

# BUILDING RESILIENCE

## STRATEGIES FOR A ROBUST GRAZING BUSINESS

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
1:00	Registrations open	
1:30	Welcome	Georgie Keynes, Conference facilitator and BIGG technical facilitator.
1:45	<b>Soil health</b> Looking after the heart of your farm's landscape; what is soil health and why it matters to you.	David Hardwick Soil Land Food
2:15	<b>Combating acid soils</b> Soil acidity is a threat to optimum pasture production. Learn how to test, assess and adjust soil pH, including local soil test results.	Brian Hughes, Rural Solutions, PIRSA
2:45	Afternoon tea	
3:00	<b>Technology display</b> The latest technologies to improve resilience in your livestock business	Local businesses
3:45	<b>Maximising pasture production in a variable climate</b> What pasture varieties are showing the most promise for year-round feed in a changing climate?	Georgie Keynes with Rehn Freebairn, Pasture Genetics
4:15	<b>Understanding soil moisture data</b> Soil moisture probes & weather stations provide a whole range of data. How can you interpret this information to inform decision making on your farm?	Peter Toome, TOIP
4:45	<b>Soil moisture &amp; climate information to manage climate variability</b> Learn about how BIGG are taking soil moisture monitoring to the next level to provide useful and timely advice to producers	Brett Nietscke, BIGG technical facilitator and Koonunga producer
5:00	<b>Using soil moisture and climate information to improve resilience</b> How soil moisture monitoring fits within a strategy to manage risk and adapt to climate change	Mark Branson, Tarlee mixed farmer and former Nuffield scholar
5:30	<b>Develop a management plan for your soils</b> Use our proforma to develop a plan for your soils and pasture varieties, using climate information, with the support of all our experts	All speakers Facilitated by Georgie Keynes
6:00	<b>Speaker panel</b> Your chance to ask our expert speakers about soils, climate, pastures or anything else you want to know.	<b>All speakers</b> Facilitated by Georgie Keynes
6.30	<b>Canapes and Landcare celebration</b> BIGG are the winners of the 2017 Australian Government Excellence in Sustainable Farm Practices Award at the SA Landcare Awards. Let's all share a toast to celebrate!	Graham Keynes, BIGG Chair
7:00	<b>Building resilience in life</b> 5AA radio host and former sports commentator Mark Aiston talks about his lifelong battle with depression, alcohol and gambling.	Mark Aiston, Television and radio personality
7:45	Mains served	
9:00	Conference ends	

