

# CAREERS AND TECHNOLOGY HUB

## MARQUEE SPEAKER PROGRAM

The Sheep Show's Careers & Technology Hub Marquee speaker program is packed with engaging expert speakers, key insights, hard to find information and inspiring young voices from the land.

FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024

**9.00am-10.15am**

**'Ross McKenzie Scholarship Program' Mr. Peter Baker MC-President, Australian Sheep Breeders' Association.**

A packed program of interesting and inspiring topics for young and old.

**10.15am-11.15am**

**'Young Voices from the Land' forum Mr. Bill Lewis, Chair Australian Institute of Agricultural Science**

Be inspired by the diversity of exciting experiences available to young people who choose a career in agriculture. Hear from farmers, shearers, educators, agri-bankers and scientists.

**11.15am-11.45**

**'Opti Ewe-Better by Design' Dr. Mark Ferguson CEO neXtgen Agri International Ltd.**

A prime spot is reserved for the in-demand New Zealand-based expert Dr Mark Ferguson, whose passion for helping livestock producers prosper makes his speaking engagements, with top insights into maximising all aspects of sheep production, must-see events.

**12noon-12.45pm**

**'The Implications of the Proposed Ban on Export of Live Sheep from West Australia on Australian Livestock Markets'- Ms. Bonnie Skinner CEO Sheep Producers Australia.**

Hear from a top industry expert on one of the main issues facing Australia's sheep industry today.

**12.45pm-1.00pm**

**'The Roles of Cattle Australia and the Regional Consultative Committee Members' Forum lead by Mr.Adam Coffey, Board Member of Cattle Australia with Mr.David Allen, Ms.Loretta Carroll and Mr. Mac McArthur (Chair)**

Cattle Australia representatives will discuss exciting moves to involve regional consultative committees in key deliberations for future advocacy of beef industry issues.

**1.00pm-1.30pm**

**An update on the latest innovations in research, development and marketing. Mr Michael Crowley, Managing Director, Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA)**

In one of his first public events as Meat & Livestock Australia's new managing director, Michael Crowley will highlight MLA's key research, extension and regulatory program results and plans for new initiatives to drive the long term prosperity of the Australian redmeat and livestock industry. It's a chance to hear from MLA directly on the way forward in challenging times for the sheep industry.

**1.30pm-2.15pm**

**'Productive, Adaptable, Welfare Friendly Sheep Systems' Mr Jason Trompf Agribusiness Consultant/Farmer**

Another highly sought after speaker, agribusiness consultant and farmer, Jason Trompf will be on the speaker's stage with his excellent insights into highly productive sheep systems.

**2.15pm-2.45pm**

**Bale Time, Gavin Leersen, Leersen Electronics**

Inventor Gavin Leerson will demonstrate the adaptation of a key piece of office equipment to prevent hay bale combustion and reduce efficiency losses for farmers and hay contractors, both multi-million dollar problems in need of innovative solutions.

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**



*Bonnie Skinner, CEO Sheep Producers Australia*



*Michael Crowley, Managing Director, Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA)*

**2.45pm-3.15pm**

**A Young Farmer in Dubai: Tales of the global climate change gathering - COP 28.**

Intrepid young farmer Jamie Pepper will give us the highlights of his journey to the International Climate Action Conference COP 28 in Dubai. From Victoria's western district to the United Arab Emirates, Jamie rubbed shoulders with the world's climate change mitigation advocates, the world food industry representatives and fossil fuel industry lobbyists.

**3.15pm-4.15pm**

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SATURDAY 20 JULY 2024

**9.30am-10.30am**

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