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2022 CONFERENCE & FIELD DAY 6 - 8 JUNE WAGGA WAGGA NSW

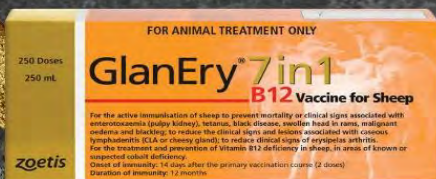
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MerinoLink welcomes you to Conference22 celebrating the Merino! This program pulls together a range of topics and presenters so be sure to read through the details, linking you to top industry people and the latest information.

The program runs from Monday, June 6 through to Wednesday, June 8 and includes on-farm and workshop lead-in sessions with an informal meet and greet evening at The Thirsty Crow (153 Fitzmaurice Street), a full conference day and formal dinner at The Range Function Centre (308 Copland Street), plus a field day across multiple venues.

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Monday, June 6 - Lead In Sessions

Lead-In & Field Day sessions are complimentary with a Full Conference Package. Remote attendance not available.

Lead-In Sessions			
		Start	Finish
ONFARM: Bethungra Park 251 Warrens Lane Illabo NSW 2560	**A shiny new shearing shed!	13:00	15:00
	Bethungra, NSW - 45mins NE of Wagga		
	Welcome - Michael Field, MerinoLink		
	Our Shed - Jenny & David Thompson, Bethungra Park		
	It's all in the design - Simon Flinn, Flinn Design	Shed talks	Walk about
	Hydraulic wool bin platform - Toby Commens		
	In the wool room - Simon Flinn, Flinn Design	1 hr	1 hr
	A handy handpiece - Robin Smith, 4C Design		
	Shhhhh-ed accoustics - Steve Brady, Reverb Acoustics		
	Ram-to-ewe auto catching pen - Bob Thornley		
VENUE: The Thirsty Crow 153 Fitzmaurice Street, Wagga	Young Farmers Bank Ready Program	13:00	16:00
	NSW DPI - NSW Farmers		
	Producer profiles: How do I buy a farm?	16:30	17:30
	Producers case studies + the bank		
	Brewery Talk & Taste	18:00	18:30
	Meet & Greet - Sex(ed semen) sells	18:30	19:00
	The Thirsty Crow story + a Tasting		
	Researcher: Simon de Graaf Producer: Tom Bull		



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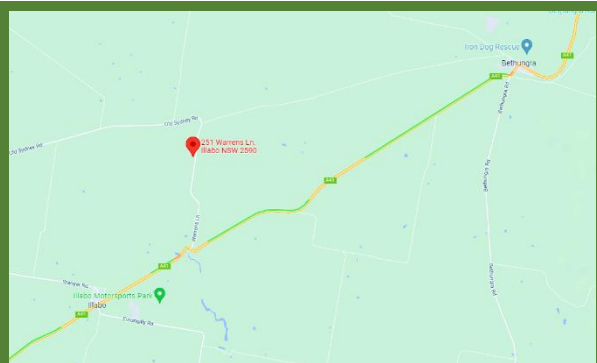
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Tuesday, June 7 - Conference morning

VENUE: The Range Function Centre 308 Copland Street Wagga Wagga	MORNING					
				Start	Duration	
	Registration			7:30		
	Opening Session					
	John Francis, Agrista	Open		8:10	5	
	Rich Keniry, Chairman	Welcome & MerinoLink address		8:15	20	
	Jane Littlejohn, AWI	AWI Research portfolio		8:35	20	
	Tony Vuocolo, CSIRO	Flystrike vaccine update		8:55	15	
	Melanie Smith, MLA	MLA Research portfolio		9:10	20	
	Andrew Whale, Aust. Veterinary Assoc.	Valuing your vet		9:30	15	
		Q&A Panel		9:45	15	1 hr 50 m
	Morning tea			10:00	30	
	Carbon 101				Settler: Paraboss	
	Suzanne Rowe, AgResearch NZ	NZ onfarm methane measurement		10:30	15	
	Margaret Jewell, MLA	Store or working on carbon in soil - CN30		10:45	15	
	Bradley Ridoutt, CSIRO	MLA neutrality paper - Sheep Production		11:00	15	
	Bel Quince, NAB	Carbon, Green Loans & Sustainability		11:15	15	
	Helen King, Soils for Life	Soil carbon; clarifying the complexity + case studies		11:30	15	
		Q&A Panel		11:45	10	1 hr 20 m
Meeting the market						
Ed Storey, Wool Producers Australia	Trust in Australian Wool		11:55	15		
Georgia Hack, AWI Director	The retail reality		12:10	15		
Andrew Woods, Indpt. Commodity Services	Integrity systems = providing the proof to the EU		12:25	15		
Will Barton, Gundagai Meat Processors	Probing the meat market		12:40	15		
	Q&A Panel		12:55	10	1 hr 10 m	



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Morning Presenters

Rich Keniry - MerinoLink's chairman is a commercial wool breeder currently managing the family business, Kildara Pastoral Company, based in Cumnock NSW. Rich completed a Bachelor of Agriculture at the University of New England, Armidale and has an Advanced Diploma of Marketing.

Jane Littlejohn - General Manager of Research with AWI - a very busy role so we're privileged to have her at the conference! Previous to that Jane held the roles of General Manager of On Farm Research also managed the National Wild Dog Action Plan.

Tony Vuocolo - A molecular biologist at CSIRO with extensive expertise in research and development of vaccines against a variety of ectoparasites. His research experience and key skills are in molecular biology, protein chemistry, genomics, epigenomics and immunology. Tony is providing an update on the Flystrike Vaccine work.

Melanie Smith - Project Manager of Sheep and Goat Productivity at Meat & Livestock Aust. Melanie's background is in applied and practical research with a focus on enhancing animal production, welfare, and sustainability across the red meat supply chain (on-farm, processing and eating quality). Melanie was also tasked with providing a research portfolio snapshot.

Andrew Whale - President of the Aust. Veterinary Assoc. Sheep, Camelid and Goat Veterinarians whilst working as a vet with Livestock Logic in Victoria. Andrew is presenting on the contribution and value a vet brings to your operations.

Suzanne Rowe - A New Zealander on a work trip to the US, Suzanne is a Quantitative Geneticist at AgResearch, New Zealand using genomic technology to breed healthy sustainable livestock. She will present methane, onfarm measurement, and where that is leading.

Margaret Jewell - As an Agricultural Scientist with a PhD in plant genetics and 10+ years experience in intensive and extensive agriculture Margaret is committed to ensuring that Australian agriculture can prosper while remaining sustainable and contributing to Australia's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. She will present the CN30 project from MLA.

Brad Ridoutt - A Principal Research Scientist with CSIRO and in this role he's recently published a paper on Sheep Production as a carbon neutral operation. We look forward to hearing about this good news story from Brad as he beams in from Victoria.

Bel Quince - NAB's Agribusiness Strategy Executive and today is presenting around the changing market and consumer expectations of Sustainability and how NAB is working to support clients while meeting expectations.

Helen King - An agroecologist who has studied, taught and researched ecological process and regenerative agriculture at the Australian National University for more than a decade. Previously, she worked in the research, development and extension sector. Helen is inspired by leading farmers who are working with nature to create resilient landscapes and enterprises.

Ed Storey - WoolProducers Aust. Ed runs an 8000 head super-fine merino flock with his wife, Nicki and their three children just outside of Yass, NSW. Ed is presenting the campaign: Trust in Australian Wool.

Georgia Hack - An accomplished retail marketing and business professional with a proven track record of building brand equity and driving profitable growth who was recently elected onto the AWI board of directors. She is presenting from New York on the retail realities around wool.

Andrew Woods - A leading wool market analysis for wool growers, brokers, exporters and greasy procurement managers since the 1990s and we'll hear his insights into prices and premiums of wool with QA systems in place.

Will Barton - CEO of Gundagai Meat Processors (GMP) and brings his expertise and insights to us today about the latest technologies being used at GMP.

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Tuesday, June 7 – Conference afternoon

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VENUE: The Range Function Centre 308 Copland Street Wagga Wagga	AFTERNOON			Displays		
	Reproduction					
	Jessica Rickard, University of Sydney	Prediction of AI success	14:00	15		
	Bronwyn Darlington, Agscent	Breath preg-testing	14:15	15		
	Emma Doyle, UNE	Joining young ewes	14:30	15		
	Ben Swain, MLP Project	Repro in the MLP	14:45	15		
	Emma McCrabb, Sheep Genetics	The new Weaning Rate trait	15:00	15		
	Q&A Panel		15:30	10	1 hr 25 m	
	Hour-of-Power			Intro: PWS Scholars		
	Hosted by Simon Flinn, Flinn Design					
	Lucinda Eddy	A program of short, sharp presentations from a panel of industry new-comers & early-career researchers	15:40	45		
	Amy Bates					
	Kelsey Pool					
	Jim Honner					
	Pip Gilmore					
	Q&A Panel		16:25	15	1 hr	
	Leg stretch			16:45	5	
	Producer Profiles					
	Stacey & Ian Lugsdin	Preg. Scanning PDS project	16:50	10		
	Stuart & Andrew Kelly	Sire Evaluation - Bathurst, NSW	17:00	10		
Danny Flannery	DNA project - A commercial producer	17:10	10			
Q&A Panel		17:20	10	40 m		
Close		17:25	5			
Bar open from 5:30pm for pre-dinner drinks			18:00 Courtesy bus departs Garden City Motel			
Dinner: A Feast with Fletchers			Marty Moses Roger Fletcher Joe Wilks (Wilks & McKean)			
			Welcome - 7pm Keynote Charity Dinner Auction			

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Afternoon Presenters

Jess Rickard - The current McCaughey Senior research fellow, Jess works in the Animal Reproduction Group - Uni of Sydney. She's also a Merinolink board director. She brings the project work being undertaken on the factors affecting AI success - a project running alongside Merino Sire Evaluation across Australia.

Bronwyn Darlington - As Managing Director of Agscent, Bronwyn is developing a device to detect early pregnancy in livestock through a breath sample - she presents this for us.

Emma Doyle - A sheep and wool lecturer at the University of New England (UNE). She is passionate about the Australian sheep industry and thoroughly enjoys teaching and research, so much so that she set this topic as an assessment for the eager-beaver students at UNE and after collating her own case studies from leading industry characters, she brings the results to us.

Ben Swain - Ben operates his own agribusiness consultancy along with a commercial beef and sheep property near Gunnedah NSW. One of the current projects involves managing the Merino Lifetime Productivity Project (MLP) as the Australian Merino Sire Evaluation Association CEO on behalf of AWI - Ben brings us the latest from the MLP.

Emma McCrabb - Senior development officer with Sheep Genetics, Emma brings an outline of the new reproduction traits including the component traits that have recently been included with the MERINOSELECT analysis enhancements.

Hour-of-Power Participants

Lucinda Eddy
Towards Non-Mules

Amy Bates Back to Basics -
managing joining ewes

Kelsey Pool
Dietary phytoestrogen exposure
decreases ram sperm quality,
likely via disruption of testicular
function

Jim Honner
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Pip Gilmore
Making maidens weight:
Improving the performance of
maiden ewes in CW QLD

Stacey Lugsdin - Stacey & Ian Lugsdin run a self-replacing Merino enterprise north-east of Hay. The Lugsdins use EIDs, ASBVs and genomic flock profiling to ensure they are tracking in an upward trajectory, in line with their breeding objectives. The enterprise stopped mulesing in 2019.

Stuart & Andrew Kelly - The Kelly boys from Bathurst are hosting the 2021 drop of MerinoLink's Sire Evaluation trial which had some amazing conception and lambing.

Danny Flannery - Danny is a woolgrower from Boorowa NSW and has been a commercial producer participant in the MLA funded DNA project which is currently in reporting stage. We look forward to hearing from Danny about his experience as he worked to improve his flock genetics.



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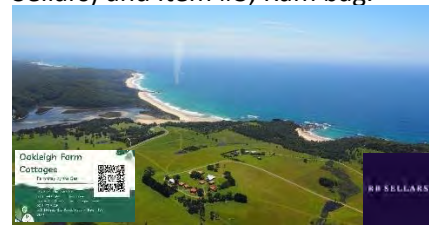
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A Feast with Fletchers Dinner

Featuring Roger Fletcher + lamb,
and yet more lamb!

A charity dinner auction will raise funds for a NEW MerinoLink Post Graduate Scholarship Program. Item #1; Farmstay-by-the-sea (generously donated by Oakleigh Farm Cottages), Item #2; Ewe bag (bag generously provided by RB Sellars) and Item #3; Ram bag.



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Additionally, a *Breakfast Forum* will be offered free for members and at cost for others.

Field Day				
Palm & Pawn Hotel	7:30	MerinoLink Matters Breakfast - North Wagga <i>Informal industry round table</i>		
	8:45 finish			
East Wagga + Bomen Industrial Estates	Depart 9am from Palm & Pawn, North Wagga			
	9:00	Bus	15	
	9:15	<i>Byrne Trailers</i>	20	
	9:35	Bus	15	
	9:50	<i>Riverina Intermodal Freight & Logistics Hub</i>	20	
	10:10	Bus to Smoko	10	Time: 1 h 20 m
10:20 Smoko @ Palm & Pawn				
NSW DPI / CSU	Depart 11:00am from Palm & Pawn, North Wagga			
	11:00	Bus to CSU/DPI	10	
	11:10	CSU: Veterinary Science Labs	55	
	12:05	CSU: Veterinary Hospital	50	
	12:55	DPI: Field Pasture Trials	25	
	13:20	Bus to lunch	10	Time: 2 h 15 m
13:30 Return to Palm & Pawn <i>(Self-ordered lunches available)</i>				

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