

Program

12 August 2026	
8:00am	Arrival and registrations, tea and coffee
Session 1	
9:00am	Event welcome, housekeeping and forum schedule – 10 minutes Elizabeth Thelander – Meat & Livestock Australia
9:10am	MLA welcome and update – 40 minutes Michael Crowley – Meat & Livestock Australia
9:50am	WA market update – 30 minutes Brent Dancer – V&V Walsh
10:20am	HALO Grains Research and Development Centre project update – 40 minutes Ron Yates – Department of Primary Industries
11:00am	Morning tea
Session 2	
11:30am	Producer Demonstration Sites program – Productive pastures – 20 minutes Jenna Walliser – Gillamii Centre, Timm House – Barloo Merino Stud, Frazer House – Barloo Merino Stud
11:50am	Producer Demonstration Sites program – Liver biopsies in cattle – 20 minutes Dr Enoch Bergman – Swans Veterinary Services
12:10pm	From fences to algorithms: Virtual fencing in a mixed farming system – 20 minutes Stuart McAlpine – McAlpine Farms
12:30pm	Ten minutes of question time – panel of speakers from Session 2
12:40pm	Lunch
Session 3	
1:40am	Mixed farming approach – 35 minutes Nick Ayres – Greenough Specialty Ag
2:15pm	Animal health update – 25 minutes Zoetis
2:40pm	Virtual farm tour – ‘Hillcrest’, Gunning – 30 minutes Jen Medway – Penrose Pastoral
3:10pm	Afternoon tea
Session 4	
3:40pm	Australian Merino production trial – Benchmarking Merino genetics for improved flock performance and profitability – 30 minutes Craig Wilson – Convenor of the Australian Merino Production Trial
4:10pm	Improving meat quality and use of technology – 30 minutes Graham Gardiner – Murdoch University
4:40pm	Turning reproductive potential into reality – 40 minutes Jason Trompf – J.T. Agri-source Pty Ltd
Session 5	
5:20pm	Event wrap-up – 5 minutes Elizabeth Thelander – Meat & Livestock Australia
5:25pm	Networking drinks and canapes