

INTRODUCING THE TOPIC

9:30 **Welcome** by conference chair, Melissa Neal from DEPI

9:35-9:50 **Event opened by Deputy Secretary for Agriculture & Food Security, Mr. James Flintoft**

"James has substantial experience in leadership roles in both the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. His previous leadership roles include Deputy Secretary at Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Chair of the Commonwealth's emergency taskforce on Live Animal Exports and FirstAssistant Secretary, Strategic Policy and Delivery Division, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet."

9:50-10:20 **Report from Centre for International Economics by Mr Ron Harris.**

"Ron Harris, who has recently retired from DEPI has a wealth of experience in extension and has been a specialist in the lamb industry. He will presenting the important findings of a report completed by the centre for International Economics which was commissioned by DEPI."

10:20-10:45 **Morning Tea Sponsored by Agrimaster**

CROSS INDUSTRY ANALYSIS

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Meat: Meg Bell, with Dr Jane Weatherly of MLA

"Meg Bell is a consultant with Productive Nutrition and participants in the management of her families beef cattle business in SE South Australia."

"Dr Jane Weatherly is an extension professional with Meat and Livestock Australia."

Grain: Rowan Paulet, with Kim Russell, Chair SFS

"Rowan Paulett is a grain grower in Victoria's Western District and is involved in Southern Farming Systems."

10:45-12:25 "Kim Russell has over twenty years' experience in irrigated and dryland cropping. He is the chair of Sothern farming Systems and Executive Officer of the Australian Controlled Traffic Association."

Dairy: Sophie Hester, with Mike Weise, Chair SW TAFE

"Sophie Hester is a dairy farmer from Colac."

"Mike Weise has over thirty years' experience in dairy extension in the UK, Gippsland and the Victorian Western District where he was the Executive Officer of WesVic Dairy. He is currently the Chair of the SW College of TAFE."

Horticulture: Josephine Lamattina with Andrew Heap, Horticulturalist and freelance economist

DIRECTIONAL WORKSHOPS

10:45-12:25 "Growing up in a vegetable producing family business, Josephine Lamattina followed horticulture's inspiration to complete a Bachelor of Food Science and Nutrition at Deakin University in 2012"

"An Ag Economist by training, Andrew Heap's career has seen him in management, marketing, and analytical roles as well as being involved in numerous research projects. He has spent the last five years working in the vegetable industry and has his own commercial nut growing property."

12:25- 13:15 **Lunch Sponsored by Agrimaster**

13:15-14:00 **Breakout to workshops**

14:00- 14:20 **Plenary report back**

14:20-15:30 **What will be required from finance and logistics?** By David Egerton Warburton

"David is currently Managing Director Of Master Group (Australia) Pty Ltd and a 6th generation former farmer from Kojonup. As a graduate of Muresk Institute of Agriculture, in his 20's, he managed his family beef and sheep farm with younger Brother from 1992-to-2001. David left farming in 2001 to start a new software company in Perth [Agrimaster® Pty Ltd] with his wife business partner Natalie and his Father, Kent.

15:30- 15:50 **Afternoon tea sponsored by Agrimaster**

15:50 -16:50 **A final persepctive:** Facilitated discussion to develop recommendations for the AIA to take to the minister

19:00 - 22:00 Gala Dinner & Award Presentation
Held at Rydges Preston: 215 Bell St, Preston.

*Purchased tickets only

