



SA Sheep Industry Forum

Thursday, 13th March 2014

Venue: Plant Research Centre, Waite (Meeting room 1 & 2)

Program

- 9.30 am Welcome & introductions
- 10.00 am **'Skills and approaches for successful farming systems'**
Guest speaker – Basil Doonan, Macquarie Franklin, Tasmania
- 10.45 am Livestock Biosecurity Network
Patrick Kluver, Regional Officer
- 11.10 am Exotic disease outbreak – role of industry
Roger Paskin, Chief Veterinary Officer, Biosecurity SA
- 11.30 am Livestock SA update
Richard Halliday, President Livestock SA
- 11.45 am Experiences with the bushfires – livestock assessment and recovery
Jeremy Rogers, Senior Veterinary Officer, Biosecurity SA
- 12.15 pm Water security
Michael Richards, Northern & Yorke NRM
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 1.00 pm Issues that need to be addressed - all
- 2.00 pm AWI industry outlook & update
Paul Swan, General Manager – Research, Australian Wool Innovation Ltd.
- 2.20 pm MLA industry outlook
Renelle Jeffrey, Research Extension Manager – Sheep
- 2.40 pm SA Sheep Advisory Group update
Luke Fitzgerald, Executive Officer, SASAG
- 3.00 pm Afternoon tea
- 3.20 pm Program/activity update - speed talks:
SheepConnect SA – Glen Tilley, Chair, SCSA Project Advisory Group
Making More from Sheep – Pene Keynes
Future Farm Landscapes – Ian McFarland
Building Farmer & Advisor Knowledge in Carbon Farming – Tim Prance
Future Farm Industries CRC – Andrew Smith
Sheep CRC lean meat yield – Bruce Hancock
Lambex – Allan Piggott
MLA Participatory R&D – Pene Keynes
- 4.30 pm Questions
- 4.40 pm Overview from group session
- 4.55 pm Summary – *Luke Fitzgerald*
- 5.00 pm Close

Selected Speaker Profiles

Basil Doonan

Basil has had 20 years' experience in farm business management, training and consultancy. He has worked extensively in Australia and overseas in grazing industries primarily consulting to farm business owners and managers and developing and delivering farmer training. He has consulted too many farm owners and managers and has developed successful business strategies to suit their individual requirements.



Basil specialises in pasture based grazing systems and their management. He is currently consulting to 20 dairy businesses and 15 beef businesses on a monthly basis. He is also involved in the purchase and management of dairy properties in Tasmania on behalf of investors.

Dr Patrick Kluver

Patrick has a wealth of experience in endemic and exotic disease control. This includes carrying out research into Ovine Johne's disease for the Victorian Government, and working as a lecturer in sheep medicine and production at the University of Melbourne Veterinary School for five years.



Patrick worked with the university's beef and sheep consultancy group, the Mackinnon Project at the Veterinary School at Werribee, regarded as Australia's leading teaching, research and advisory service for sheep and beef.

In 2007 Patrick accepted a position with the CSIRO's Australian Animal Health Laboratory, working mostly in Indonesia to strengthen their laboratory networks.

Patrick has now taken on the role of Livestock Biosecurity Network Regional Officer for Victoria. He is also looking after South Australia until a local officer is employed.

Richard Halliday

Richard has worked in the wool industry all his life. He is the principal partner of Callowie Pty Ltd and Callowie Poll Merino Stud - a family farming business at Bordertown. This is a mixed farming enterprise of stud and commercial merino sheep, wool, prime lamb production, lucerne seed and hay. Richard is President of Livestock SA, Senior Vice President of WoolProducers Australia, and a member of the SA Sheep Advisory Group. He is also a facilitator of the Rural Industries Skills Training Lifetime Ewe Management program.



Dr Roger Paskin

Roger Paskin joined Biosecurity SA as South Australia's Chief Veterinary Officer last year. Roger has worked in animal health in Victoria since 2007 and previously with the Meat Board of Namibia and, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations in Italy.