

AIA DIVISIONAL ENGAGEMENT NETWORKING EVENT "SHARING EXPERIENCES IN AGRICULTURE"



HIGHLIGHTS:

The Ag Institute board is holding a Divisional Engagement face to face meeting on Monday 13 November with representatives of each state to work on the progress of last year's meeting, working on progressing AIA's strategic & operational plan.

On the night of the 13th November the AIA board will be hosting a 'Divisional Engagement' event and invites any interested members & non-members to hear from a range of speakers casually sharing their experiences in agriculture with you & then an update from the AIA Chair Andrew Bishop on AIA's exciting new initiatives in the years ahead including accreditation and the National Conference.

The event will have time for networking with your colleagues and time for feedback and discussion with the AIA board. Finger food and drinks will be provided so please come along for this important networking event.

DATE:

Monday 13 November, 2017

TIME:

5:30 pm: Registration/networking/drinks & finger food
6:00pm: Shared experiences in agriculture from various perspectives
6:30pm: Update from AIA Board – Andrew Bishop
6:45pm: Networking/drinks & finger food
7:30pm: Close

VENUE:

Pool Bar, Rydges on Swanston Hotel, 701 Swanston St, Carlton VIC 3053.

COST (GST Incl.):

\$20 AIA members and students
\$50 Non-AIA members

REGISTRATION:

Registration link: [Click here](#)

Registrations closes 5pm AEST Wednesday 8th November for catering purposes.

Speaker Bio's



Jane Kelley
La Trobe University

Jane grew up on a beef and fodder farm in Gippsland. Jane has completed an Associate Degree in Environmental Horticulture at the University of Melbourne, later completing a Bachelor Degree in Agricultural Science with honours at La Trobe University and is currently completing a PhD.

Jane is based at the Centre for AgriBioscience in Bundoora, and her PhD project was one of the first collaborative projects born out of the joint venture initiative between the Victorian Government and La Trobe University. Her research focuses on 'The epidemiology and management of liver fluke parasites in cattle in irrigated dairy regions of Victoria'. Since 2013 Jane has been quantifying the prevalence of liver fluke and drug resistance on dairy farms in Victoria and is now optimising liver fluke control strategies. In 2014, Jane won the dairy sector Science and Innovation Award for Young People in Fishers, Forestry and Agriculture. This research led to a \$340,000 grant funded by the Gardiner Foundation and Dairy Australia.

Jane hopes her research will increase the productivity and profitability of the dairy industry, by reducing the detrimental impacts liver fluke has on milk production, weight gain and fertility in Australian dairy cattle.

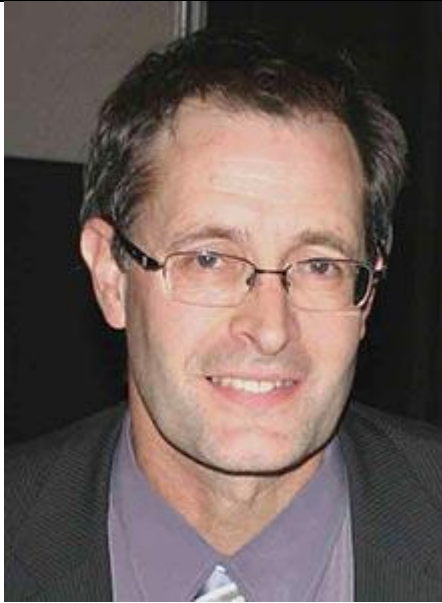
Jane was awarded 1st place in AIA's 2014 National Student Award & has been active in AIA's membership committee.



Stuart Kemp
PastureWise

Stuart completed a Bachelor of Agricultural Science at the University of Melbourne in 1996, and has since worked for agricultural consulting companies and seed companies in a range of activities including plant breeding, plant breeders rights trials, contract merit testing, business management consulting, loss assessment, market and product development (pastures) and seed sales. During this time Stuart recognized the need for independent pasture research and consulting services and in 2007 started up PastureWise. Stuart currently provides advisory services to a range of clients as well as leading the provision of in-field R&D services for PastureWise.

Stuart is a past AIA Director & Vice Chair and was heavily involved in the development of the CAP accreditation scheme.

**Andrew Bishop**

AIA Chair

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Andrew is employed by the Tasmanian Government as that State's Chief Plant Health Manager. He has responsibility for the operation of the plant biosecurity system in Tasmania including policy, legislative and regulatory development and plant biosecurity emergency response. Andrew also manages Tasmania's plant biosecurity and diagnostic laboratories.

Andrew has previously worked as an agricultural research scientist in crop nutrition and crop protection (weeds, integrated pest management, organic production) and has also worked in the area of weed management policy and legislative development.

Andrew led the project that developed the Tasmanian Biosecurity Strategy which was Australia's first whole-of-government biosecurity strategy. Andrew is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.