

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tuesday 24 July

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm PRE-CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS (*Joyes Hall*)
6:00 pm Grassland Society of NSW AGM (*Gulballanna Room in the CSU Convention Centre near Joyes Hall*)

Wednesday 25 July

7:30 am – 8:30 am REGISTRATIONS
8:45 am WELCOME *President - Grassland Society of NSW.*
9:00 am Session 1

'Recognising and working within landscape limitations for increased productivity.' *Dr Belinda Hackney, District Agronomist, NSW DPI, Bathurst.*

'How has grazing management changed to utilise differences in the landscape? A follow up to the 2001 Gundagai conference?' *Rodney Purcell, Producer, Brungle.*

POSTER PAPERS, MORNING TEA & TRADE DISPLAYS

11:00 am - Session 2

'Soil Carbon, variation across the landscape' *Susan Orgill, Research Officer, Soil Carbon, NSW DPI, Wagga Wagga.*

'Alternative Fertilisers, what do pasture trial results tell us?' *Fiona Leech, District Agronomist, NSW DPI, Yass*

'Humic products - Potential or presumption for agriculture? Can humic products improve my soil?' *Kim Billingham, Project Officer – Agronomist, NSW DPI, Taree.*

12:30 pm - LUNCH

1:00 pm - Session 3

BUS TOURS DEPART

Tour A - High Rainfall Tablelands (**Rosewood & Tarcutta**) Sponsored by **Bendigo Bank, Agribusiness Banking, Wagga Wagga, Tarcutta Rural Supplies, Tarcutta and Anderson's Agriservices.**

Perennial pastures the key to successful beef production. Visit a fantastic undercover set of cattle yards that allow cattle work to be done snow, rain, hail or shine at Rosewood.

Prime Lamb production, making the most of the landscape.

Tour B - Cross Property Planning (**Kyeamba**)

Visit a group of farmers in the Kyeamba Valley that have undertaken a Cross Property Planning sequence to better manage agriculture in the landscape.

Tour C – Mixed farming tour (Wagga – Narrandera). Inspect pasture variety and crop sequencing trials - EH Graham Centre. Corporate farm - sheep grazing, cropping, irrigation and state of the art, architect designed woolshed. Lucerne hay production.

5:30 pm RETURN

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm PRE-DINNER DRINKS and CANAPES (beer, wine and soft drinks only)

7:00 pm CONFERENCE DINNER at Wagga Wagga RSL Club & GUEST SPEAKER

HAY & SILAGE COMPETITION - Sponsored by Integrated Packaging, New Holland Agriculture, Pioneer and NSW DPI Feed Quality Service. For further details phone Neil Griffiths on (02) 4939 8948.

Thursday 26 July

8:30 am - Session 4

'Phosphorus in the landscape: a sustainable phosphorus future for Australian pastures' *Dr Richard Simpson, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO Plant Industry.*

'Grassgro helped me fine tune my farming system, how can it help you?' *Oliver Cay, Producer, Cooma.*

'Why fertilise native pastures?' *Doug Alcock, Livestock Officer (Sheep and Wool), NSW DPI, Cooma.*

POSTER PAPERS, MORNING TEA & TRADE DISPLAYS

11:00 am - Session 5

'Effect of fertiliser on the productivity and persistence of perennial native grasses.' *Mike Keys, Agronomist, Chris Houghton Agricultural, Queanbeyan.*

'Intensive rotational grazing can improve profitability and environmental outcomes.' *Warwick Badgery, Research Agronomist, NSW DPI, Orange Agricultural Institute.*

'Perennial pasture species for the mixed farming zone - we don't have many options'. *Richard Hayes, Research Agronomist, NSW DPI, Wagga Wagga Agricultural Institute.*

LUNCH & TRADE DISPLAYS

1:20 pm - Session 6

'How a new decision support tool helps mixed farmers make pasture sowing decisions, to cover crop or sow alone.' *Jeff McCormick, Research Agronomist, NSW DPI, Wagga Wagga Agricultural Institute.*

'Increasing the proportion of female lambs by supplementary feeding oats high in omega-6 fatty acids at joining.' *Dr Edward Clayton, Livestock Research Officer, Ruminant Nutrition, NSW DPI, Wagga Wagga Agricultural Institute.*

'Q&A, what's the driving force behind our next generation of farmers? A 1 hour facilitated session to close the conference, with 4 to 6 <40 year old farmers discussing what is driving them in agriculture. What did they get out of the conference?' *Facilitated by Phil Graham.*

CLOSE & AFTERNOON TEA

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

2012/13 Membership can be paid prior to conference registration.

For further information go to www.grasslandnsw.com.au

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FULL Conference package¹ Student / Additional member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	n/a
FULL Conference package¹ (late) payment after 30 June	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300
Conference single day rate² Wednesday 25 July	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135
Conference single day rate³ Thursday 26 July	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135
Conference DINNER ONLY⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
Please indicate your BUS TOUR PREFERENCE	A or B or C	
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I would like to attend the Annual General Meeting	YES	NO
I would also like to pay my 2012 / 2013 MEMBERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 / <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 (Student)	
TOTAL		

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¹ **Full conference package** includes conference sessions on both days, conference proceedings, lunches, satchel, morning and afternoon teas, bus tours, canapes, and conference dinner.

² **Single day rate (Wednesday)** includes proceedings, satchel, conference sessions, bus tour, lunch, morning and afternoon teas. Rate does not include conference dinner.

³ **Single day rate (Thursday)** includes proceedings, satchel, conference sessions, lunch, morning and afternoon teas.

⁴ **Conference dinner** includes pre-dinner drinks (beer, wine and soft drink only), canapes and two course meal.

For further information or enquiries on the Conference please call the Conference Convenor Nathan Ferguson on 0419 616 154 or email nathan.ferguson@dpi.nsw.gov.au

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Conference registrations close Monday 16 July 2012
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