

Livestock matters

The newly re-funded Livestock Health and Biosecurity Victoria project is all about offering down-to-earth advice and information on animal health, welfare and bio-security - directly targeted to the livestock producer.

The project runs 12 events each year across Victoria, which gives farmers the opportunity to interact with expert speakers, on a range of important local issues.

People can also keep up to date, with a range of easy to access information, including fact sheets, either online or direct.

Livestock biosecurity is all about managing the risk and preventing the introduction of diseases, pests and weeds. And its potential spread to neighbouring properties.

Livestock Project Manager, Catherine James, is keen to talk face-to-face with farmers on issues that affect them.

“Not only do we talk about biosecurity, we cover animal health and welfare issues as well, such as Johnes disease, lamb survival and Q fever.

“We offer livestock producers important, practical information and tools to drive on-farm profitability, with an emphasis on endemic diseases that impact production,” she said.

A breakfast information session was held, under the project at Beaufort recently, based on feedback from the local Pyrenees LICE Group.

Participants enjoyed the variety of speakers covering integrated lice management, getting the most from electronic identification, the impact of the milk price drop on feed grain markets and improving lamb survival through ewe nutrition.

The project is an initiative of the VFF Livestock Group and is funded by the Cattle and Sheep and Goat Compensation Funds.

Catherine is keen for livestock producers to get in touch with her so she can find ways to help them. Contact Catherine on 0418 360 740, at cjames@vff.org.au, Twitter at [@vff_LHBV](https://twitter.com/vff_LHBV), or see her at an event near you.

