

Queensland goat producers' forum

"Eskdale", Winton – 10am 19th June 2013

You are invited to come and hear what is driving continued growth in the goat meat industry and why goats present a very real opportunity in the region. Whether as a complement or alternative to conventional agricultural systems, goat production is being seriously considered by an increasing number of producers. The reasons behind this move and how to make the most of the opportunity goats present will be **discussed at a forum, supported by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA), to be held on Ian Elliott's property 'Eskdale', north-east of Winton Queensland on 19 June starting at 10am.**

Ian was one of the producers involved in the development of the *Going into Goats: A practical guide to producing goats in the rangelands* which was recently released by MLA. Together with his wife Sharon, Ian first tried his hand at goat production around 2003 and goats now play a large part in their business. The Elliott's not only breed goats, but also consolidate and transport them for the commodity export and domestic abattoir markets. Last year they sold around 8,000 goats with approximately 800 heading overseas as part of export shipments. Ian and Sharon's enterprise is profiled in *Going into Goats: A practical guide to producing goats in the rangelands* along with the enterprises of another 19 leading rangeland goat producers from around the country. The combined experience of these producers, as well as outcomes from world class research, is presented in the guide which will be discussed during the forum on 19 June.

***Going into Goats: A practical guide to producing goats in the rangelands* will be presented at the forum on June 19 as part of a thought provoking program that will include presentations on:**

- Wild dog control;
- The nutritional value of rangeland plants and the nutritional requirements of goats;
- The current state of the goat industry, including markets and marketing opportunities; and
- A practical tour of Ian Elliott's goat handling facilities and goat herd.

For more information on the forum, how to get to Eskdale and to RSVP please contact Ian and Sharon Elliott 07 4741 7326 or myself by Friday June 14th. We look forward to seeing you there

Cheers

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