



AGRIFEST PROGRAM

March 31st “Overdale” Concongella

8.00 to 8.45	GATES OPEN Register - View Displays			
Keynote Speakers 8.45 to 10.00	WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS main marquee MICK KEOGH – CEO Australian farm Institute <i>Global food insecurity or fussy consumers; which will dominate global agricultural markets?</i> The current situation in global agricultural markets is a sharp contrast to the experiences of the last fifty years. What is driving these trends, and what do these trends mean for the future operation of farm businesses? Gaining a better understanding of the drivers behind these issues is critical for farm business managers seeking to increase profitability in the future. MARK WOOTTON – Jigsaw Farms <i>How farming can be part of the solution and not the problem in a climate and carbon constrained world.</i>			
10.00 to 10.45	MORNING TEA View Displays			
	GREEN Venue Sheep/wool/cropping	BLUE Venue The Future – Planning, Climate Change	PINK Venue Farming - some alternatives	ORANGE VENUE
First Session 10.45 to 11.30	1. Andrew Whitlock Farm Mapping for Improved Decision Making Agriculture technologies can be integrated with local knowledge to generate actions for improved decision making. Technologies include satellite imagery, elevation and soil conductivity mapping, yield maps and GIS data management systems.	2. Rob Herrmann Marketing your farm produce – the game is changing Today the market is left to find its own price levels, subject to supply & demand, currency and other international influences. Options exist to help you take control over the price of their produce.	3. Lana Mitchell From passion to profit – new rural industries for Australia There are some 32 different recognised new rural industries. From olives, to alpacas; from truffles to wildflowers -the list is as diverse as our country and our people. Collaboration, networking, sharing resources can improve your income.	BUS FARM TOUR George Holden <i>Erosion control</i>
Second session 11.30 to 12.15	4. Cam Nicholson Grain and Graze 2 Combining crops and livestock on farm has potential to significantly increase the profitability of farming businesses if we get the mix right and integration right. Cam Nicholson will discuss some of the key integration issues for mixed farming and share some insights on areas such as grazing crops and crop / pasture rotations, including the latest research.	5. Nigel McGuckian Navigating a pathway into future farming The greatest future challenge in agriculture will be finding and keeping talented and enthusiastic people. Learn pathways to bring people into your business, develop them and make room for them by helping people move out of the business	6. Andrew Lang Farming energy crops Farmers turning agricultural and plantation wastes and residues into saleable energy - as heat, electricity and fuels, and to farm carbon and environmental benefits.	BUS FARM TOUR George Holden <i>Whole Farm Planning</i>
12 15 to 2.00	LUNCH View Displays & Exhibitor presentations			
Third Session 2.0 o 2.45	7. Cam Conboy Pasture research Choosing and establishing the right pasture species for your enterprise is a crucial decision. Cam will talk about the latest developments in pasture seed breeding and trials.	8. Neil Barr Farming communities of the 21st Century Who will be farming in 20 years time? What might the farming lifestyle be? What might farming communities look like?	8. Claire Bibby Young women in agriculture There are both challenges & opportunities within the Agricultural Finance industry for women. Claire will talk about the challenges and opportunities for women taking on more involvement with Farm Management and Agribusiness.	BUS FARM TOUR George Holden <i>Erosion control measures</i>
Fourth Session 2.45 to 3.30	10. Jason Trompf Best Wool/Best Lamb Best Wool/Best Lamb is an industry owned extension program that delivers economic, environmental and social benefits to wool and sheep meat producers	11. Ben Keogh Monetising Carbon Assets, can you afford it? Ben will look at the rules of carbon trading and help you decide if trading carbon from your farm is the right management choice for you.	12. Geoff Park What is the case for large-scale landscape restoration? Landscape scale biolinks advocate the transformation of agricultural land to a more biodiverse state. What is desirable/feasible from an ecological and social perspective?	BUS FARM TOUR George Holden <i>Whole Farm Planning</i>
3.30 to 4.00	SUMMARY AND SHORT EVALUATION SESSION AT MAIN MARQUEE			
4.00 to 5.00	View Displays			