



PERFECT PASTURES

OPTIMISING YOUR SUSTAINABLE GRAZING SYSTEM

A Barossa Improved Grazing Group Conference, supported by Natural Resources SA Murray-Darling Basin and Meat & Livestock Australia.

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Also featuring:

Simon Vogt, Rural Directions
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Ian McFarland, SheepConnect SA
Andrew Jaeschke, Glen Rufus Park, Eden Valley

Thursday
February 16,
2017

LAMBERT ESTATE, 55 LONG GULLY RD, ANGASTON

1:30PM-9PM | \$50 PER PERSON

Includes: presentations, site visits, afternoon tea and dinner

Register at: agcommunicators.com.au/events/2017-perfect-pastures-conference

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| TIME | TOPIC | PRESENTER |
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| 1.30pm | Registrations open | |
| 1.50pm | Welcome | Georgie Keynes and Brett Nietschke, Technical Facilitator-Coordination, BIGG |
| 2.00pm | The latest on pasture research Find out the latest results on acid soil projects and new pasture and legume varieties suited to the Barossa region. | Dr Alan Humphries, Principal Research Scientist, SARDI |
| 2.30pm | The now and the future – increasing wool and meat production per 100mm of rainfall Brenton Mosey currently runs a successful wool and prime lamb enterprise at Ngapala, west of Robertstown. Find out how focusing on pastures has improved the productivity of his sheep enterprise in this interactive session. | Daniel Schuppan, Animal Production Specialist, Landmark and producer Brenton Mosey, Robertstown |
| 3.00pm | Understanding Pasture Principles This MLA-funded program provides many benefits for producers, find out what different pasture species you should be looking to grow and how best to utilise them to increase profits. | Simon Vogt, Agribusiness Consultant, Rural Directions |
| 3.20pm | Using grape marc to overcome feed gaps in pasture production Learn how a commonly found by-product can be used as a feed source for ruminant production. | Mariana Caetano, Postdoctorate Research Fellow, University of Adelaide, Roseworthy Campus |
| 3.30pm | Sponsor spot | Natural Resources SAMDB |
| 3.35pm | Afternoon tea | A selection of delicious fresh local produce and tea and coffee provided by Handmade Catering |
| 3.50pm | Head to site visit 1: Keyneton | A/C tour bus and cold water supplied |

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| 4.20pm | <p>Combating acid soils</p> <p>A practical lesson on learning how to diagnose when acid soil is an issue on your property and learning more about different liming options that can be used to counteract it.</p> | Brian Hughes and David Woodard, Soil and Land Management Consultants, PIRSA |
| 4.50pm | <p>Pasture varieties for a changing climate</p> <p>The latest results from BIGG's Pasture Demonstration Sites - find out what varieties and blends have shone so far!</p> | Georgie Keynes, Technical Facilitator-Coordinator, BIGG |
| 5.10pm | <p>Head to site visit 2: Eden Valley</p> | A/C tour bus and cold water supplied |
| 5.40pm | <p>Boosting productivity with lucerne pastures</p> <p>Three years ago, after the devastating fires which tore through the region, Andrew Jaeschke first planted lucerne pastures on his Eden Valley property. Find out what have been the critical factors for success and how it has helped boost production.</p> | Andrew Jaeschke, Producer, Glen Rufus Park, Eden Valley |
| 6.10pm | <p>GreenSeeker – Technological advances</p> <p>Learn more about the benefits of GreenSeeker in assessing pastures and optimising pasture utilisation.</p> | Ian McFarland, Coordinator, SheepConnect SA |
| 6.30pm | <p>Depart for Lambert Estate</p> | A/C tour bus and cold water supplied |
| 7.00pm | <p>Arrive at Lambert Estate</p> | |
| 7.10pm | <p>Entrees and drinks served</p> | A selection of delicious fresh local produce provided by Handmade Catering |
| 7.30pm | <p>Resilience in farming communities</p> <p>Inaugural 2016 Australian Rural Consultant of the Year and Stock Journal columnist Ken Solly will discuss the importance of resilience on and off farm.</p> | Ken Solly, Solly Business Services, Naracoorte |
| 8.10pm | <p>Mains served</p> | Two choices of mouth-watering mains from a seasonal fresh menu provided by Handmade Catering. |
| 9.00pm | <p>Conference closes</p> | |

