

# Beyond 2020

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A Barossa Improved Grazing Group Conference, supported by Natural Resources SA Murray-Darling Basin

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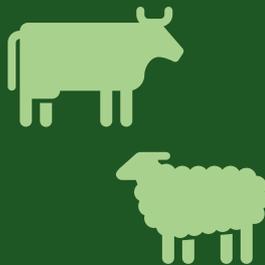


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Sports Psychologist,  
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### EDWARD SCOTT

Soil Scientist and  
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#### Also featuring:

Brian Hughes, Water storage and harvest  
Producer Panel: Ewe Containment Areas  
Brett Nietschke, Soil Moisture Monitoring  
Young Gun Panel

Tuesday  
February 18,  
2020

NURI SPORTS CENTRE, 13 PENRICE ROAD, NURIOOTPA

12:40 PM-9PM | FREE (BIGG members) | \$50 non-member

Includes: presentations, trade displays, afternoon tea and dinner

Register at: <https://bigg-beyond-2020-conference.eventbrite.com.au>

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TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
12.40pm	<b>Registrations open</b>	
1.00pm	<b>Welcome</b>	Georgie Keynes, Brett Nietschke & Deb Scammell, Technical Facilitator-Coordiators, BIGG
1.05 pm	<b>Managing the farm ecosystem</b> As a recipient of the 2018 Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship, Ruth will challenge producers to improve profitability and resilience by understanding energy, water and biological cycles on their land.	Ruth Sommerville, Producer and EO of Upper North Farming Systems Group
1.45pm	<b>Soil health</b> Practical, nitty, gritty information about improving local soil health and function. This includes an overview of looking after soils in a drying climate.	Edward Scott, Soil Scientist and Principal Consultant, Soil and Land Co.
2.20pm	<b>Soil moisture monitoring</b> The BIGG weather stations continue to measure local soil moisture and climate data, Brett will provide a rundown of the latest happenings of this BIGG project.	Brett Nietschke, Technical Facilitator, BIGG
2.45pm	<b>Innovative water harvest and storage solutions</b> With increasing water security issues across the Barossa, Brian will present several options for improving local water harvest and storage for livestock.	Brian Hughes, Soil and Land Management Consultant, PIRSA
3.05	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	Take the time to visit the trade displays presented by our wonderful sponsors
3.45pm	<b>Young guns panel</b> Hear from some of the local 'young guns' about what they think the future holds for the Ag Industry.	TBA
4.00pm	<b>Setting production goals using livestock technology</b> With the use of livestock technology increasing, what information should you be recording to make real production and profit changes in your business?	Michelle Cousins, Cousins Merino Services

4.20pm	<b>The future of livestock technology</b> The current gidgets and gadgets being used in the livestock industry and opportunities for the future	James Ellis, Trutest
4.35pm	<b>Ewe containment areas- producer panel</b> Hear from local producers about what does and doesn't work in their own ewe containment areas. Find out how they are increasing their production with BIGG's MLA Producer Demonstration Site Project.	Deb Scammell, Technical Facilitator, BIGG
4.55pm	<b>Best on ground- part 1</b> Motivating farmers to achieve their best on ground performance	Jenny Williams, Sports Psychologist, Best on Ground
6.00pm	<b>Networking and dinner</b>	A delicious selection of roast meats and salads from Texas Bull Machine
7.15-7.45pm	<b>Best on ground- part 2</b> Motivating farmers to achieve their best on ground performance	Jenny Williams, Sports Psychologist, Best on Ground
7.45-8pm	<b>BIGG round-up</b> Final messages from the Barossa Improved Grazing Group	BIGG
9.00pm	<b>Conference closes</b>	Thank you for your attendance!

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