

Conference Program

DAY 1	TUESDAY 28 JULY Wests' Diggers Auditorium, 4 Kable Avenue, Tamworth
	<i>Sponsor spotlight: Jack Madgwick, Corteva Agriscience</i>
5.30 pm	Registrations and Welcome Reception & Canapes - Smokey's Bar & Grill
DAY 2	WEDNESDAY 29 JULY Wests' Diggers Auditorium, 4 Kable Avenue, Tamworth
	OPENING
8.00 am	Registrations - Auditorium Foyer
8.45 am	WELCOME - Lester McCormick, Chairperson, Pastures & Grazing NSW
8.55 am	KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Karen Penfold (Four Daughters Beef)
SESSION 1	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Session chaired by Melissa Mooney, RAB
9.55 am	Strengthening financial management practices <i>Melissa Mooney, Agri Lending Specialist, Regional Australia Bank</i>
10.30 am	MORNING TEA, TRADE DISPLAYS AND POSTERS
SESSION 2	LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION SYSTEMS Session chaired by Bill Mitchell, Optiweigh
11.00 am	Pastures for high performance beef and lamb enterprises <i>Ed Clayton, Livestock Research Officer, NSW DPIRD: Ed will detail some of his research projects on animal nutrition and what is influencing higher animal performance.</i>
11.30 am	High performance beef production (producer perspective) <i>Don and Jason Mack (Mitiamo Pastoral Co, Bingara) will detail the management they use in their own production system as well as the technologies they have incorporated. They will also discuss the skills they have had to acquire to manage a productive operation.</i>
12.00 noon	New Technologies: Using AI in pastures and grazing Systems <i>Tristan Steventon, Founder & CEO, Stevtech - Agricultural Intelligence. Tristan will discuss what AI technologies are out there and what can we incorporate from AI into our grazing systems.</i>
12.30 pm	SITE VISITS
	LUNCH (packed lunch for site visits)
	TOUR A: Managing acid soils - Tour leader: Bill Manning (North West LLS) <i>"Gunnalong" Bendemeer. Inspect improved pasture that has had lime incorporated before sowing. Hear from the owners Tom, Rachel and Matt Rummery.</i> <i>Carol Harris, Senior Research Scientist, NSW DPIRD and Jason Condon, Associate Professor, CSU will provide an update on liming research and results from the HIPPO trial on "The Plateau" at Kingstown.</i>
	TOUR B: Optimising beef grazing systems for better returns - Tour leader: Lester McCormick (PGNSW) <i>"Riverbend" Barraba. The owners, Will & Stacey Sedgwick will detail their beef enterprise and how they manage pastures to achieve their goals. They will also discuss how they incorporate the Optiweigh system into the management of their enterprise. Bill Mitchell and Max Johnstone from Optiweigh will be on hand to present current data on the Optiweigh system.</i>



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TOUR C: Lamb preparation and processing - Tour leader: Georgie Oakes (Northern Tablelands LLS)

This tour of Tamworth Foods International's sheep abattoir by Andrew Jackson, New England Livestock Manager offers small groups an inspection of the abattoir. You will hear what the buyers are looking for when purchasing sheep for their clients, as well as tips on lamb preparation for sale.

AFTERNOON TEA (site visits) Tours return by 5.00 pm at the latest

6.00 for 6.30 pm **CONFERENCE DINNER** Wests Diggers Auditorium

7.00 pm 3-course alternate drop menu, with after dinner speaker, Nigel Brown to entertain us.

DAY 3 THURSDAY 30 JULY | Wests' Diggers Auditorium, 4 Kable Avenue, Tamworth

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SESSION 3 MANAGING THE BUSINESS

Sponsor spotlight: Hamish Munro, Pairtree

9.00 am **Communication Skills - Let's Talk Tactics**

Malinda Guest, Director & Principal Clinical Psychologist, Boundless Psychology. Malinda will discuss communication strategies, how to work through difficult emotional conversations, conflict resolution and problem-solving.

Sponsor spotlight: Tony Stewart, Elders Rural Services

10.00 AM **MORNING TEA, TRADE DISPLAYS AND POSTERS**

SESSION 4 MANAGING THE PASTURE BASE | Session chaired by Laughlan Stewart, DLF Seeds

10.30 am **The latest on tropical pasture research**

Carol Harris, Senior Research Scientist, NSW DPIRD. Carol will detail the results of the research and what is coming up next for tropical pastures. (Paper co-written by Carol Harris and Suzanne Boschma, DPIRD)

11.00 am **Diversifying the feedbase (producer perspective)**

Lorroi & Justin Kirkby, "Amarula" Gravesend. The Kirkbys presented at the 2019 Grassland Conference at Gunnedah. They will detail their experiences since then and any changes they have made to their management.

11.30 am **Identification and management of pasture dieback**

Ted Callanan, Pasture Agronomist - Sown Pastures QDPI. Ted has experienced Pasture Dieback in the Darling Downs of Queensland and will detail the management successes they have recorded.

SESSION 5 MANAGING THE SOIL BASE | Session chaired by Allan Peake, Meat & Livestock Australia

12.00 pm **New directions on managing soil acidity**

Jason Condon, Associate Professor, CSU will detail how the thinking on managing acid soils with lime have changed including top-dressed and incorporated lime.

12.30 pm **Impact of grazing management on soil carbon**

Warwick Badgery, Research Leader - Rangelands and tropical Pastures NSW DPIRD. Warwick will detail results from his long term grazing trial and the interaction of grazing and rest periods on Soil Organic Carbon.

1.00pm **CONFERENCE CLOSE AND LUNCH**

