

## MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024

**9.30am** Registration & Trade Displays open  
Tea, coffee and light refreshments available, **Coffee Cart Sponsored by Dairy Australia**

### Conference Welcome

**MC Sarah Bolton, Dairy Beef and Animal Welfare Manager, Greenham, welcomes GA 2024 delegates**

### Day One: Session One

**10.30am** **A successful future: profitable farming with high levels of trust in farming**  
Seminar presented by **Dr David Nation, the Managing Director of Dairy Australia**

**11.00am** **Australian beef trends and insights**  
Seminar presented by **Tim McRae, Head of Markets at On The Box**

**11.30am** **MOET vs IVP (IVF) - the advantages and disadvantages of each**  
Seminar presented by **Dr Udo Mahne, Embryo Transfer Specialist, at Embryo Life**

**12.00pm** **Lunch sponsored by Estroject**

### Day One: Session Two

**1.00pm** **Reduced emission feeding strategies**  
Seminar presented **Ricardo Esquerro, General Manager Nutrition & Technical at Ridley**

**1.30pm** **The fundamentals of semen donors and sexed semen to maximise joining outcomes**  
Panel discussion facilitated by **Ruth Barber, Operations Manager of Total Livestock Genetics, with Neel Ganesan, Laboratory Manager at ST Genetics Australia and Michael Schmitt, Director of PEAK Genetics**

**2.00pm** **Unlocking international opportunities with the World Angus Evaluation**  
Seminar presented by **Christian Duff, General Manager Genetic Improvement, Angus Australia**

**2.30pm** **Afternoon Tea sponsored by Angus Australia**

### Day One: Session Three

**3.10pm** **Breeding for sustainability and resilience**  
We have got an ensemble of researchers to present a diverse range of topics relating to sustainability and resilience

- **Professor Jennie Pryce**, Research Director, Agriculture Victoria, Breeding for sustainability and resilience
- **Christy van der Jagt**, Senior research scientist and leader of Green Cow project, “Green Cow” overview
- **Fazel Almasi**, Research Scientist of Green Cow project, Using sensors to combat climate change – improving feed efficiency and reducing emissions
- **Laura Jensen**, PhD student at DairyBio, Using sensors to combat climate change – resilience to heat
- **Boris Sepulveda**, PhD student at DairyBio, Reducing methane emissions using the microbiome

**4.10pm** **Future for generations to come**  
Presented by **GENEX**

**4.15pm** **How to set new heights through the adoption of best practices and sustainable farming techniques**  
Seminar presented by **Robert Mackenzie, Managing Director of Macka's Black Angus**

**4.45pm** **Day 1 close**

**Gala Dinner sponsored by Genetics Australia Co-Operative**

**6.00pm** **Pre-Dinner Drinks sponsored by Jersey Australia**

**7.00pm** **Dinner Commences**  
3-course set menu dinner, hosted at GHMBA Stadium.  
The evenings entertainment is speaker **Ian Cover, broadcaster, and founding member of The Coodabeen Champions.**

## TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024

### Conference Welcome

**8.00am** Trade Displays open  
Tea, coffee and light refreshments available, **Coffee Cart Sponsored by MVE**

### Day Two: Session One

**9.00am** **ACC's journey to 3,000 full blood Wagyu breeders**  
Ryan Carter, Breeding Manager at Australian Country Choice (ACC)

**9.30am** **It all centres around the cow**  
Seminar presented by Paul Hunt, CEO of URUS

**10.00am** **40 Years of Genetic Improvement: assessing the Return on Investment**  
Seminar presented by Dr Matt Shaffer, CEO of DataGene  
**Can we breed healthier calves? Findings from Australian research**  
Seminar presented by Michelle Axford, Project Specialist at DataGene and PhD Candidate at LaTrobe University

**10.35am** Morning Tea Sponsored by Lely

### Day Two: Session Two

**11.15am** **Robotic Milking: sustainable, profitable and an enjoyable way of farming**  
Farmer panel which will include Luke Wallace, Gippsland, Jake Connor, Mt Compass, SA and Symone Vines, Simpson, VIC. with facilitator Dr Paul Cheng

**11.55am** **The role of genetic improvement in creating greater integration between our dairy and beef industries**  
Seminar presented by Dr Jo Newton OAM, Research Scientist at Agriculture Victoria

**12.25pm** **The next genetic frontier**  
Seminar presented by Michael Schmitt, Director of PEAK Genetics

**12.55pm** Lunch Sponsored by Repro360

### Day Two: Session Three

**2.00pm** **The importance of estrus intensity**  
Seminar presented Dr Ky Pohler, Associate Professor at Texas A&M University

**2.40pm** **Making a measurable difference**  
Farmer panel, which will include Scott Davis of Datamars Livestock, Katrina McRae, Dairy Farmer from Gippsland, Victoria and Markus Lang, Dairy Farmer from Northern Victoria

**3.10pm** **Backing your steps towards a more sustainable future**  
Seminar presented by NAB AgriBusiness

**3.30pm** **How IVF can be integrated into herd management as a tool for herd development**  
Seminar presented by Marie Ellul, CEO of ART Lab Solutions

**4.00pm** **Formal Conference Closure by Genetics Australia**  
Presented by Anthony Shelly, CEO of Genetics Australia

**4.10pm** Conference Closes

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