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Bathurst for the
MerinoLink 2023
Conference!



2023 MERINOLINK CONFERENCE

Conference: Thursday 1st June 2023

Location: Rydges Mount Panorama, Bathurst NSW

Followed by...

MerinoLink Sire Evaluation Field Day

Friday 2nd June 2023

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TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

MerinoLink invites all of industry to join us in a fresh new location in Bathurst, NSW for our annual conference. The conference will feature the latest research presented by a broad spectrum of key industry presenters all hosted at the stunning Rydges Mount Panorama overlooking the famous Conrod Straight. There will be a brand new program of topics and line-up of speakers, plus the opportunity to attend the MerinoLink Sire Evaluation Field Day on-farm the day after the main conference program. The 2023 conference will be held on Thursday, June 1 commencing at approximately 8am. A delicious dinner will follow the day's proceedings featuring an exciting key-note speaker.

Tickets are now available for this premium industry event which draws attendees from across Australia. Don't miss this opportunity to surround yourself with like-minded people who are passionate about the sheep industry and hear the latest industry updates and innovations in an exciting one-day format.

We look forward to you joining us at the MerinoLink Conference23!

PURCHASE TICKETS VIA: bit.ly/mlconf2023 or scan the QR code

For discounted accommodation at The Rydges Mount Panorama

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Full event information at: merinolink.com.au/conference2023



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday 1st June: Conference - The Rydges Mount Panorama, Bathurst

MORNING				
			Start	Duration
Registration			7:30	
Opening Session	Chair: Rich Keniry			
Rich Keniry, Merinolink Chairman	<i>Welcome & Merinolink address</i>		8:15	15
Bridget Peachey, AWI R&D General Manager	<i>AWI Research portfolio</i>		8:30	30
		<i>Q&A Panel</i>	9:00	10
Melanie Smith, MLA Sheep Project Manager	<i>MLA Research portfolio</i>		9:10	30
		<i>Q&A Panel</i>	9:40	10
Morning tea			9:50	25
Making it to Market	Chair: Albert Gregory			
Elin Arnott, Woolmark	<i>The Amercian perception of wool</i>		10:30	15
Stephen Bignell, MLA	<i>Australian sheep meat markets and projections</i>		10:45	15
Leg stretch			11:00	5
Thrive and Survive	Chair: Greg Sheather			
Jim Meckiff, JM Livestock	<i>A 'Simplified' 'Classified' workshop</i>		11:05	20
Dr Caroline Jacobson, Murdoch University	<i>Weaner management for improved reproductive success in maidens</i>		11:25	20
Dr Gordon Refshauge, DPI Cowra	<i>Understanding cause of death to improve lamb survival</i>		11:45	20
		<i>Q&A Panel</i>	12:05	10
Lunch			12:15	50
AFTERNOON				
Genetic Gains	Chair: Callum Moody			
Professor Daniel Brown, UNE	<i>Early MLP Analysis Insights</i>		13:20	20
Sally Martin, SheepMetrix	<i>Industry focused outcomes from the DNA project</i>		13:40	20
Associate Professor Peter McGilchrist, UNE	<i>Phenotyping lambs to improve the accuracy of ASBVs</i>		14:00	20
		<i>Q&A Panel</i>	14:20	10
Leg stretch			14:30	5
Hour of Power	Chair: Flinn Design			
	<i>A program of short, sharp presentations from a panel of industry new-comers & early-career researchers</i>		14:35	45
		<i>Q&A Panel</i>	15:20	10
Afternoon tea			15:30	40
An afternoon with eID	Chair: Emily Ward, Allflex			
Hamish Dickson, Crown Agriculture	<i>A producer-focused industry panel dicussing the use of eID and how they have been implemented on farm</i>		16:10	20
Mathew Coddington, Roseville Park				
Charlie Dutton, Wellagalong Pastoral Co.				
		<i>Q&A Panel</i>	16:30	30
		<i>Close</i>	17:00	
Bar open from 5:00pm for pre-dinner drinks				
Dinner at the Rydges	<i>Welcome - 7pm</i>			
Beau Robinson, AG & T Leadership Group	<i>Keynote Speaker</i>			
Bowyer and Livermore	<i>Charity Dinner Auction</i>			

VENUE: The Rydges Mount Panorama
Bathurst

Friday 2nd June: Merinolink Sire Evaluation Field Day

Inspect the 2021 and 2022 drop sire evaluation progeny with latest results for each of the 30 sire groups. Listen to industry presentations and see a live ram breeding soundness evaluation complete with semen assessment.

Field Day			
2022 Site	9:00	Start	
	9:15	Welcome	15 mins
	9:30	AMSEA SE Presentation (Sheep on display until lunch)	45 mins
	10:30	Demonstration of AWI handpiece and Catch and Drag	Ongoing
	11:00	LLS Orange Industry Snapshot- Containment feeding project	20 mins
	11:30	Travel to the 2021 Site	
2021 Site	12:00	BBQ Lunch	
	12:30	Welcome	15 mins
	12:45	AMSEA SE Presentation (Sheep on display until 3pm)	45 mins
	13:30	Shed: Ram Breeding Soundness Evaluation	Ongoing
	15:00	Conference and field day ends	Ongoing