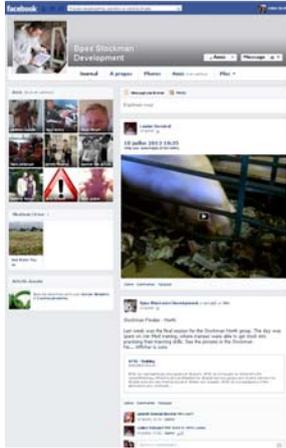




Stockman Facebook group member: Mark Lawton



Name: Mark Lawton

Age: 41

Background: Has only worked with pigs for 2.5 years; past experience was with sheep and cattle.

Has learnt a lot in that 2.5 years and wouldn't want to work in any other industry now

How often do you look at the Stockman Development Facebook page?

Two or three times a week. It allows me to learn while not learning on farm and to see other people's opinions. I can also do my own research into issues I come across on farm.

Do you check the Facebook page to remind yourself what was covered in Stockman Development course sessions?

Yes, and to see what other people have done on the same course in other regions.

What part of the page is the most useful to you?

The status updates which summarise each session and what was covered. The video clips and links to further information are also great for allowing me to expand my knowledge and learn more on the specific subject. I have also used the private messaging to ask a direct question.

How helpful was the Facebook page in answering any queries you had?

I messaged a direct question about my pig pens. Since getting the answer back it has allowed me to rethink how I work on a daily basis and I understand my pigs needs better.

Would you recommend joining the Facebook group to others on stockman training courses?

Definitely, especially if they are just coming into pigs and need to learn all they can about good stockmanship. It also opens your eyes to other people's opinions and viewpoints.

To join the group, log in to your account at www.facebook.com and search for 'BPEX Stockman Development'

More than 60 people have now joined the BPEX Stockman Development group on Facebook. It is for all pig stockmen across the country and is linked to the [BPEX Stockman Development](#) and [Stockman Plus courses](#).