

DIGITAL FARMERS

Preliminary program – Digital Farmers: Bringing AgTech to Life / DAY 1 - Wed 13 June 2018 (10am-5pm)

10:00am	Conference open & welcome		
10:10am	Keynote - Day 1: Matt Pryor, Rocket Seeder		
10:55am	FARMERS: Digital agriculture has developed so rapidly that most farmers find it to be a confusing space. What support is available to enable farmers to participate in digital agriculture?	David Brownhill	Merrilong Pastoral Company, Nuffield 2007 scholar
		Andrea Koch	Director, National Farmers' Federation
		Dr Kate Devitt	Co-Founder & CEO Better Beliefs, Research Assoc. Maths & Statistics, Research Assoc. Faculty of Law - QUT
		Emma Leonard	AgriKnowHow
		Q&A	Led by Mike Chaseling - Precision Agriculture
12:35pm	LUNCH		
1:25pm	FARM WORKERS: Ag technology is changing the roles of farm workers. Is the rural workforce evolving along with emerging technology?	Matt Notley	Lecturer - Precision Agronomy, Tocal College
		Dr Amy Cosby	Senior research officer - Central Queensland University
		Andrew Fowler	Chairman Nuffield Australia
		Q&A	Led by Ben van Delden - KPMG
3:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA		
3:30pm	TECH DEVELOPERS: Opportunities for start-ups and developers are bringing new groups of people to agriculture. How can agri and tech communities capitalise on mutual opportunities?	Sarah Nolet	Founder & CEO AgThentic & Future Farmers Network Director NSW
		Sam Trethewey	General Manager SproutX & General Manager Agribusiness Findex
		Doug Fitch	Co-Founder & CEO Agworld
		Q&A	Led by Mark Pawsey - SST (Proagrica)
5:00pm	Day 1 close		
GALA DINNER – Australian National Maritime Museum (6pm-10pm)			
6:00pm	Pre-dinner drinks - HMAS Vampire		
7:00pm	Move to Lighthouse Gallery for meal		
8:20pm	Keynote address: Mick Keogh, outgoing Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute		
10:00pm	Dinner close		

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7:30am	Grab & Go BREAKFAST available (concurrent with COMMUNICATORS session)		
8:00am	Conference open		
8:05am	COMMUNICATORS (concurrent with BREAKFAST): Improved communications infrastructure allows rural, regional and remote communities to be more connected than ever before. How can the ag sector use new media to best advantage?	Edwina Robertson	Rural mental health advocate + Wander of the West
		Emma Moss	Life on a Station
		Verity Morgan-Schmidt	CEO Farmers for Climate Action
		Catherine Forge	Curator, Invisible Farmer Project , Museums Victoria
8:40am	Keynote - Day 2: TBC		
9:25am	RURAL COMMUNITIES: The technology enabling digital agriculture has application beyond the farm gate. What non-agricultural benefits can agtech bring to communities?	Alexandra Gartmann	Managing Director & CEO of Rural Bank
		Prof Susan Brumby	National Centre for Farmer Health
		Georgie Somerset	Beef producer, Vice President AgForce Qld , QRRRW, on boards of ABC, RFDS, QRAA, Children's Health Qld
		Q&A	
10:55am	MORNING TEA		
11:25am	STUDENTS: The knowledge required to support new practices must change to future-proof the agricultural workforce. How is education and training changing to accommodate digital agriculture?	Prof. David Lamb	McClymont Distinguished Prof. - School of Science & Technology; Precision Agriculture Research Group UNE
		Prof. Ian Yule	Prof. of Precision Agriculture, Massey University
		Prof. Alex McBratney	Director - Sydney Institute of Agriculture , Prof. of Digital Agri & Soil Science
		Q&A	
1:00pm	LUNCH + NETWORKING		
1:50pm	CONSUMERS: Digital agriculture is enabling new relationships with and pathways to consumers. How will digital agriculture change the relationship between farmers and consumers?	Lara Ladyman	Farmer & Nuffield 2017 Scholar
		James Hutchinson & Tyler Ye	James Tyler Fine Foods
		Q&A	
3:30pm	Conference Close		