


YOU'RE INVITED TO

Leading Breeder 2019

A large photograph of a flock of sheep grazing in a green field, serving as the background for the event details.

VENUE	Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, NSW
WHEN	Start 2:00pm Wednesday 20 March End 1:00pm Thursday 21 March
THEME	Breeding Sheep for a Future Environment

REGISTRATION

Click [here](#) to register by 14 March

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PROGRAM

Wednesday 20 March

Session 1 2:00 – 3:30pm What does the future hold for the sheep industry and breeding programs?	The MLA genetics landscape (30 min) Dr Daniel Brown Sheep Genetics Manager
	The challenges and the opportunities with sheep breeding (30 min) Jamie Heinrich Ella Matta White Suffolk and Poll Merino Stud
	The genetic project scene (30 min) Co-chairs: James Taylor and Emma McCrabb – Sheep Genetics Development Officers Short presentation followed by Q&A panel with presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Troy Fischer The SuperWhite Producer Innovation Fast Track project• Peter Blackwood Corriedale Eating Quality Genomics• Mark Mortimer Merinolink DNA Stimulation Project• Professor Julius van der Werf MLA Resource Flock
Session 2 3:40 – 5:00pm Breeding within an integrated supply chain	Connecting the customer to farmer (30 min) Natalie Isaac Global Manager – Industry Insights and Strategy, MLA
	Data capture and feedback - The Almtch Project (30 min) Dr Sarita Guy Postdoctoral Research Fellow , AGBU
	Breeding for consumer outcomes (20 min) Phil Clothier Woolumbool Sheep Studs

Dinner: 6:00pm – 9:30pm

A celebration of 30 years of genetic evaluation – A walk through time

Thursday 21 March

Session 3 8:30 – 10:30am Breeding for welfare and reproduction	Recap of day one Chair – Richard Apps
	Reproduction and welfare in industry (20 min) Peta Bradley Sheep Genetics – Senior Development Officer, MLA
	Enabling genetic improvement of reproduction in tropical beef cattle (Repronomics project) (30 min) Dr David Johnston Principal Scientist, AGBU
	Introducing Sheep Genetics' new reproduction RBVs (30 min) Dr Kim Bunter Principal Scientist, AGBU
	Breeding for reproduction – A breeder perspective (20 min) Lynton Arney Inverbrackie Border Leicester Stud
Session 4 11:00am – 1:00pm Creating opportunities through genetics	Maternal efficiency in future breeding programs (25 min) Sarah Blumer Murdoch University
	Selecting sheep for the future (25 min) Dr Andrew Swan Principal Scientist, AGBU
	A Resource Flock of the future (25 min) Hamish Chandler Program Manager – Genetics, MLA
	A breeder's role in the National Adoption Plan (25 min) Clara Bradford National Adoption Manager – Genetics, MLA