



Conference Program

TUESDAY 16 JULY 2019

3.00pm Pre-conference golf afternoon (optional extra)

5.00pm Welcome Reception, within exhibition

6.30pm onwards Dinner at the Farmers Arms Creswick (optional extra)

WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2019

7.45am – 8.30am Breakfast, within exhibition – Sponsored by Naracoorte Seeds

8.45am Welcome
Matt Mahoney, GSSA President
Craig Willis, MC

Session 1: Soils for pastures

9.00am The Grassland Society – Soundly Based and Continuing to Support Livestock Industries Well
John Gallienne, Life Member

9.20am Plant nutrition – Nitrogen
Lee Menhenett, Incitec Pivot Fertilisers

9.50am Know your Soil Health: Is it time for a check-up?
Dr Melissa Fraser, PIRSA Rural Solutions

10.20am Session 1 Q&A

10.30am Morning Tea, within exhibition

Session 2: Pasture management – Sponsored by Seed Force

11.00am Managing pasture composition: Doing the simple things well
Jim Virgona, Graminus Consulting

11.40am Managing forages for sustainable ruminant production
Dr (Paul) Long Cheng, The University of Melbourne

12.20pm Session 2 Q&A

12.30pm Lunch, within exhibition

Session 3
Pasture competition
Hepburn Room

Pasture productivity
Creswick Room

Pasture technology – Sponsored by Australian Wool Innovation
Lindsay Room

1.30pm Observations on the potential applications of microwave technology in agriculture
Muhammad Jamal Khan, The University of Melbourne

Pasture production and utilisation, WHY BOTHER!
Ian Dickenson AO

Big Trials and Big Data: A look at new technologies for next generation forages
Pieter Badenhorst, Agriculture Victoria Research

2.00pm Building knowledge of insects in pastures of south east Australia
Dr Jessica Lye, cesar

How barossa graziers are maximising pastures in a variable climate
Georgie Keynes, Barossa Improved Grazing Group

Precision technologies for pastures
Michael Wells
Delivered by Tim Prance

2.30 pm Underperforming legumes?
Dr Belinda Hackney, NSW Department of Primary Industries

Grazing management – understanding complex systems
Dr Warwick Badgery, NSW Department of Primary Industries

Using new technology on the farm
Scott Nicholson, Bretton Estate



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3.00pm	Afternoon Tea, within exhibition
Session 4: Pastures for the future	
3.30pm	Is the Super-demand cycle dead? <i>Simon Quilty</i>
4.00pm	New plant breeding technology – what's coming in next 10 years <i>Dr Noel Cogan, Agriculture Victoria Research</i>
4.30pm	Pastures for a future changing climate – economics <i>Dr John Webb Ware, Mackinnon Project, University of Melbourne</i>
5.00pm	Session 4 Q&A
6.30pm onwards	Conference Dinner – Sponsored by Heritage Seeds Reminisces of grassland farming from Michelangelo Mick – Mike Stephens, Founder of Meridian Agriculture

THURSDAY 18 JULY 2019	
7.30am	Breakfast – Sponsored by Nutrient Advantage
8.15am Annual General Meeting	
8.45am	Bus tour introduction
9.00am	Bus tour
1.00pm	Lunch, within exhibition
Session 5: Managing risk in a changing climate – 4 regions	
2.00pm	Farmer panel <i>Moderator: Jamie Tidy, Naracoorte Seeds</i> <i>Panellists: Andrew Cavill, Nathan Hahn, David de Pury and Jan Whistler</i>
3.00pm	Mac Troup Oration Vertically Integrated Agribusiness, is it sustainable? – The Meredith Dairy Story <i>Sandy and Julie Cameron, Meredith Dairy</i>
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Close and wrap <i>Matt Mahoney, GSSA President</i> <i>Craig Willis, MC</i>