

# GROWING

## SA 2017

### CONFERENCE

## THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES

**FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2017**

ADELAIDE HILLS CONVENTION CENTRE  
145A MOUNT BARKER ROAD, HAHNDORF

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## EVENT PROGRAM

### Thursday 10 August 2017

6.00pm	You are invited to attend an informal dinner with the Boards of Livestock SA and Grain Producers SA and speakers who are arriving early. Dinner is at own cost and all are welcome.	VENUE: Main conference centre
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### Friday 11 August 2017

From 7.00am	Informal buffet breakfast available for those staying at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre. Breakfast is at own cost and all are welcome.	VENUE: Main conference centre
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From 8am	Registrations. Tea and coffee on arrival. Exhibition open	VENUE: Main conference centre auditorium
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TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
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#### Session 1: Primary production, competition and investment

**VENUE: Main conference centre auditorium**

8.30am	<p><b>Primary production is GROWING SA</b></p> <p>The food and wine industries were valued at \$18.64 billion in 2015-16 and the grains and livestock industries are an integral part of this figure – and a cornerstone of South Australia's economy. As leader of Primary Producers SA, the state's overarching cross-commodity organisation, Rob Kerin will set the scene for the day's sessions by outlining the industry's priorities for the 2018 election, where action is needed and what are some of the key issues that must be overcome to ensure agriculture's continued growth and success.</p>	<p><b>Rob Kerin</b> <i>Executive Chairman Primary Producers SA</i></p>
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8.45am	<p><b>Creating an efficient and competitive agricultural sector</b></p> <p>Mick Keogh was appointed as the ACCC's first agricultural commissioner in 2016 to identify competition and trade issues in the industry. After nearly 18 months in the role, he will outline his views on issues constraining agriculture and what needs to change, such as 'right to farm' issues, competition policy and supermarket powers, free trade agreements and data access in rural areas.</p>	<p><b>Mick Keogh</b> <i>Executive Director of the Australian Farm Institute and Commissioner, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i></p>
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9.20am	<p><b>Funding a bright and competitive future for agriculture</b></p> <p>Duxton manages or advises assets of approximately \$US700 million, of which \$US460 million are agricultural investments. Ed Peter will provide insight into why agriculture is a shining light for investment, alternative funding models for farm ownership, whether or not foreign investment is good for Australia, appreciating land values and where the next big gains will come from in farm business management. Duxton is also managing the progress toward securing investment and production support for the Lucky Bay port facility on Eyre Peninsula.</p>	<p><b>Ed Peter</b> <i>Co-founder and Chairman Duxton Asset Management</i></p>
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9.55am	<p><b>National advocacy ... putting agriculture in the spotlight</b></p> <p>Operating across all economic, environmental and social issues and working with nearly 40 advocacy bodies across Australia, the National Farmers Federation's remit is huge. Tony Mahar will update recent successes by NFF in the backpacker tax, #DataDrought and #BetterBushComms campaigns and the organisation's renewed approach to 'advocacy'.</p>	<p><b>Tony Mahar</b> <i>Chief Executive Officer National Farmers Federation</i></p>
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10.15am	<b>Morning tea</b>	
11am	<p><b>SESSION 2A:</b> <b>Update for grain producers</b></p> <p><b>VENUE: Main conference centre auditorium</b> <i>Session sponsored by the Grains Research and Development Corporation</i></p> <p><b>Featuring:</b> <b>Steve Jefferies</b> <i>Managing Director, Grains Research and Development Corporation</i> The GRDC and your investment in research, development and extension.</p> <p><b>Richard Simonaitis</b> <i>CEO, Australian Export Grain Innovation Centre</i> Australia, and South Australia in particular, has an excellent reputation for providing clean, green agricultural products and working closely with trading partners to ensure their needs are met. Richard Simonaitis will outline market opportunities and give an overview of feedback overseas buyers of Australian grain are providing.</p> <p><b>Simon Vogt</b> <i>Consultant, Rural Directions</i> Simon Vogt will share his in-depth knowledge and experience on the key management-affected profit drivers in grain businesses. He will share insights from a recent GRDC project that has identified what high performing grain businesses do well to consistently achieve superior operating returns.</p>	<p><b>SESSION 2B:</b> <b>Livestock SA Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p><b>VENUE: Lakeview Function Room</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President's Report – Geoff Power</li> <li>• CEO's Report – Andrew Curtis</li> <li>• SA Cattle Advisory Group Update</li> <li>• SA Sheep Advisory Group Update</li> <li>• SA Sheep and Cattle Industry Blueprints Update - Allan Piggott</li> <li>• Open Forum</li> </ul>
12.30pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.30pm	<p><b>SESSION 3A:</b> <b>Update for livestock producers</b></p> <p><b>VENUE: Main conference centre auditorium</b> <i>Session sponsored by Meat &amp; Livestock Australia</i></p> <p><b>Featuring:</b> <b>Richard Norton</b> <i>Managing Director, Meat &amp; Livestock Australia</i> MLA and your research, development, adoption and marketing investment.</p> <p><b>Sandy McEachern</b> <i>Consultant, Holmes Sackett</i> Holmes Sackett is renowned for its work in farm benchmarking producers across Australia. Sandy will share his knowledge on benchmarking across livestock enterprise types and what the best producers are doing well.</p> <p><b>Ian Ware</b> <i>On-farm connectivity expert</i> Ian is an on-farm connectivity specialist who helps producers get their properties connected. Whether it be wifi across the farm, closed circuit TV, ear tag monitoring, trough and tank monitoring, Ian's expertise – which he will be free to share with producers throughout the day – can help turn a property struggling for internet connection into a modern day workplace.</p>	<p><b>SESSION 3B:</b> <b>Grain Producers SA Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p><b>VENUE: Lakeview Function Room</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grain Producers Australia Update – Andrew Weidemann, Chairman</li> <li>• Grain Industry Market Access Forum Update – Tony Russell, Executive Manager</li> <li>• Chairman's Report – Wade Dabinett</li> <li>• CEO's Report – Darren Arney</li> <li>• SAGIT Chairman's Report – Michael Treloar</li> <li>• Election results</li> <li>• Open forum</li> </ul>

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
3pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
	<b>SESSION 4: GROWING SA and your elected representatives ... how are they supporting food producers and primary production</b>	
	<b>VENUE: Main conference centre auditorium</b>	
3.45pm	<b>The opportunities and challenges for agriculture at a national level</b> Liberal Senator for South Australia Anne Ruston has been Assistant Minister to Barnaby Joyce since September 2015. We ask her to comment on what's ahead in the agriculture portfolio and some of the new initiatives for the ag sector.	<b>Senator the Hon Anne Ruston</b> Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources
4.10pm	<b>The parties courting your vote in March 2018</b> Hear a snapshot from spokespeople of the parties who will be promoting themselves as the best option to take South Australia forward in March 2018. Hear their pitch and take the opportunity to put your own questions to them.	Representatives include: <b>Hon Leon Bignell MP</b> SA Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries <b>Hon David Ridgway MLC</b> Shadow Minister for Agriculture <b>Ms Rebekha Sharkie MP</b> Federal Member for Mayo (NXT Spokesperson for Agriculture)
5.10pm	<b>Evaluation and close</b>	
5.15pm	<b>Networking hour</b> <b>Stay and enjoy drinks and canapes with conference delegates before heading home!</b>	
6.30pm	<b>Close</b>	

## GET CONNECTED ... FOR FREE!!

Have a technical question? Get some answers! Grain Producers SA and Livestock SA have invited the following experts in their field to be available all day to field members queries...



### Ian Ware, mobile/internet connectivity expert

- Want to know how to boost internet speed?
- Or get mobile and internet coverage in your vehicles, paddocks and sheds?

Ask Ian for FREE advice.



### Chas Cini, industrial relations specialist

- Have questions about employing staff?
- Want to know the latest on the Pastoral Award?

Ask Chas for FREE advice.



### Grains/livestock legal specialists

- GPSA members can access discounted legal services through Mellor Olsson while DW Fox Tucker Lawyers provides discounted legal services to Livestock SA members.

Both companies will be present on the day to speak with members.

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