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8:00am

OPENING ADDRESS

Anna Geddes, Agri Business Development Manager, Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise

8:15am

WELCOME ADDRESS

Hon. Dr John McVeigh, Board Chair, Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise

8:30am

SETTING THE SCENE KEYNOTE

Caitlin McConnel, Senior Associate, Clayton Utz

9:00am

GOVERNANCE: BIOSECURITY AND FOOD SECURITY

Thought Leader - Caitlin McConnel, Senior Associate, Clayton Utz

Professor Lyn Aldermann, Dean (Academic Transformation), UniSQ

Katrina Hobbs, Managing Director, Inglewood Farms

Alecia Olm, Partner & Principle Engineer, RMA

10:00am

INNOVATION & AGTECH FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Thought Leader - Brad Jones, Director, Bungulla Farming

Dr Matt George, Feedlot Nutritionist, Bovine Dynamics

David Clothier, National Sales Manager, Feed Central

Brad Robinson, Sustainability Manager, Mort & Co

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11:00am

MORNING TEA

11:30am

FUTURE SKILLS AND TRENDS FOR INTENSIVE AG

Thought Leader - Kelli McDougall, Managing Director, AgriTalent

Sarah Patterson, Marketing and Communication Coordinator, Mort & Co

Nathan Lee, National Sales Manager, Agri Labour Australia

Charlotte Smith, General Manager, To-Plate Group

12:30pm

COMPLEMENTARY AND EMERGING PROTEINS: THE NEXT FRONTIER

Scene Setter - Nilesh Prasad, Trade and Market Development Coordinator,

Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise

Judy Plath, Industry Development Officer (also Soybean Agronomist and Grower), Soy Australia

Phill Ryan, Manager of Regional Agribusiness Development, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Namrata Datt, Queensland Management Committee Member, Australia-India Business Council

1:30pm

LUNCH

NAVIGATING CHANGE: ADAPTING TO SHIFTING DEMANDS & OPPORTUNITIES

Thought Leader - Dr Rob van Barneveld, CEO, Sunpork Group

2:30pm

Anthony Holzwart, Principal Trade and Investment Officer, Darling Downs & South West TIQ

Jamie Wardle, Trade and Logistics Manager, Port of Brisbane

Belinda Boshammer, Business Development Manager, Golden Cockerel

3:45pm

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Thought Leader

Caitlin McConnel

Senior Associate

Clayton Utz

Caitlin is a Senior Associate in the Agribusiness & Food and Environment & Sustainable Development teams at Clayton Utz, in relation to the opportunities and risks of ESG investment and sustainable development on agricultural land, particularly emerging nature-based markets, renewable energy, and commodity diversification.

She is also a strategic legal advisor in relation to agriculture, food & water legislation and policy, climate litigation and greenwashing, and agribusiness decision-making in the context of human rights.



Prof. Lyn Alderman

Dean (Academic Transformation)

UniSQ

With over thirty-five years' experience, Professor Lyn Alderman is a higher education and evaluation expert who specialises in process and impact evaluation, monitoring and evaluation frameworks design, policy design and program conceptualisation, institutional learning analytics, performance models and engendering widespread organisational change.

Lyn currently holds the position of Dean (Academic Transformation) at the University of Southern Queensland tasked with leading the development and implementation of University-wide initiatives with the goals of strengthening education quality, learning and teaching, and the student experience. She is leading a \$110,000 Queensland Office of Veterans grant to evaluate the Bachelor of Cyber Security which transitions Veterans and spouses into the Cyber Security industry.



Katrina Hobbs

Managing Director

Inglewood Farms

Katrina Hobbs is Managing Director of a group of family-owned companies with a diverse interest in agriculture and food production. Together, these businesses employ around 250 people across 6 locations in Queensland. Originating in horticulture, specifically greenhouse production, the business expanded to include Country Heritage Feeds, a certified organic stockfeed mill in Pittsworth QLD, and Inglewood Poultry Farms, specializing in organic chicken production. In late 2021, the family purchased the former Weis Factory in Toowoomba, establishing Country Synergy for storage, distribution, and food processing.

Katrina has contributed over the years to business and the community with various industry and community directorships, but she says her most important role of all is being a wife to her husband and business partner and mother to her five children.



Aleacia Olm

Partner & Principle Engineer

RMA

Aleacia is a Partner and Principal Engineer at RMA Engineers. Aleacia's key focus and passion is providing turnkey solutions for major agricultural projects. Specialising holistic farm planning, project planning and management, multi-disciplinary design and construction. There are strong commercial drivers for these projects, and success is dependent on effectively integrating and managing the project from conception to final construction. Aleacia works closely with clients to deliver value for money project solutions exceeding the client's commercial and business objectives.



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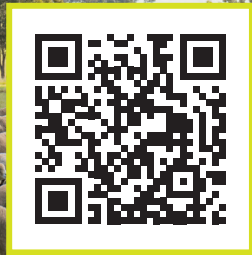
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Thought Leader

Brad Jones

Director

Bungulla Farming

Brad Jones is a renowned large-scale farmer in Tammin, WA, celebrated for his advanced, data-driven farming techniques. As a leading figure in Australian agriculture, he frequently speaks on precision agriculture and serves as Non-executive Chairman of the Ag Tech company Origo.ag. In 2016, he was honored with the Australian Cropping Farmer of the Year award.



Dr Matt George

Feedlot Nutritionist

Bovine Dynamics

In 2010, Dr. Matthew George founded 'Bovine Dynamics,' a consultancy specialising in intensive ruminant veterinary care and nutrition, where he serves as Managing Director. Bovine Dynamics further provides strategic supplementation, feeding and management solutions for client backgrounding and select extensive northern pastoral clients.

Throughout his career he has had various roles, including Research Manager for Meat Standards Australia, General Manager at Nutrition Service Associates, and CEO of XF-Australia.

Dr. Matt George holds a Veterinary Science degree from the University of Sydney, a Master's degree in Intensive Ruminant Nutritional Immunology from Colorado State University, and a Doctorate in Meat Science with a focus on palatability.



David Clothier

National Sales Manager

Feed Central

David Clothier currently works as a Key Account Manager with Feed Central, where he assists large-scale dairy and beef producers and feed lotters in sourcing and supplying their fodder needs to suit individual specifications.

David has 18 years of experience helping livestock producers maximize their profitability by measuring individual animal performance with hardware and software systems across Australia. He completed a 2-year Diploma in animal production at Longreach Agricultural College, managed large beef, sheep, and wool enterprises in Qld and NSW before settling down in Warwick Qld with his family.



Brad Robinson

Sustainability Manager

Mort & Co

Brad joined Mort & Co in 2016 as Grassdale Feedlot Manager. Prior to working at Mort he spent 12 years in feedlot management working for a number of integrated feedlot businesses on both the east and west coasts of Australia as well as working for a large beef producer in Russia establishing two large scale feedlots for the business.

During his time at Mort he has worked in a number of roles including feedlot management, project management, transport management, asset management and currently as Sustainability Manager since the end of 2023.

Future Skills and Trends for Intensive Ag



Thought Leader **Kelli McDougall**

Managing Director
Agri Talent

With more than two decades of strategic and hands-on experience in recruitment and HR consultancy, Kelli brought her renowned skills to Agri Talent, where she now serves as General Manager – overseeing quality permanent recruitment and executive search services for the Australian agriculture industry.

Owning her own HR consultancy and recruitment companies for fifteen years, Kelli has worked with a diverse and high-profile range of clients, including those within the elite sport, not-for-profit and professional industries.

In her role at Agri Talent, Kelli leads a team of consultants who focus on thinking outside the box, and challenge clients in order to get the best possible results and maximise their bottom line. Returning full-circle to the agriculture industry in which she grew up, Kelli deftly applies her generalist experience to the sector she regards as the most important in Australia – encouraging clients to embrace innovation and technology in order to successfully meet the challenges of a new era.



Sarah Patterson

Marketing and Communication
Coordinator
Mort & Co

Sarah Patterson is the Marketing & Communications Coordinator at Mort & Co, bringing to the role a number of experiences from her time spent on a mixed cattle and cropping operation in Central Queensland to working in an agricultural retail environment.

After studying public relations at university, Sarah began at Mort & Co in 2020. In her current position, Sarah coordinates business communications and promotional activations across Mort & Co and its suite of complementary entities, with a focus on the promotion of Australian-first initiatives that improve the resilience of Mort & Co's beef supply chain and enhance the sustainability of the business.



Nathan Lee

National Sales Manager
Agri Labour Australia

With over a decade of recruitment experience, Nathan has worked with clients across the construction, trades, manufacturing, and agricultural industries. Having worked for large international corporations, not-for-profits and privately owned businesses, he has a proven ability to build open, honest and long-lasting relationships with business owners and operators.

Having spent his childhood summer's mustering cattle or picking watermelons on his family's farm, Nathan has lived experience in the industry and a deep-rooted understanding of the skill-sets and attitudes required for building a strong workforce within the agriculture sector.

Nathan's role at Agri Labour Australia sees him focused on building strong and lasting relationships with clients across the agri supply chain, ensuring they receive the service they need. From their first interaction with Agri Labour Australia, right through to after placement, Nathan is committed to ensuring both candidates and clients are receiving the highest level of care.



Charlotte Smith

General Manager
To-plate Group

Charlotte Smith has recently joined the To-plate Group as the Group General Manager. In her role at the To-plate Group she works alongside businesses, instigating processes of change and helping them achieve their goals.

Having grown up on a sheep and wool property, an hour west of Warick, and her previous role as a Marketing and Sales Representative at Victoria Hill Lamb demonstrates that Charlotte has a deep understanding of the agricultural sector.

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Scene Setter

Nilesh Prasad

Trade and Market
Development Coordinator

TSBE

Nilesh Prasad is the Trade and Market Development Coordinator at Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise. She brings vast experience to the role that supports TSBE members who are current or future exporters, helping drive the development of an international and domestic export culture across the region. Nilesh has more than 15 years of experience in management and public administration roles including roles in local and federal governments such as Investment Fiji – Ministry of Industry & Trade, and Fiji Olympic Committee, including 10 years of experience in working with Economic Development Agencies in New Zealand and Fiji.



Namrata Datt

Queensland Management
Committee Member

**Australia-India Business
Council**

Namrata is a senior business leader with over two decades of experience in strategy, brand, partnerships, marketing and industry research. Namrata is a member of the Queensland management committee of the Australia India Business Council and the founder of Lotus Advisers, a firm dedicated to helping Australian exporters succeed in the Indian market. Namrata is currently facilitating Australia-India partnerships between several businesses and industry bodies in agriculture. She is based in Brisbane and is a regular speaker at industry forums on doing business in India.

Namrata has also served as a senior business editor in leading Indian media houses. Until 2021, Namrata was the National Director and Leader for Brand, Marketing & Communications in EY India (Ernst & Young), the global professional services firm.



Judy Plath

Industry Development Officer

Soy Australia

Judy Plath is the Soybean Industry Development Officer for Soy Australia. Soy Australia is the peak industry body for the Australian soybean industry. Judy is an agricultural scientist based in the Bundaberg region and is a member of a farming family growing sugarcane and soybeans. Judy has been involved in the development of the coastal Queensland soybean industry since 2003 and is pleased to now be working with the soybean industry at a national level.

Soy Australia believes there is strong opportunities for the Australian soybean industry to increase planted areas and tonnages in growing regions throughout Australia. Australian grown soybeans are non-genetically modified and are grown in a diverse range of growing regions ranging from Far North Queensland to Northern Victoria.



Phill Ryan

Manager, Regional
Agribusiness Development
**Department of Agriculture
and Fisheries**

Phill serves as the Manager of Regional Agribusiness Development with DAF Rural Economic Development, where he leads a team of industry-facing agribusiness development professionals. In this role, he leverages his strategic networks to engage stakeholders and deliver a suite of services that help industry and enterprises address supply chain challenges, grow their businesses, and contribute to the regional economy.

Phill has dedicated his career to driving meaningful change in agribusiness marketing, supply chain management, and international trade. He is particularly passionate about integrating science and technology with agriculture and supply chains to create more resilient and sustainable food and farming systems.

With over three decades of experience, Phill has firsthand knowledge of farming through the Green Revolution and navigating the complexities of trading and market development in the globalization era.

Navigating Change: Adapting to Shifting Demands & Opportunities



Thought Leader

Dr Robert van Barneveld

Group CEO and Managing Director
Sunpork Group

Robert van Barneveld is Group CEO and Managing Director of the Sunpork Group of Companies which includes SunPork Farms (farming approximately 51,000 sows across Australia and 3,000 sows in New Zealand), PIC Australia, Swickers Kingaroy Bacon Factory and SunPork Fresh Foods. Collectively the Group produces approximately 20% of Australia's pork.

In addition to his work with SunPork, Dr van Barneveld is also a Director of the Australasian Pig Research Institute Ltd, Chairman of the Autism CRC Ltd and is a Non-Executive Director of the ASX-listed Ridley Corporation (Australia's largest stockfeed manufacturer). He was formerly a Director of Australian Pork Ltd and Porksca Pty Ltd.

In addition to his corporate roles, Robert has extensive experience as a scientist and nutritionist for pigs and poultry in Australia and overseas and specializes in the characterization and understanding of feed ingredients. He has worked widely with feedmills and livestock producers in Asia over the past 30 years and has a PhD in amino acid nutrition of monogastrics.



Belinda Boshammer

Business Development Manager

Growing up on an Angus cattle stud and rockmelon farm, Belinda brings a lifetime of experience spent working in the food and agriculture industry to her role as Business Development Manager at Golden Cockerel.

Over the past decade, Belinda has worked across sales, compliance, operations, management and business development roles for family-owned and multinational businesses in the horticulture and poultry industries. Through those roles Belinda has worked as a supplier for major retailers, wholesalers and independent retailers in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates. Her passion and focus in her role at Golden Cockerel is to create enjoyable supply partner relationships by delivering food that tastes and looks good while bringing joy to consumers.



Anthony Holzwart

Principal Trade and Investment Officer

Darling Downs & South West,
TIQ

Currently an export advisor with Trade & Investment Qld and Austrade, Anthony has a long track record of assisting small to medium regional businesses realise their full potential through expansion in domestic and international markets. His approach is straightforward and practical - do what matters most, stand out for the right reasons and, wherever possible, avoid the mistakes of others.



Jamie Wardle

Trade and Logistics Manager
Port of Brisbane

James Wardle is currently a Trade and Logistics Manager at Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd, bringing experience from previous roles at Southern Cross Cargo and MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company. James holds a Bachelor Degree Management and Marketing at Queensland University of Technology. With a robust skill set that includes Freight Forwarding, International Logistics, Freight, Shipping, Logistics and more, he contributes valuable insights to the industry.

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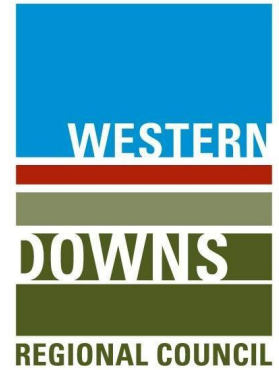
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