more.

Like the microchip in our dogs and cats, our livestock require an identifier. This may be a brand, earmark, tattoo or NLIS ear tag. Google "NLIS" to learn more.

This is all about identification and traceability, all essential for buying, selling and disease control.

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Simply for good disease control, we need to know where all farm animals are at any one point in time. This way all animals can be best protected from an outbreak of a highly contagious disease, like Ovine & Bovine Johnes Diseases, Footrot or even Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD).

SMALL LANDHOLDERS ARE IMPORTANT TOO!

If your animals go down in condition and look unwell it could be anything from lack of nutrition, to worms or a disease. If you are unsure seek advice as soon as possible as welfare issues could arise.

If you see something in your animal that concerns you call the disease hotline on 1800 675 888. The hotline may then refer you to the local Veterinary Clinic with the possibility of a subsidy applying if a disease investigation is required.

Please do not feed any food scraps and other waste to your livestock. It is illegal to feed any form of food scraps to pigs. The last FMD outbreak in the UK started from airline food waste being fed to pigs.

Remember, Esperance is a port town with an airport, a daily bus and hire car availability. Travellers can be in Esperance from overseas countries in less than 24 hours and have been known to carry livestock disease contamination on their boots, clothes and luggage. This can put us all, including you as a small landholder, on the front line of this form of transmission.

NEED TO KNOW MORE?

The Esperance veterinary clinic on Sheldon Road has multiple vets with a wide range of skills and specialties.

The Esperance South Coast Natural Resource Management (SCNRM) have worked with small landholders for several years, on a range of programs including the current Pests & Predation Program. ASHEEP have agreed to engage a local veterinarian to speak and update those attending on livestock health matters, plus a question and answer segment.



ASHEEP is a local producer group working with farmers on best practice matters relative to sheep, cattle and pastures. This work involves field trials, seminars & field days as well as the production of a regular newsletter.

Interested small landholders are welcome to attend these events or become a member to receive the newsletter. Visit the ASHEEP Esperance website or Facebook page for more information. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) website has some great information specifically for small landholders, Google: "DPIRD Small Landholder".