

Tuesday 9 September 2025

TIME	THEME	PRESENTER/S
SESSION 1		
8.30am	CHAired BY: Claire Taylor, MC and 2023 Nuffield UK Scholar	
8.35am	Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country	Jane Bennett, Chair of Nuffield Australia, 2008 Scholar, Tasmania
8.45am	Australian agriculture – Fewer, Larger, Stronger? – Snapshot of trends in Aussie farming demographics, profit and productivity	Alanna Barrett, Associate Director Agribusiness Research, ANZ
9.15am	Global Focus Program 5	
9.45am	Scholarship Presentation 1 – Putting producers in the driver’s seat: value adding in the red meat supply chain	Fiona Aveyard, 2023 Scholar, NSW
9.55am	Scholarship Presentation 2 – Understanding, sharing and celebrating Australian native food’s cultural significance and unique benefits	Marlon Motlop, 2022 Scholar, SA
10.05am	Q&A	
10.15am	MORNING TEA	
SESSION 2		
10.45am	CHAired BY: Daniel Richards, 2016 Scholar, Northern Territory State Chair	
10.50am 11.00am 11.10am	SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION – Innovating in high-value horticulture	
	Scholarship Presentation 3 – What sustainability might look like for the maturing berry industry in Australia	Kirsty Dickenson, 2024 Scholar, TAS
	Scholarship Presentation 4 – Can Australia’s Horticulture Sector survive the next generation of tropical cyclones?	Joshua Maunder, 2021 Scholar, QLD
	Scholarship Presentation 5 – How can we best increase the productivity and profitability of small-scale farm operations	Michael Densham , 2021 Scholar, VIC
11.20am	Q&A	
11.35am 11.45am 11.55am	SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION – Small crops: big futures	
	Scholarship Presentation 6 – Generating consistant fruit quality in Australia’s finger lime industry	Jade King, 2022 Scholar, QLD
	Scholarship Presentation 7 – Insights for developing Australia’s seaweed industry	Jo Kelly, 2022 Scholar, QLD
	Scholarship Presentation 8 – Lessons from abroad to improve and expand Australia’s hemp industry	Omid Ansari, 2022 Scholar, QLD
12.05pm	Q&A	

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12.15pm	‘Where are they now?’ Grain grower	Lachie Seears, 2013 Scholar, SA
12.30pm	LUNCH	
SESSION 3		
1.45pm	CHAired BY: Kathryn Fleay, 2021 Scholar, Western Australia State Chair	
1.50pm 2.00pm 2.10pm	SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION – Voices for change	
	Scholarship Presentation 9 – Enabling Smart Growth (ESG) – opportunities for Australian farmers	Catherine Marriott OAM, 2024 Scholar, VIC
	Scholarship Presentation 10 – Preparing for large-scale land use changes resulting from climate change and the transition to net-zero	Sally Higgins, 2024 Scholar, QLD
	Scholarship Presentation 11 – Raising the farmer voice to influence policy	Laura Bennett, 2024 Scholar, WA
2.20pm	Q&A	
2.40pm	War and Wheat: Navigating markets during global conflict	Dennis Voznesenski, Author
3.10pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
SESSION 4		
3.45pm	CHAired BY: Claire Taylor, MC and 2023 Nuffield UK Scholar	
3.50pm 4.00pm	Scholarship Presentation 12 – Drought resilience – building farmer resilience in the face of a changing climate	Ben Poschelk, 2024 Scholar, NSW
	Scholarship Presentation 13 – How the Northern Pastoral industry can successfully retain and develop its workforce	Tammy Kruckow, 2020 Scholar, NT
4.10pm	Q&A	
4.20pm	‘Where are they now?’ Grain growing family and scholars	The Smart family
4.50pm	MC Close of formalities	Claire Taylor
6:00pm	COCKTAILS IN CASUALS	

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SESSION 1		
8.30am	CHAired BY: Claire Taylor, MC and 2023 Nuffield UK Scholar	
8.35am	Welcome	Claire Taylor
8.40am	Strategic Economic Outlook	Ben Picton, Senior Macro Strategist, Rabobank
9.05am	Australian Government Future Drought Fund	Kim Farrant, Assistant Secretary of the Future Drought Fund, DAFF
9.30am 9.40am 9.50am	SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION – Beyond the dry: building drought resilience on farm	
	Scholarship Presentation 14 – Developing the culture and skills for agroforestry in grazing and cropping regions	Michael Taylor, 2024 Scholar, NSW
	Scholarship Presentation 15 – Can feedlots play a role in ‘drought-proofing’ Australia’s livestock production?	Caitlin Herbert, 2024 Scholar, NSW
	Scholarship Presentation 16 – Building resilience through ecological literacy, connection and community	Claudia Benn, 2024 Scholar, QLD
10.00am	Q&A	
10.15am	MORNING TEA	
SESSION 2		
10.45am	CHAired BY: Stuart Tait, 2017 Scholar, New South Wales State Chair	
10.55am 11.05am 11.15am	SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION – Rooted in resilience	
	Scholarship Presentation 17 – Investigating the production methods and on-farm applications of biochar as a tool to improve soil health	Paul McGorman, 2024 Scholar, SA
	Scholarship Presentation 18 – Biologically priming soil: opportunities to build resilience and productivity in cropping systems	David Roberts-Thomson, 2024 Scholar, TAS
	Scholarship Presentation 19 – Optimising the use of legumes for nitrogen supply to vegetable crops	Stephanie Tabone, 2024 Scholar, NSW
11.25am	Q&A	
11.40am 11.50am 12:00pm	SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION – Smarter stock, better profits	
	Scholarship Presentation 20 – Emerging bovine tech for Northern Australia	Kylie Braes, 2024 Scholar, QLD
	Scholarship Presentation 21 – Maximising profit through maternal efficiency	Jack Courts, 2024 Scholar, NSW
	Scholarship Presentation 22 – Strategic and effective supplementation of sheep	Nicole Logg, 2023 Scholar, NSW
12.10pm	Q&A	

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12.25pm	Post scholarship opportunities	Various Alumni
12.30pm	LUNCH	
SESSION 3		
1.30pm	CHAired BY: Claire Taylor, MC and 2023 Nuffield UK Scholar	
1.35pm	‘Where are they now?’ First female Nuffield Australia Scholar	Jane Greenslade, 1996 Scholar, SA
1.55pm	Scholarship Presentation 23 – Is tracking carbon on farm good for business?	Pippa Jones, 2024 Scholar, QLD
2.05pm	Scholarship Presentation 24 – AI in grAIns: Are the gains intelligent or artificial	Katrina (Treen) Swift, 2024 Scholar, NSW
2.15pm	Q&A	
2.30pm	SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION – Paddocks to ports: export market opportunities	
	Scholarship Presentation 25 – The future of oats: global trends and opportunities for Aussie oats	Shannen Barrett, 2024 Scholar, WA
	Scholarship Presentation 26 – Creating value at a commodity level	Ash Wiese, 2024 Scholar, WA
	Scholarship Presentation 27 – Fodder for thoughts: global insights for local action	Natalie Schlitz , 2024 Scholar, VIC
3.00pm	Q&A	
3.15pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
SESSION 4		
3.45PM	CHAired BY: James Stacey, 2018 Scholar, South Australian State Chair	
3.50pm	SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION – Growing beyond generations	
	Scholarship Presentation 28 – A global policy review to facilitate succession of new generations into food and fibre production	Thomas Cosentino, 2024 Scholar, SA
	Scholarship Presentation 29 – Future proofing the family farm	Anna Cotton, 2024 Scholar, TAS
4.10pm	Q&A	
4.20pm	Nuffield International update	David Brownhill, Nuffield International External Board Member and Nuffield International Governance Committee Chair, 1998 Scholar, NSW
4.30pm	Conference wrap up, including announcement of 2026 Conference and awarding of Scholar shields	
4.50pm	MC CLOSE OF CONFERENCE	