



# merino LINK

2021

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
AND FIELD DAY  
16 - 18 JUNE  
WAGGA WAGGA NSW**

TICKETS ON SALE FEBRUARY 2021

[2021MERINOLINKCONFERENCE.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU](https://2021MERINOLINKCONFERENCE.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU)

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MerinoLink invites all of industry to join us in Wagga Wagga NSW for a conference featuring the latest Merino information and developments presented by a broad spectrum of key industry presenters.

The 2021 conference program runs from Wednesday June 16 through to Friday June 18 and includes a lead-in session followed by a meet and greet dinner at The Thirsty Crow (153 Fitzmaurice Street), a full conference day and formal conference dinner at The Range Function Centre (308 Copland Street), followed by a field day across multiple venues.

Throughout the proceedings a mentoring program will introduce new, young industry members and provide them with conference mentors. Apply to the *Hour of Power* to be involved in this collaborative program.

Registered attendees will be kept updated on conference details, including any program changes.

A current version of the program will be available at [merinolink.com.au](http://merinolink.com.au) - check back regularly before registering.

Registration for all sessions will open on February 7 at: [2021merinolinkconference.eventbrite.com.au](http://2021merinolinkconference.eventbrite.com.au)

## Wednesday, June 16

Lead-In Session			
		Start	Finish
VENUE: The Thirsty Crow 153 Fitzmaurice Street Wagga Wagga	<b>Australian Merino Production Trial</b> <i>OnFarm wether inspection with Craig Wilson</i>	13:00	15:00
	<b>Sheep Genetics' Breeders Update</b> <i>Emma McCrabb</i>	15:30	16:30
	<b>Business Edge Introduction Session</b> <i>John Francis</i>	17:00	18:00
	<b>Mentor Meet-Up</b> Hour-of-Power applicants introduced to conference mentors	18:30	19:00
	<b>Meet &amp; Greet Dinner + a chat from</b> <i>Mark Mortimer - Social media for sheep's-sake</i>	19:00	

## Business EDGE

Know your business, grow your business

Business EDGE Young Guns workshops are for **up and coming livestock producers** who are ready to **build their skills and confidence** to manage a modern agricultural business.

### Introduction Workshop:

Wagga Wagga NSW  
Wednesday, 16 June 2021

Register for this introduction to the Business EDGE Young Guns in the lead-up to the MerinoLink 2021 Conference  
[2021merinolinkconference.eventbrite.com.au](http://2021merinolinkconference.eventbrite.com.au)  
Registrations open February 15, 2021

### What you'll learn

- The fundamentals of long-term wealth creation and equity building
- Understand where your business is performing well and where it can be improved
- A way to prioritise on-farm investment decisions
- Understand how enterprise choice and performance affects business performance
- Understand what is required for business entry and succession

Business EDGE has been developed by Meat & Livestock Australia. Agrista delivers Business EDGE across New South Wales.



## Sheep Genetics breeder's updates

Kick off the MerinoLink conference early by getting updated on the exciting developments for Sheep Genetics members.

MERINOSELECT Development Officer, Emma McCrabb will discuss:

- New reproduction traits – a year on from introduction
- Updates in the analysis to handle more genomics
- How major projects will help more breeders use genetic information

We welcome you to come along to catch up with the Sheep Genetics team before the main MerinoLink agenda.

MerinoLink welcomes you to Wagga for our 2021 Conference.

Join us for a drink & stay on to purchase your choice of dinner. A great opportunity to meet fellow conference attendees & join Mark Mortimer (aka Twitter's @sheepgeek) in a dinner conversation about social media for sheep's-sake.

7pm  
Wed 16th June  
The Thirsty Crow  
153 Fitzmaurice St  
Wagga Wagga

# MEET & GREET DINNER



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Thursday, June 17

		Conference			
		Start	Duration		
<b>VENUE: The Range Function Centre</b> 308 Copland Street Wagga Wagga	Registration	8:00	30		
	<b>Opening Session</b>				
	<i>John Francis</i>	<i>Open</i>	8:25	5	
	<i>Rich Keniry</i>	<i>Welcome &amp; Chairman's address</i>	8:30	10	
	<i>Don McDonald</i>	<i>AWI</i>	8:40	25	
	<i>Jason Strong</i>	<i>MLA</i>	9:05	25	
	<i>Michael Whitehead</i>	<i>ANZ</i>	9:30	15	
		<i>Q&amp;A Panel</i>	9:45	5	1 h 10 m
		<i>Morning tea</i>	9:50	30	
	<b>Genetics &amp; Lifetime Productivity</b>				
	<i>Gus Rose</i>	<i>Sheep Genetics Gains from Genomics</i>	10:20	30	
	<i>Merino Lifetime Productivity Project Team</i>	<i>Halfway &amp; Beyond</i>	10:50	40	
	<i>Tim Gole</i>	<i>MLP Add-On Ram Mating Success</i>	11:30	10	
		<i>Q&amp;A Panel</i>	11:40	10	1 hr 30 m
	<b>Hour-of-Power</b>				
	<i>10x fast-paced presentations</i>	11:50	60		
	<i>Q&amp;A Panel</i>	12:50	10	1 hr 10 m	
	<i>Lunch</i>	13:00	60		
<b>Diverse Seasons and Climate</b>					
<i>Prof. Mark Howden</i>	<i>Climate Change</i>	14:00	25		
<i>Phil Graham</i>	<i>Pasture Resilience</i>	14:25	25		
<i>Sandy McEcheran</i>	<i>Optimising Grazing Crops; pasture for bread &amp; butter, cream from harvest.</i>	14:50	25		
	<i>Q&amp;A Panel</i>	15:15	15	1 hr 30 m	
	<i>Leg-stretch</i>	15:30	10		
<b>In focus: Animal welfare, Ram fitness, Markets</b>					
<i>Bruce Allworth</i>	<i>Animal welfare: what the world seeks</i>	15:45	20		
<i>Tom Graham</i>	<i>Ram testing pre-joining</i>	16:05	20		
<i>Mike Avery</i>	<i>Focusing forwards on wool markets</i>	16:25	20		
	<i>Q&amp;A Panel</i>	16:45	15	1 hr 15 m	
	<i>Close</i>	17:00			
<b>Bar open from 5pm for Pre-Dinner drinks</b>					
<b>Dinner</b>	<i>Complimentary bus from CBD motels</i>	18:00			
	<i>Welcome (Sit-down; 7pm)</i>	<i>Marty Moses</i>			
	<i>Entertainer</i>	<i>Murray (Muz) Hartin</i>			

Friday, June 18

Field day attendance is included within the conference registration. A field day program is in development which includes sessions at the Graham Centre; NSW DPI Research Centre and Charles Sturt University, relevant local industry providers and equipment manufacturers with a meat quality option as well. Details will be released in February 2021.

Field day and conference registration opens on February 7: [2021merinolinkconference.eventbrite.com.au](https://2021merinolinkconference.eventbrite.com.au)

## Local accommodation options:

\*Conference discounts available

**Bolton on the Park\*** 59 Tarcutta Street

\*Quote **AGRI2021** to receive a discounted room rate

**Charles Sturt Apartments** 82 Tarcutta Street

**City Park Motel** 1 Tarcutta Street

**Garden City Motor Inn** 2 Day Street

Complimentary dinner bus pick-up location

**Mercure Wagga Wagga\*** 1 Morgan Street

\*Call direct & quote **SP10** to receive a 10% room discount



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