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FlyBoss strikes at Coleraine

Staff at Western Victorian business, McDonald Rural Services, Coleraine, have welcomed the Sheep Cooperative Research Centre's (CRC's) online tool FlyBoss as another good weapon in the battle against flystrike.

Flystrike, which caused major headaches in the last wet summer and autumn, is a costly problem in terms of treatment and lost production.

McDonald Rural Services sales representative David Coates recently held a Sheep CRC Flystrike Management workshop for producers, fellow employees and chemical sales people.

At this Workshop, which was presented by DPI staff, a demonstration of the FlyBoss online tool attracted considerable attention.

Mr Coates said the company had recently loaded FlyBoss onto an iPad to assist clients to make informed decisions on the management of their flystrike risk.

"We find it really useful in making sure producers are aware of chemical withholding periods and choosing the best product for their situation" he said.

"Timeliness of chemical application is critical in achieving good flystrike prevention and FlyBoss is a handy resource as it uses local weather information to assist with this" Mr Coates said.

The Sheep CRC's FlyBoss can be accessed free online at <http://www.flyboss.org.au/>

Other companies or groups wanting to host Flystrike workshops can contact Gary Hallam at DPI Horsham - (03) 53622111 or Sam Clayfield at DPI Ballarat - 0428 513 722.

Above: Gary Hallam from DPI with an iPad which is being used by one agronomy business to help clients win the battle with flystrike.