

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Australian Agriculture Roundtable Conference 2016

Pullman Brisbane King George Square, 10 & 11 November 2016

Conference Dinner

Thursday, 10 November

- 6:00 pm Registration
- 6:30 pm Pre-dinner drinks
- 7:30 pm Presentation of the 2016 John Ralph Essay Competition Prizes
- 8:00 pm **Dinner Speaker: Roger Fletcher**
Director, Fletcher International Exports Pty Ltd
- 8:30 pm Questions and answers

Roundtable Conference

Friday, 11 November

- 7:00 am Registration and breakfast
- 7:40 am **Breakfast Speaker: Steve Marafiotte**
Managing Director, Sundrop Farms
A new agriculture.
How Sundrop Farms is redesigning the way we think about food production.
- 8:10 am Questions and answers

Session 1: Investment in Australian agriculture

The options for investing in Australian agriculture extend well beyond 'buying the farm'. This session will provide the opportunity to hear from a diverse range of agribusinesses on the investments they are making. Where do they believe the value propositions lie, what is the investment appetite like, and what are the barriers for investment?

- 8:50 am **Introduction: Mick Keogh**, Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute
- 9:00 am **Hugh Robertson**, Stockbroker, Bell Potter Securities
- 9:20 am **Garry Edwards**, Managing Director and CEO, AAM Investment Group
- 9:40 am **Michael Dean**, Co-Founder and CIO, AgFunder, USA
- 10:00 am **Frank Delahunty**, Director, F & L Delahunty
- 10:20 am Questions and answers
- 10:45 am Morning tea**

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Friday, 11 November

Session 2: The future of the agricultural service sector

Overseas examples are indicating that the digital disruption of agriculture is occurring at a more rapid pace in businesses servicing the farm sector than it is in the farm businesses they are servicing. This session will explore how the agriculture service sector is evolving and how much it is being influenced by the possibilities of digital agriculture.

11:15 am **Ian Thompson**, Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division,
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

11:20 am **Andrew Whitelaw**, Business Development Manager, Mecardo

11:40 am **Kel Davison**, Strategic and Tactical Marketing Manager, John Deere

12:00 pm Questions and answers

12:30 pm **Lunch**

Session 3: Where to for free trade agreements. An economic outlook

There have been many global signals in recent times that have indicated a dissatisfaction with free trade agreements. Both the Brexit and the US general election campaigns featured much negative commentary on the effects of such agreements. How have free trade agreements impacted on Australian agriculture and what would be the consequences if a wind back of such agreements was to occur?

1:30 pm **Dr Cheryl Kalisch Gordon**, Trade and Economics Manager, Grain Growers Ltd

1:50 pm **Alan Oxley**, Principal, ITS Global

2:10 pm **Senator Nick Xenophon**, Independent Senator for South Australia

2:30 pm Questions and answers

3:00 pm **Afternoon tea**

Session 4: The right to farm

Tasmania is the only state in Australia that has 'Right to Farm' laws enacted. Is the lack of right to farm laws in the rest of the country impacting on the ability of farm businesses to operate under their own terms? Right to farm laws in other countries are starting to determine not just where farming can occur but also what farming practices can be used. Speakers in this session will address how the right to farm is being addressed in Australia.

3:30 pm **Edwina Beveridge**, Blantyre Farms

3:50 pm **David Blackmore**, Founder, Blackmore Wagyu

4:10 pm **Jan Davis**, Former CEO, Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association

4:30 pm Questions and answers

5:00 pm **Conference close**

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