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2021

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE
AND FIELD DAY
16 - 18 JUNE
WAGGA WAGGA NSW**

TICKETS ON SALE

2021MERINOLINKCONFERENCE.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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MerinoLink invites all of industry to join us in Wagga Wagga NSW for a conference featuring the latest Merino information and developments presented by a broad spectrum of key industry presenters.

The 2021 conference program runs from Wednesday June 16 through to Friday June 18 and includes a lead-in session followed by a meet and greet dinner at The Thirsty Crow (153 Fitzmaurice Street), a full conference day and formal conference dinner at The Range Function Centre (308 Copland Street), followed by a field day across multiple venues.

Throughout the proceedings a mentoring program will introduce new, young industry members and provide them with conference mentors. Apply to the [Hour of Power](#) to be involved in this collaborative program.

Registered attendees will be kept updated on conference details, including any program changes.

Registration for all sessions via 2021merinolinkconference.eventbrite.com.au

Remote Attendance is available for Thursday's Conference session.

Wednesday, June 16

		Lead-In Session	
OnFarm Info @		Start	Finish
VENUE: The Thirsty Crow 153 Fitzmaurice Street Wagga	Australian Merino Production Trial <i>OnFarm wether inspection with Craig Wilson</i>	14:00	16:00
	Sheep Genetics' Breeders Update <i>Emma McCrabb</i>	17:00	18:00
	Business Edge Introduction Session <i>John Francis</i>	18:00	18:30
	Mentor Meet-Up Hour-of-Power applicants introduced to conference mentors	18:30	19:00
	Meet & Greet Dinner + a chat from <i>Mark Mortimer - Social media for sheep's-sake</i>	19:00	

Lead-In sessions are complimentary with your Conference registration.

To save your seat at these lead-in sessions be sure to register for each/all lead-in session(s) alongside your main Thursday Conference registration via 2021merinolinkconference.eventbrite.com.au

Business EDGE
Know your business, grow your business

Business EDGE Young Guns workshops are for **up and coming livestock producers** who are ready to **build their skills and confidence** to manage a modern agricultural business.

Introduction Workshop:
Wagga Wagga NSW
Wednesday, 16 June 2021

Register for this introduction to the Business EDGE Young Guns in the lead-up to the MerinoLink 2021 Conference
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Registrations open February 15, 2021

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Sheep Genetics breeder's updates

Kick off the MerinoLink conference early by getting updated on the exciting developments for Sheep Genetics members.

MERINOSELECT Development Officer, **Emma McCrabb** will discuss:

- New reproduction traits – a year on from introduction
- Updates in the analysis to handle more genomics
- How major projects will help more breeders use genetic information

We welcome you to come along to catch up with the Sheep Genetics team before the main MerinoLink agenda.

What you'll learn

The fundamentals of long-term wealth creation and equity building

Understand where your business is performing well and where it can be improved

A way to prioritise on-farm investment decisions

Understand how enterprise choice and performance affects business performance

Understand what is required for business entry and succession

Business EDGE has been developed by Meat & Livestock Australia. Agrista delivers Business EDGE across New South Wales.

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MEAT & LIVESTOCK AUSTRALIA

MerinoLink welcomes you to Wagga for our 2021 Conference.

Join us for a drink & stay on to purchase your choice of dinner. A great opportunity to meet fellow conference attendees & join Mark Mortimer (aka Twitter's @sheepgeek) in a dinner conversation about social media for sheep's-sake.

7pm
Wed 16th June

MEET & GREET DINNER

RSVP via:
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Thursday, June 17

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		Conference			
		Start	Duration		
VENUE: The Range Function Centre 308 Copland Street Wagga Wagga	Registration	8:00	30		
	Opening Session				
	John Francis	<i>Open</i>	8:25	5	
	Rich Keniry	<i>Welcome & Chairman's address</i>	8:30	10	
	Don Macdonald	<i>AWI</i>	8:40	25	
	Jason Strong	<i>MLA</i>	9:05	25	
	Bruce Allworth	<i>Animal welfare: what the world seeks</i>	9:30	20	
		Q&A Panel	9:50	10	1 h 10 m
		Morning tea	10:00	30	
	Genetics & Lifetime Productivity				
	Gus Rose	<i>Sheep Genetics Gains from Genomics</i>	10:30	20	
	DNA Project Team	<i>DNA: A game changer!</i>	10:50	20	
	Merino Lifetime Productivity Project Team	<i>Halfway & Beyond</i>	11:10	30	
		Q&A Panel	11:40	10	1 hr 20 m
	Hour-of-Power	<i>Flinn Design</i>			
		<i>10x fast-paced presentations</i>	11:50	60	
		Q&A Panel	12:50	10	1 hr 10 m
		Lunch	13:00	60	
	Diverse Seasons and Climate				
	Prof. Mark Howden	<i>Climate Change</i>	14:00	30	
Phil Graham	<i>Pasture Resilience</i>	14:30	20		
Sandy McEachern	<i>Optimising Grazing Crops; pasture for bread & butter, cream from harvest.</i>	14:50	20		
	Q&A Panel	15:15	15	1 hr 25 m	
	Leg-stretch	15:30	10		
In focus: Money & Markets, Ram-ing it home					
Michael Whitehead	<i>ANZ</i>	15:40	15		
Mike Avery	<i>Focusing forwards on wool markets</i>	15:55	15		
Megan Rogers	<i>Ramping Up Repro</i>	16:10	10		
Tim Gole	<i>MLP Add-On Ram Mating Success</i>	16:20	15		
Tom Graham	<i>Ram testing pre-joining</i>	16:35	15		
	Q&A Panel	16:50	10	1 hr 20 m	
	Close	17:00			
Bar open from 5pm for Pre-Dinner drinks					
Dinner	Welcome (Sit-down; 7pm) Entertainer	<i>Marty Moses</i> <i>Murray (Muz) Hartin</i>			

Friday, June 18

Field day attendance is included within the conference registration.

Field day and conference registration open now via 2021merinolinkconference.eventbrite.com.au

MerinoLink Field Day Program	
	Depart 8:15am - North Wagga
8:30	Site Visit: Fox & Lillie
9:30	Site Visit: Proway
10:30	Smoko
11:00	Depart 11:00am
11:10	Site Visit: Grazing trial (NSW DPI)
11:50	Site Visit: Animal House Tour - NSW DPI
12:05	CSU Research Update: Lamb Survival
12:30	Site Visit: Feed test lab - NSW DPI
12:45	CSU Research Update: Feedlotting
13:10	Lunchtime finish

Local accommodation options:

*Conference discounts available

Bolton on the Park* 59 Tarcutta Street

*Quote **AGRI2021** to receive a discounted room rate

Charles Sturt Apartments 82 Tarcutta Street

City Park Motel 1 Tarcutta Street

Garden City Motor Inn 2 Day Street

Complimentary dinner bus pick-up location

Mercure Wagga Wagga* 1 Morgan Street

*Call direct & quote **SP10** to receive a 10% room discount