

Focus on Food and Fibre 2019 Conference

Preliminary Program

8:30	Doors Open/ Refreshments & be Seated.
8:45	Introduction
9:00	Servicing the Human Vehicle
9:00 – 9:30	The human ingredient in our business. <i>Alex Donahue, Mental Health Occupational Therapist</i>
9:30 – 10:10	From the bush to the big city via rugby league. <i>Shane Webcke, former Australian rugby league test player</i>
10:10 - 10:15	SQNRM plug.
10:15	Morning Tea
10:45	Technical Industry Updates – Choose Your Session
	Irrigation
10:50 – 11:30 (40 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cotton to market (brand development) and the Better Cotton Initiative. <i>Hamish McIntyre, Chair of Cotton Australia</i>
11:30 – 12:00 (30 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The local cotton supply chain. <i>Ben Suttor, Regional Manager, QLD Cotton</i>
12:00 – 12:30 (30 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Irrigation Innovation <i>Rob Jakins, local cotton grower</i>
	Dryland Farming
10:50 – 11:30 (40 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building resilient farming systems. <i>Andrew Erbacher, Research Agronomist, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries</i>
11:30 – 12:30 (1 hr)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-peril Insurance. <i>Andrew Trotter, Founding Director, Latevo Farmers Mutual</i>
	Livestock
10:50 – 11:30 (40 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Setting the livestock enterprise strategy – lessons from benchmarking data. <i>John Francis, Director/Consultant, Holmes Sackett</i>

11:30 – ▪ The technology workshop – making the most of hand-held devices.
12:00 *Peter Scott, Manager of Education and Training at Queensland Agricultural
(30 Training College (QATC).
mins)*

12:00 – ▪ Alternate funding methods for restocking and generating revenue after the
12:30 drought.
(30 *Tim Pryor, Chief Operating Officer, StockCo Livestock Finance.
mins)*

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Technical Industry Updates Continued

Irrigation

1:35 – • Farm Infrastructure and irrigation design.
2:00 *Glen Lyons, Irrigation Consultant, GL Irrigation Pty Ltd
(30 mins)*

Dryland Farming

1:35 – • Evolving grain marketing – strategies for today’s market
2:00 *Gerard Doherty, Commodity Broker, Knight Commodities
(30 mins)*

Livestock

1:35 - ▪ The position of red meat domestically and international and what role does
2:00 Meat and Livestock Australia play.
(30 *Toby Pitt, Analyst, Meat and Livestock Australia
mins)*

2:05 – Return to single stage
2:10

2:10 – Funding opportunities for agricultural businesses in the Balonne shire.
2:25 *Garnet Radford, Economic Development Officer, Balonne Shire Council
(15 mins)*

2:30 – Key management influences on regenerative grazing and farming systems.
3:00 *Matt Barton, Senior Teacher, Resource Consultancy Services
(30 mins)*

3:00 Afternoon Tea

3:30 Supply Chain Resilience – Panel Discussion

Andrew Jurgs
Carpendale Commodities

Bryce Camm
Chief Executive Officer, Camm Agricultural Group, ALFA President

Paul Leonard

Livestock Manager, Thomas Foods International

Ben Suttor
QLD Cotton

5:00 – Wrap up

5:15

5:40 Conference Close