



58TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BUILDING ON BASICS INVE\$T & GROW



Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 September 2017,
Mitchelton Wines, 470 Mitchellstown Rd, Nagambie, Vic

Program

Tuesday 5 September 2017		
5.00pm	Registration and Welcome Reception	
Wednesday 6 September 2017		
8.30am	Welcome and Introduction	Nick McBride, GSSA President
8.45am	Session 1: Theme – Soils – Sponsor Introduction	
8.50am	Building on Basics – What are the Basics?	Jim Shovelton, Senior Consultant, Meridien Agriculture, Euroa
9.10am	Strategies to improve N ₂ -fixation by sub-clover and lucerne	Ross Ballard, Senior Scientist, SARDI
9.40am	Managing the phosphorus cycle in clover-based pasture for more effective use of P-fertiliser inputs	Dr Richard Simpson, Research Scientist, CSIRO Agriculture & Food, ACT
10.10am	Panel discussion	
10.35am	Morning tea	
11.05am	Session 2: Risk Management/Farm Management – Sponsor Introduction	
11.10am	Starting out, buying land, and expanding – a banker's perspective	Matt Steendam, Agribusiness Relationship Manager, Rural Bank, Gippsland
11.40am	Maintaining and Improving the Profit of Grazing Farm Businesses	Associate Professor Bill Malcolm, Agricultural Economist, University of Melbourne
12.10pm	Nothing ventured, nothing gained...	Mark Ritchie, Farmer, Mansfield
12.30pm	Panel discussion	
12.45pm	Collect lunch, coats and boots, and board buses for farm visits	
1.00pm	Buses depart from Mitchelton Winery. Farm visit - "Merangul", Violet Town - 4,000 acres, with 4,000 self replacing composite ewes and 300 mainly Angus cows and 280 weaners. Farm visit - Toland Merino Stud - "Feltrim", Violet Town - 650 acres, with 4,500 sheep	
5.30pm	Buses return to Mitchelton Winery	
6.30pm	Conference Dinner and networking, including dinner speaker	Trevor Fleming, Marketing & Communications Manager, Greenham Tasmania Cape Grim Beef
Thursday 7 September 2017		
7.30am	Breakfast, including Breakfast sponsor	
8.15am	GSSA Annual General Meeting	
8.55am	Mac Troup Oration – Sponsor Introduction	
9.00am	Mac Troup Oration-Is the US and global meat markets entering into a super demand cycle?	Simon Quilty, Independent Meat and Livestock Analyst
9.45am	Session 3: Pastures and feedbase – Sponsor Introduction	
9.50am	Sub clover management	Dr Phillip Nichols, Senior Research Officer (DPIRD); Adjunct Associate Professor (UWA School of Agriculture and Environment), WA
10.15am	Morning Tea	
10.45am	Local farmer discussion about on-farm practices – What's working and what's not, future plans	David DePury, Farmer, Coldstream
11.05am	What to know when you sow. ASF website tour	Bill Fuller, CEO, Australian Seed Federation (ASF)
11.35am	Panel discussion: Available alternatives to standard pasture, filling feed gaps	Alison Frischke, Livestock Systems Officer, Birchip Cropping Group. Michelle McClure, Hamilton Branch Coordinator, Southern Farming Systems. Dr Michael Wilkes, Senior Research Associate, University of Adelaide
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	Session 4: Livestock grazing and performance – Sponsor Introduction	
1.35pm	Myth busting livestock nutrition	Dr Jim Gibbs, Veterinarian and ruminant nutrition Scientist, Lincoln University, New Zealand
2.05pm	Stocking rate vs risk management. How far can you push the system with cattle?	John Day, Director, Stocker Day Enterprises
2.25pm	Maximising reproduction in sheep/profitability	James Brady, Farm Management & Pasture Agronomy Advisor, NSW
2.55pm	Questions and conference close	

Registration fees	GSSA Member	Non-Member	Members Associate	Student
Full registration – includes Welcome reception (Tuesday), 2 days conference sessions including morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, Bus trip to local farms (Wednesday), Conference dinner, including guest speaker (Wednesday), Conference breakfast (Thursday), Printed Conference proceedings and Conference satchel	\$330	\$430*	\$250**	\$150***

One day registration prices and additional dinner tickets are also available.

Program subject to change, all prices shown include GST.

* Includes GSSA membership for 2017/18

** Members Associate (spouse, sibling, parent/child, farm partner) – when accompanying a GSSA member (does not include satchel or conference proceedings).

*** Student ticket does not include dinner.

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