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The BIGG Bulletin

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Grow 2021 Conference

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Grow 2021

The Land. The Livestock. The People

A Barossa Improved Grazing Group Conference

PAUL LEONARD
Thomas Foods Livestock Manager



STEPH SCHMIDT
Clinical Psychologist,
Farmer, Mother and
the 2020 SA Agrifutures
Rural Women's Award
Winner

Tim Burvill
Producer and Managing
Director South Australian Cattle
Co.





ED SCOTT
Soil Scientist and
Adviser, Soil and Land
Co.

Also featuring:
Producer Panel: On-farm water security
and infrastructure
Adelaide Uni Research Update



LUKE CLARK
Mixed Farmer at
Jamestown

**THURSDAY
February 18,
2021**

NURI SPORTS CENTRE, 13 PENRICE ROAD, ANGASTON
12:45 PM-9PM | Free [paid members] | \$75 non-member
Includes: presentations, trade displays, afternoon tea and dinner
Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/biggs-grow-2021-conference-the-land-the-livestock-the-people-tickets-136219684341>
More information: Georgie Keynes, 0409 287 261, georgie.keynes@biggroup.org.au
This project is supported by the Hills and Fleurieu and Northern and Yorke landscape boards, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landscape Program.








Conference Program

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
12.40pm	Registrations open	
1.00pm	Welcome	BIGG
1.05 pm	The Red Meat Market	Paul Leonard National Livestock Manager, Thomas Foods
1.50pm	Vertical Beef Integration- Producer Case Study Tim has experience in nearly all facets of the beef	Tim Burvill Producer & Managing Director of

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	and dry ageing, and the retailing of beef through his two restaurants, Tim will provide an insight into vertical integration of his business and how this has been challenged in the past year.			
2.35pm	Soil Carbon in Production Systems: Know your soil to grow your soil We all know soil carbon is important but what can we do today to help build it in our soils and look at reducing our carbon footprint? Ed will also give some tips on opportunities for the future in carbon trading.	Edward Scott Soil Scientist and Adviser, Soil and Land Co.		
3.05pm	Trade Display 'Fast Break' Visit the range of trade displays presented by the BIGG sponsors. You will be encouraged to visit three different trade displays over the 15 minutes.	Trade Displays		
3.20pm	Afternoon tea	Continue to take the time to visit the trade displays presented by our wonderful sponsors		
3.50pm	Soil Moisture Data and Groundcover Drives Decisions- Producer Case Study Luke Clarke utilises daily soil moisture data from his on-farm weather stations to make informed decisions within his cropping and sheep enterprise. He has also implemented a containment ewe area to ensure he maintains 100% groundcover across the property.	Luke Clarke Mixed Farmer, Jamestown		
4.20pm	Act for AG This session will provide simple strategies to improve psychological flexibility and wellbeing. Drawing from both evidence-based psychological approaches and her lived experience of farming and rural life, Steph provides an accessible, easy to understand, interactive experience. Participants will learn a basic understanding of the brain and behaviour as well as simple, evidence-based strategies to improve their wellbeing.	Steph Schmidt Clinical Psychologist, Farmer, Mother and the 2020 SA Agrifutures Rural Women's Award Winner		
5.15pm	Adelaide Uni Research Update Hear about some of the exciting livestock and grazing projects being delivered by the Adelaide University.	TBC		
5.30pm	Producer Panel- Water Infrastructure and Security Hear from local producers about current water infrastructure issues and how they are combatting them.	Brett Nietschke, Technical Facilitator, BIGG		
6.00pm	BIGG wrap-up Final messages and thank you from the Barossa Improved Grazing Group	BIGG		
6.05pm	Networking			
6.30pm	Dinner	A delicious selection of roast meats		

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9.00pm	Conference closes	Thank you for your attendance!	

[More Info and Registration](#)

BIGG Membership



Just a reminder about the BIGG Membership. There are fantastic benefits that you can receive:

- Free entry to the BIGG Annual Conference (value \$75)
- Free or discounted entry to all other BIGG pasture walks, field days and workshops (value \$25+)
- Receive the monthly e-newsletter for project updates, event notification and technical information
- Eligible to nominate for the BIGG Board and to vote at the AGM

Each member category is entitled to all member benefits listed above:

- Full membership- \$100 for the first individual member
- Associate membership- \$50 for additional members involved in the farm business
- Full time student membership- \$20

If you would like more exposure for your business- check out our [sponsorship packages](#) which are also available!!

Visit our website for sign up form!

Bus Trip



Save the Date- March 19th

This bus trip will explore innovative on-farm water storage solutions to improve water quality and quantity to provide increased security.

More details to come!

Contact [Brett Nietschke](#) for more information

This project is supported by Northern and Yorke Landscape board

Soil Testing



It's that time of year again – for soil testing – and the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board is providing a number of free comprehensive soil tests to landowners in selected areas of the Hills and Fleurieu, and Northern and Yorke, Landscape Boards.

These selected areas are in the old Adelaide Mt Lofty Ranges NRM region- which includes the Barossa Council Area.

They are available to hobby farmers or commercial agricultural enterprises, including horticulture or vineyards. They are not available for backyard gardens.

To find out more about this, please contact Rebecca Tonkin at the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board.

Rebecca.tonkin@sa.gov.au or 0400 488 786

Free Soil Test Kit!

Save the Date - MeatUp Forum

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MeatUp Forums 2021
Gawler 5 March

No cost to red meat levy payers due to the Accelerated Adoption Initiative.

REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL.

For more information, please call Pinion Advisory on 1300 746 466

From the Inbox

- An update on the 2019/20 Aggregate Consulting prime lamb benchmarks [Webinar](#)- Wed 10 Feb
- Advantage Feeders "[Making Profit out of Beef and Sheep](#)" Workshop- Eudunda- Wed 10 Feb 2021
- Livestock Enterprise Planning Session- Tanunda 11 Feb 2021 [More Info](#)
- Bushfire Recovery Resources- short and long term recovery case studies and videos -visit the [BIGG website](#)
- Did you get a chance to check out BIGG's 2020 Annual Report- see [Here](#) if you missed it!

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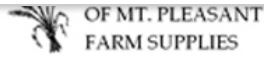
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