

Wednesday 9 September 2026

| TIME             | THEME                                                                                                                                                                          | PRESENTER/S                                                                            |
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| <b>SESSION 1</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                        |
| <b>8.30am</b>    | <b>CHAired BY: Kristy O'Brien, MC and Journalist for the ABC</b>                                                                                                               |                                                                                        |
| 8.40am           | <b>WELCOME TO COUNTRY</b>                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Marlon Motlop</b> ,<br>2022 Scholar, SA                                             |
| 8.45am           | <b>Welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Jane Bennett</b> ,<br>Chair of Nuffield Australia,<br>2008 Scholar, TAS             |
| 8.55am           | <b>Welcome to the Territory</b>                                                                                                                                                | <b>Dan Richards</b> ,<br>2016 Scholar, NT                                              |
| 9.10am           | <b>Getting back up</b><br>– Lessons for the future of agriculture in Zimbabwe and other emerging markets                                                                       | <b>Steve Pocock</b> ,<br>2024 Scholar, Zimbabwe                                        |
| 9.25am           | <b>Northern Frontiers</b><br>– Trade, export and opportunity panel                                                                                                             | <b>Will Evans</b> , Cattle Australia<br><b>Steve Pocock</b> and<br><b>Dan Richards</b> |
| <b>10.10am</b>   | <b>MORNING TEA</b>                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                        |
| <b>SESSION 2</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                        |
| <b>10.50am</b>   | <b>CHAired BY: Munro Hardy, 2022 Scholar</b>                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                        |
|                  | <b>SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION: Tech that pays its way – technology and innovation driving efficiency</b>                                                                       |                                                                                        |
| 10.55am          | <b>Scholarship Presentation 1</b><br>– Use of emerging technology to improve property-wide connectivity to improve efficiency in the pastoral industry                         | <b>Alys McKeough</b> ,<br>2023 Scholar, WA                                             |
| 11.00am          | <b>Scholarship Presentation 2</b><br>– Measuring what matters: using technology to drive profitability and efficiency with the improvement of beef carcass yields              | <b>James Carter</b> ,<br>2025 Scholar, QLD                                             |
| 11.12am          | <b>Scholarship Presentation 3</b><br>– Developing cost-effective beef grading systems: using innovative technology to optimise marketability, eating quality and profitability | <b>Cailan Byrnes</b> ,<br>2025 Scholar, QLD                                            |
| 11.17am          | <b>Scholarship Presentation 4</b><br>– Strategies for applying data analytics on farm                                                                                          | <b>Connor Wass</b> ,<br>2025 Scholar, TAS                                              |
| <b>11.30am</b>   | <b>Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                        |
| 11.50am          | <b>Scholarship Presentation 5</b><br>– How farms can partner with their value chain to share the costs and benefits of supporting First Nations Australian communities         | <b>Tarun Richards</b> ,<br>2025 Scholar, NT                                            |
| 12.02pm          | <b>Scholarship Presentation 6</b><br>– Connecting the pieces: building a more profitable resilient beef industry in Northern Australia                                         | <b>Trudi Oxley</b> ,<br>2025 Scholar, NT                                               |
| 12.15pm          | <b>'Where are they now?'</b>                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Fritz Bolten</b> ,<br>2021 Scholar, WA                                              |
| <b>12.30pm</b>   | <b>Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                        |
| <b>12.50pm</b>   | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                        |

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| <b>SESSION 3</b> |                                                                                                                                             |                                                         |
| <b>2.00pm</b>    | <b>CHAired BY: Matt Brann, ABC Rural, NT</b>                                                                                                |                                                         |
|                  | <b>SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION: Value chains and market access – closing the gap to market</b>                                               |                                                         |
| 2.05pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 7</b><br>– From soil to shelf: fixing the missing links in onion and garlic production                          | <b>Jacob Moon,</b><br>2024 Scholar, QLD                 |
| 2.10pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 8</b><br>– Too big for the farm gate. Too small for the supermarket. Creating market access for ALL producers   | <b>Lucy Dodd,</b><br>2025 Scholar, SA                   |
| 2.15pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 9</b><br>– Balancing risk: a farmer's case for building the architecture to drive innovation, finance, and risk | <b>Georgia Beattie,</b><br>2021 Scholar, VIC            |
| 2.20pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 10</b><br>– The authors of agriculture: reclaiming farming's story online                                       | <b>Thanh Troung,</b><br>2025 Scholar, VIC               |
| <b>2.35pm</b>    | <b>Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| <b>2.55pm</b>    | <b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>                                                                                                                        |                                                         |
| <b>SESSION 4</b> |                                                                                                                                             |                                                         |
| <b>3.55pm</b>    | <b>CHAired BY: Kristy O'Brien, MC</b>                                                                                                       |                                                         |
|                  | <b>SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION: Sustainability, ESG and climate commitments – where sustainability meets the bottom line</b>                 |                                                         |
| 4.00pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 11</b><br>– Beyond efficiency: circular economy opportunities for Australian dairy                              | <b>Campbell Chesworth,</b><br>2025 Scholar, NSW         |
| 4.05pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 12</b><br>– From the ground up: rethinking agricultural program design                                          | <b>Maggie Jarrett,</b><br>2025 Scholar, NSW             |
| 4.17pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 13</b><br>– Taking stock: how sustainability commitments shape producer investment confidence                   | <b>Kari Moffat,</b><br>2025 Scholar, NT                 |
| 4.22pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 14</b><br>– Profitability and sustainability: the future for the family orchard                                 | <b>Iain MacLennan,</b><br>2025 Scholar, NSW             |
| <b>4.27pm</b>    | <b>Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| <b>4.50pm</b>    | <b>MC Close of formalities</b>                                                                                                              | <b>Kristy O'Brien, MC</b>                               |
| <b>6.00pm</b>    | <b>RABOBANK NETWORKING COCKTAIL EVENING</b>                                                                                                 | Hosted by<br><b>NT Government,<br/>Parliament House</b> |

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| 7.15am    | AGM                                                                                                                                |                                                |
| 9.00am    | Welcome                                                                                                                            | Kristey O'Brien, MC                            |
| SESSION 5 |                                                                                                                                    |                                                |
| 9.10am    | CHAired BY: Fiona Slater, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry                                                        |                                                |
| 9.15am    | Risks and opportunities of climate challenge in agriculture                                                                        | Iain Field,<br>2023 Scholar,<br>Leap Farm, TAS |
|           | SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION: Resilience through drought, volatility and remote communities                                          |                                                |
| 9.30am    | Scholarship Presentation 15<br>– Diversification and its impact on resilience                                                      | Jock Barnett,<br>2025 Scholar, NSW             |
| 9.35am    | Scholarship Presentation 16<br>– Building resilience in grazing businesses through drought and economic volatility                 | Hamish Robertson,<br>2025 Scholar, VIC         |
| 9.40am    | Scholarship Presentation 17<br>– The missing link: why rural Australians don't engage with support before crisis                   | David Woods,<br>2025 Scholar, QLD              |
| 9.52am    | Q&A                                                                                                                                |                                                |
| 10.20am   | MORNING TEA                                                                                                                        |                                                |
| SESSION 6 |                                                                                                                                    |                                                |
| 11.10am   | CHAired BY: Kristy O'Brien, MC                                                                                                     |                                                |
|           | SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION: Reading the resource – water, resource and environmental management                                    |                                                |
| 11.15am   | Scholarship Presentation 18<br>– Closing the gap: improving post-spawn conditioning of Pacific oysters in nutrient-reduced waters  | Paul Evans,<br>2025 Scholar, SA                |
| 11.20am   | Scholarship Presentation 19<br>– Seeing sustainability more clearly. Lessons from permanent crop systems that reveal the invisible | Leoni Kojetin,<br>2024 Scholar, NSW            |
| 11.32am   | Scholarship Presentation 20<br>– Making every drop count                                                                           | Kate Lumber,<br>2025 Scholar, NSW              |
| 11.44am   | Q&A                                                                                                                                |                                                |
|           | SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION: Grazing and livestock systems – growing more from less: rethinking grazing systems                     |                                                |
| 12.00pm   | Scholarship Presentation 21<br>– Regenerative Grazing in a low rainfall sheep zone                                                 | Thomas Hooke,<br>2020 Scholar, NSW             |
| 12.05pm   | Scholarship Presentation 22<br>– Transitioning from annual fodder crops to perennial pasture in a beef cattle system               | Alice Jorgensen,<br>2025 Scholar, NSW          |

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| 12.10pm          | <b>Scholarship Presentation 23</b><br>– Sustainable intensification of high output livestock grazing systems          | <b>Tom Polkinghorne,</b><br>2025 Scholar, VIC/SA                           |
| 12.15pm          | <b>Scholarship Presentation 24</b><br>– Resilience and preservation in a variable climate in remote rural communities | <b>Tom Youl,</b><br>2025 Scholar, TAS                                      |
| 12.20pm          | <b>Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                        |                                                                            |
| 12.40pm          | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                          |                                                                            |
| <b>SESSION 7</b> |                                                                                                                       |                                                                            |
| 1.45pm           | <b>CHAired BY: Matt Brann, ABC Rural, NT</b>                                                                          |                                                                            |
| 1.50pm           | <b>'Where are they now?'</b>                                                                                          | <b>Dan Richards,</b><br>2016 Scholar, NT                                   |
|                  | <b>SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION: Building stronger businesses and stronger voices</b>                                   |                                                                            |
| 2.10pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 24</b><br>– Stronger voices, better policy: improving farm representation                 | <b>Tyson Cattle,</b><br>2025 Scholar, WA                                   |
| 2.22pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 25</b><br>– Growing a livestock business: a high rainfall perspective                     | <b>Joe Druce,</b><br>2025 Scholar, VIC                                     |
| 2.27pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 26</b><br>– A value capture framework for profitable and resilient family farms           | <b>Krystal Caton,</b><br>2025 Scholar, QLD                                 |
| 2.32pm           | <b>Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                        |                                                                            |
| 2.47pm           | <b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>                                                                                                  |                                                                            |
| <b>SESSION 8</b> |                                                                                                                       |                                                                            |
| 3.30pm           | <b>CHAired BY: Kristy O'Brien, MC</b>                                                                                 |                                                                            |
|                  | <b>SCHOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION: UN International Year of the Woman Farmer</b>                                          |                                                                            |
| 3.35pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 27</b><br>– Thriving farmers and vibrant communities: a dynamic duo for agriculture       | <b>Claire Catford,</b><br>2025 Scholar, SA                                 |
| 3.47pm           | <b>Scholarship Presentation 28</b><br>– Who decides? Women, decision-making and the future of family farms            | <b>Nikki Gilder,</b><br>2025 Scholar, NSW                                  |
| 4.00pm           | <b>Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                        |                                                                            |
| 4.10pm           | <b>Nuffield International Update</b>                                                                                  | <b>Mike Brady,</b><br>2004 Scholar, and<br>Nuffield International<br>Chair |
| 4.20pm           | Conference wrap up. Announcement of 2027 Conference                                                                   |                                                                            |
| 4.45pm           | MC Close of Conference                                                                                                | <b>Kristy O'Brien, MC</b>                                                  |
| 6.00pm           | <b>OTHER CASUAL FUNCTION</b> Paid by guests – Medle Beach                                                             |                                                                            |