

Media Release

Queensland Innovative Sheep Network



A Future for the Younger Generation of Sheep & Wool Industries

Committee Members of the Queensland Innovative Sheep Network (QISN) came together on November 17th and 18th of November in Roma to collaborate ideas in a business planning workshop which will ensure a bright future for young sheep and wool enthusiasts. Attendees included founding organisation representatives from Queensland Merino Stud Sheepbreeders Association and Leading Sheep who assisted with laying down sound foundations for the network's direction and ongoing initiatives.

QISN is a network of young participants working together to create opportunities and change, ensuring ongoing prosperity of the Queensland sheep industries. The network believes that partnership between generations is the key to securing a profitable future. QISN are now researching the needs and gaps of the industry in order to educate people to bring about innovative change. As Chairman, Douglas Rodgers, stated "We are looking to close the generational gap and encourage new blood within the sheep and wool industries." And so, the committee is working hard to discover the best possible avenues to implement their vision, bring about change and educate the industries' members on these innovative opportunities.

Focusing on Queensland sheep industries and young people, the mission of QISN is:

- *To encourage participation and cultivate passion.*
- *To inspire collaboration across generations to ensure ongoing success and prosperity.*
- *To create opportunities for education and change through innovation and communication.*

Creating a voice for the industries' young people by young people.

The QISN are in the process of compiling a membership package so that more industry supporters under the age of 39 can come on board, participate in events and have input into future initiatives. In addition to this, the QISN will be working closely with the QMSSA, Leading Sheep and Agforce to deliver innovative and educational events across the state to bring all sheep and wool enthusiasts up to speed with current avenues of opportunity only available through the production of sheep and wool.

To get involved "like" our page on Facebook (Qld Innovative Sheep Network) to keep up to speed with network developments, upcoming events and opportunities.

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