

TO THE FARMER



PASTURES FOR PROFIT

MT BARKER

Tuesday 24 June
Frost Oval Pavilion

DANDARAGAN

Thursday 26 June
Community Recreation Club

ESPERANCE

Friday 27 June
Esperance Bay Yacht Club

Keynote Speakers

Colin Seis

Growers, NSW

Bruce Maynard

Grower, NSW

Tim Leeming (Mt Barker only)

Grower, Western VIC

Dr Rick White

Animal nutritionist, NSW

Daniel Brasch

Pasture specialist, Qld

“Pasture Cropping”

“No Kill Cropping”

“Money from Grass”

“Feeding Animals for profit”

“New Varieties”

Other Topics include

Mt Barker

“Lucerne Dollars”

“Which Perennial Where”

“Kikuyu Dollars”

Dandaragan

“Risk & Economics Pasture Cropping”

“Which Perennial Where”

“Lucerne Dollars”

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Speaker Profiles

Colin Seis “Pasture Cropping”



Colin Seis and his son Nicholas run a 850 ha property “Winona” North of Gulgong on the central slopes of NSW. The Seis family, one of the early pioneering families in the Gulgong district, has been farming and grazing in the area since 1860. Winona runs four thousand, 18.0 - micron merino sheep, including a 59 year old Merino Stud. They “pasture crop” 200 ha annually to oats, wheat and cereal rye.

Colin is a pioneer of “Pasture Cropping” which he started in 1992. “Pasture Cropping” is a method of sowing cereal crops directly into perennial pastures. Pasture Cropping is used by >1500 farmers in Australia.

In 2007 Colin addressed over 1000 people around Australia and internationally on the practical aspects of “Pasture Cropping”.

In 2005 Colin was the NSW Central West Conservation Farmer of the year.

Bruce Maynard “No Kill Cropping”

Bruce Maynard is a fourth generation farmer from Narromine, NSW. His 1500ha property has been transformed into a leading example of sustainable agriculture; incorporating Time Control Grazing, Whole Farm Planning, Holistic Resource Management, Alley Farming, No Kill Cropping and Stress Free Stockmanship.

His property ‘Willydah’ is well known as a field day venue with some 130 major days conducted over the last 5 years along with numerous private visits.

Bruce invented the No Kill Cropping system in 1996 that grows crops within grasslands rather than replacing grasslands as conventional systems do. An environmentally kind cropping method that slashes input costs and allows great flexibility for producers.

Bruce has had an extensive background in Natural Resource Management working for Landcare as a Conservation Grazing Officer and also as a Farming Systems Officer for the local Catchment Management Authority.



Dr Rick White “Feeding Animals for Profit”



Rick White grew up on a sheep wheat and cattle property near Roma in Queensland, then studied Veterinary Science at University of Queensland. He has had 20 years experience in private veterinary practice with a focus on ruminant production, management and reproduction. Rick is the director of technical services at Livestock Central, who deliver livestock management advice to producers. Rick will discuss “feeding animals for profit”, something many south coast and northern region growers in particular would like to know about.

Tim Leeming “Money from Grass”

Tim Leeming farms with his wife at “Pigeon Ponds” North West of Hamilton in Western Victoria. They produce grass for lamb, beef, wool and mutton production, with some cereal crops grown for supplementary feed. The core of the business is lamb production, providing mutton and wool income. The beef operation is the flexible component of the business, this can provide 30% of the Winter/Spring stocking rate. The business has increased from 320 ha to 800 ha in the past 3 years.

Tim spent 3 years working in rural skill training and managed an extension program for Meat and Livestock Australia from 1999 to 2003. Tim currently runs a BestWool/BestLamb group for local farmers and delivers a Lifetime Ewe management group.

Tim’s system and his talk in Mt Barker is focused on the concept of “grass to money”.



Evergreen Farming is a state wide grower group assisting farmers and industry to research, develop and adopt highly profitable and sustainable perennial pasture based farming systems.

Speaker Profiles

Marcus Souness “Lucerne on the Cover of the Rolling Stone”

Marcus is chairman of WA Lucerne Growers. He farms with his father at Amelup near Borden. Last year the Souness family celebrated 100 years of farming. Marcus completed a Bachelor of Agribusiness (Farm Management) with Honours at Muresk and a master of Science in Agriculture from UWA.

The Souness’ farm is ~3000 ha on the boundary of the Stirling Range National Park, where they grow wheat, canola and merino sheep. Traditionally half the farm cropped and half pasture. Lucerne has been grown on the farm since the early nineties, with a strong profit drive for increased wheat yields and livestock production. Marcus aims to increase lucerne and continue to trial and adopt other perennial pastures. More intensive improved grazing will get the most out of these pastures.



Daniel Brasch “Sub Tropical Species (New Varieties)”

Daniel is a Queensland sub tropical pasture specialist from Heritage Seeds. He will advise growers on the latest sub tropicals, lusernes and temperate pasture species.

Morgan Souness “Kikuyu Dollars”

Morgan Souness runs a 1277 ha family farm at Gnowellen on WA’s South Coast. Its enterprises consist of crop, 5000 superfine wool merinos and recently, the harvest and sale of kikuyu seed. Morgan is Chairman of the South Coast Evergraze Committee and President of the WA Super Fine Wool Association. He began growing kikuyu several years ago to increase the staple strength and yield of his wool and to control erosion on the sandy paddocks. Morgan now has 300 ha under kikuyu pasture with another 80 ha to be planted in 2008. Morgan’s hoggets micron at ~13.5 and the kikuyu pastures are used to coat the paddock instead of coating the sheep. Morgan will discuss “Kikuyu Dollars” at Mt Barker and Esperance.



Luke Caelli “Lucerne Dollars from my farm”

Luke and his family farm 2200 ha along the West River near Ravensthorpe, where they run 4500-5000 fine wool 18.5-20 micron grown sheep and crop 800 ha to canola, lupins, barley and wheat. The Caelli’s adopted a phase farming system using perennials (mainly lucerne) to utilise out of season rainfall and stop the spread of dryland salinity. Luke will draw on his experience with lucerne to advise on the benefits of including lucerne in their cropping system.

Perry Dolling “Growers Survey”

Perry has worked as a researcher on lucerne for the last 8 years with the Department of Agriculture and Food based at Katanning. His research included adapting a lucerne model to Western Australian conditions. This model predicts water use and growth of lucerne for different soil types and seasons and has been road tested against field trials in various parts of WA. Perry recently interviewed 25 experienced lucerne growers to identify the paths they followed in adopting lucerne on their properties. He hopes this work will assist other growers in working out how and where to adopt lucerne.



agVivo Team “Which Perennial Where”

The agVivo team of Sam Taylor, Philip Barrett-Lennard and Paul Omodei will draw on a combination of trial results and farmer case studies to highlight the best perennial pasture systems for delegates to Mt Barker, Dandaragan and Esperance respectively.



Western Australian Lucerne Growers (WALG) is a grower directed research and extension organisation assisting farmers to grow lucerne.



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