

BUILDING RESILIENCE

STRATEGIES FOR A ROBUST GRAZING BUSINESS

VENUE: Lambert Estate, Angaston

DATE: Thursday 22 February 2018, 1pm for a 1:30 start

COST: \$50. Includes presentations, afternoon tea and dinner



RESILIENT PEOPLE

Mark Aiston

Former sports, television and radio personality



RESILIENT SOILS

David Hardwick

Agro-ecologist and soil fertility specialist



SOIL ACIDITY

Brian Hughes

Rural Solutions soil & land management consultant



CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Peter Toome

Specialist in telemetry for environmental monitoring

REGISTER AT: agcommunicators.com.au/events/building-resilience

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ALSO FEATURING:

- Maximise pasture production
- Technology demonstration
- Develop a management plan to build resilience in your pastures

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| TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER |
|------|---|---|
| 1:00 | Registrations open | |
| 1:30 | Welcome | Georgie Keynes, Conference facilitator and BIGG technical facilitator. |
| 1:45 | Soil health Looking after the heart of your farm's landscape; what is soil health and why it matters to you. | David Hardwick Soil Land Food |
| 2:15 | Combating acid soils Soil acidity is a threat to optimum pasture production. Learn how to test, assess and adjust soil pH, including local soil test results. | Brian Hughes, Rural Solutions, PIRSA |
| 2:45 | Afternoon tea | |
| 3:00 | Technology display The latest technologies to improve resilience in your livestock business | Local businesses |
| 3:45 | Maximising pasture production in a variable climate What pasture varieties are showing the most promise for year-round feed in a changing climate? | Georgie Keynes with Rehn Freebairn, Pasture Genetics |
| 4:15 | Understanding soil moisture data Soil moisture probes & weather stations provide a whole range of data. How can you interpret this information to inform decision making on your farm? | Peter Toome, TOIP |
| 4:45 | Soil moisture & climate information to manage climate variability Learn about how BIGG are taking soil moisture monitoring to the next level to provide useful and timely advice to producers | Brett Nietscke, BIGG technical facilitator and Koonunga producer |
| 5:00 | Using soil moisture and climate information to improve resilience How soil moisture monitoring fits within a strategy to manage risk and adapt to climate change | Mark Branson, Tarlee mixed farmer and former Nuffield scholar |
| 5:30 | Develop a management plan for your soils Use our proforma to develop a plan for your soils and pasture varieties, using climate information, with the support of all our experts | All speakers Facilitated by Georgie Keynes |
| 6:00 | Speaker panel Your chance to ask our expert speakers about soils, climate, pastures or anything else you want to know. | All speakers Facilitated by Georgie Keynes |
| 6.30 | Canapes and Landcare celebration BIGG are the winners of the 2017 Australian Government Excellence in Sustainable Farm Practices Award at the SA Landcare Awards. Let's all share a toast to celebrate! | Graham Keynes, BIGG Chair |
| 7:00 | Building resilience in life 5AA radio host and former sports commentator Mark Aiston talks about his lifelong battle with depression, alcohol and gambling. | Mark Aiston, Television and radio personality |
| 7:45 | Mains served | |
| 9:00 | Conference ends | |

