

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30 am	Registration (coffee and networking)	
9:15 am	Session 1: SETTING THE SCENE Introduction	Chair: Emeritus Professor Adrian Egan FTSE, Board, South West Science Council Inc
9.20 am	Opening address: Topic: <i>Science and the tools for continuous improvement of agricultural enterprise</i>	Professor Peter Klinken FTSE, Chief Scientist of Western Australia
9.40 am	Keynote address: Topic: <i>Shire of Manjimup: Agricultural Expansion – partnering with industry and promoting the region</i>	Hon Cr Paul Omodei Snr, President, Shire of Manjimup
10.15 am	Morning tea (panels and posters)	
10.45 am	Session 2: SUSTAINABILITY SETTINGS	Chair: Dr Don Burnside, Chair, WA Division, Ag Institute Australia
10.45 am	Presentation: Topic: <i>Farming, Landcare and NRM – can they still work together under a changing climate?</i>	Mike Christensen, Sustainable Agriculture Program Manager, South West Catchments Council
11.15 am	Presentation: Topic: <i>Farm planning and evidence-based best planning practice</i>	Paul Omodei Jnr, Agricultural Consultant, Planfarm Pty Ltd
11:40 am	Presentation: Topic: <i>Pathways to Competitiveness</i>	Tim Morris, Managing Director, Coriolis Research
12.10 pm	Panel Q & A	All speakers
12:30 pm	Lunch (soup and hors d'oeuvres)	Opportunity for informal displays and networking
1.15 pm	Session 3: SUCCESSFUL INDUSTRY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	Chair: Patrick Warrant, Assistant Director Industry and Business, South West Development Commission
1.15 pm	Presentation: Topic: <i>New technology: Its impact on future agriculture</i>	Josh Giumelli, Engineering Manager and Ben Knight, Research Manager, Kondinin Group
1.40 pm	Presentation: Topic: <i>Annual Horticulture; evaporation based irrigation management</i>	Tilwin Westrup, Irrigated Agriculture Development Officer, Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA)
2:05 pm	Presentation: Topic: <i>Avocados and soil amendments</i>	Doug Pow, avocado and cattle farmer, Manjimup
2:30 pm	Presentation: Topic: <i>Truffles and value-adding</i>	Anne Mitchell, Director Manjimup Underground and Consultant Scientist, Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA)
2.55 pm	Panel Q & A (panel discussion)	All speakers
3:15 pm	Afternoon tea (with posters and displays)	
3:30 pm	Session 4: AIA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (five short presentations)	Chair: Daniel Tan, Director, Ag Institute of Australia (AIA),
5:30 pm	AGMs (separate rooms for AIA and SWSC)	
6:30 pm for 7.00 pm	Dinner (at Kingsley Restaurant) Topic: <i>Science – what would I know?</i> Awards: <i>AIA Award to AIA's Young Professional of the Year 2017</i>	Guest speaker: John Giumelli, ex-dairy farmer turned beef and fat lamb producer, Dardanup

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9.00 am	Session 5: COMMODITIES OR VALUE-ADDED PREMIUM PRODUCT?	Chair: Peter Finlayson, WA Division, Ag Institute of Australia
9:00 am	Presentation: Topic: <i>The challenges of effective RD&E in the current dairy environment</i>	Esther Jones, Regional Manager, Western Dairy
9.25 am	Presentation: Topic: <i>Livestock management, production and meat quality with particular reference to the SW Region</i>	Professor Dave Pethick, Livestock Nutritionist, Murdoch University
9.50 am	Presentation: Topic: <i>Western Australia's Premium Agrifood Sector – Challenges and Opportunities</i>	Phil May, Manager, Premium Food Centre, Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA)
10.15 am	Presentation: Topic: <i>Market Access, Risks and Practical On Solutions</i>	Alex Murray, Department of Primary Industries, NSW
10.40 am	Morning tea break	
11.00 am	Session 6: PATHS TO COMPETITIVENESS	Chair: David Byatt, Marketing Director, Moshi Moshi Marketing
11.00 am	Presentation: Topic: <i>Science versus Culture - meeting the future demands for protein</i>	Susanna Morley, Principal, Grow Consultancy
11.25 am	Presentation: Topic: <i>Concerted action and Branding to improve Competitiveness</i>	Bevan Eatts, Executive Chair, Southern Forests Food Council
11.50 am	Presentation: Topic: <i>WA agribusiness in the digital age: Pioneers or laggards?</i>	Professor Mark Gibberd, Director, Centre for Crop Disease Management and Dr Simon Cook, Premier's Fellow in Agriculture and Food, Curtin University
12:15 am	Q & A, Panel and Workshop Topic: <i>Futures for investment for growth and competitiveness</i>	All speakers
1.00 pm	Lunch (close for those not on tour)	
TBC	Day 2 – Afternoon tour – Truffles, Avocados, Premium Foods, Juices (dining at own arrangements)	
TBC	Possible full day tour to run on the Saturday (details TBC)	Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea en route