

# Feedlot day at Wakool

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MORE than 100 local farmers and agriculture experts attended a feedlot information day in Wakool late last month.

Held at the Wakool Club, and organised by the Young Country Networkers (YCN) in partnership with Western Murray Land Improvement Group, the day consisted of a morning livestock feedlot workshop session followed by tours of two local feedlots in the afternoon.

YCN president Ben Pearse said the event was the first in a series of events the YCN will host, supported by funding under the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Young Farmer Business Program.

"It was a great attendance from a variety of people coming from Lalbert, Piangil, Moulamein, Barham, Deniliquin and Wakool," Mr Pearse told *The Guardian*.

"It was great to see a fantastic turnout, I'm amazed at the number of young farmers and agriculture professionals here in the district forming their own way."

Livestock expert Geoff Duddy,



More than 100 people attended a feedlot information day at the Wakool Club last month. **Pictures supplied.**

of Sheep Solutions, presented the workshop material, discussing the topics of feedlotting versus containment feeding, cost of feed and comparison of different systems.

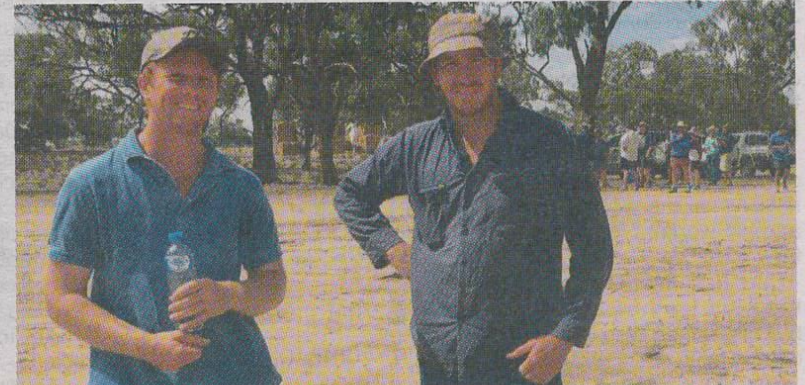
With more than 30 years experience in all aspects of sheep reproduction, management and marketing, Mr Duddy discussed the importance of feeding sheep protein to build muscle, wool and encourage growth.

"It was great to look at two different feedlot concepts, it gave me some ideas about what we can

implement and where to look for more information," YCN member Jono Alexander said.

Mr Duddy also discussed the pros, cons, dos and don'ts associated with both sheep and beef feedlots and the benefits such systems have in terms of whole farm management.

The second part of the day featured a visit to Dennis Gleeson's Colligen Creek Feedlot where participants were able to see a well-established setup for finishing off prime lambs first-hand.



Local farmers discuss feedlot management in Wakool.

Attendees also visited Bibby families farm to learn about 'drought proofing' their sheep enterprise and utilising the best feed rations to enable efficient growth.

"Both farms were impressive with their set up and offered participants two different approaches and avenues from which they could learn and take home aspects to their own business," YCN member Charleton Glenn said.

Ms Glenn thanked Central Murray Best Wool and Best Lamb who supported the event and all those

who braved the heat to attend the day.

For further information about future Young Farmers Business Program events, visit their website: [farmtable.com.au/young-farmers-business-program/](http://farmtable.com.au/young-farmers-business-program/) or social media sites.

A 'bank ready' workshop is currently running in the region, which aims to prepare young people for buying their first business/property and creates awareness about how to form a relationship with a bank.