# Ag Excellence Forum & Awards Program

**The Grand Chancellor on Hindley** April 7 & 8, 2016

### Day One - Thursday, April 7

1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	I	Registration and Reception
2.00 pm to 2.10pm	I	Welcome Address:  Trent Potter, Chairman, Ag Excellence
2.10 pm to 2.40 pm	l	Presentation: 'Land Management Surveys' – How Farm Practices have changed over the Past 20 Years Tim Hermann, DEWNR
2.40 pm to 3.20 pm	I	Presentation: 'Creating New Networks – Pathways to Grain & NRM' Mark Stanley, Regional Connections
3.20 pm to 3.40 pm	1	Break
3.40 pm to 4.10 pm	I	Presentation: 'Role of NRM Regional Landcare Facilitators'  Eliza Rieger, South Australian Murray Darling Basin NRM  Lucy Hyde, Adelaide Mount Lofty NRM
4.10 pm to 5.00 pm	I	Presentation: 'The Importance of Work Health & Safety Practices'  Thea Birss, Mellor Olsson  Paul Daniels, Ag in Compliance
5.00 pm to 5.15 pm	I	Presentation: 'How Grain Growers Ltd Support Grower Groups'  David Evans, Grain Growers Ltd
5.15 pm to 6.00 pm	I	Presentation: Farm4Prophet – 'Enhancing the Farm Resource Base & Profitability through Better Risk Management'  Harm van Rees, Cropfacts / Birchip Cropping Group
6.00 pm	I	Session Closed

## Awards Dinner – Thursday, April 7

6.30 pm to 7.15 pm	I	Evening Reception: Canapes Served / Drinks available to purchase
7.15 pm to 7.30 pm	1	Guests take seats
7.30 pm to 7.35 pm	I	Welcome Address:  Leet Wilksch, Sponsor, Agbyte / Ag Excellence Committee
7.35 pm to 7.45 pm	I	Presentation: 2015 Grower Group Award Winner  Krysteen McElroy, Mackillop Farm Management Group
7.45 pm to 7.55 pm	I	Presentation: 2016 Ag Ex Sustainable Farming Award  PIRSA Representative
7.55 pm to 8.00 pm	I	Presentation: 2016 Grower Group Encouragement Award  Leet Wilksch, Sponsor Agbyte
8.00 pm to 8.40 pm	I	Dinner Served
8.40 pm to 9.15 pm	I	Keynote Address: 'Bringing you the latest in robotic technology; big is not always smarter, learn how robotics is the key to future farming practices'  Neville Crooke, Swarmfarm Robotic Agriculture
9.15 pm to 9.20 pm	I	Closing Address:  Trent Potter, Ag Excellence Chairman

#### Day 2 - Friday, April 8

8.30 am to 9.00 am Presentation: Launch of 2017 – 2022 Ag Excellence Strategic Plan Trent Potter, Chairman, Ag Excellence 9.00am to 9.35 am Presentation / Discussion: 'Sustainable Financial Modelling' Helen Lamont, Lower Eyre Peninsula Ag Development Assoc Nicole Dimos, Society of Precision Ag Australia Nicola Raymond, Lucerne Australia 9.35 am to 10.15 am Presentation / Discussion: 'Volunteer Reliance' **Ruth Sommerville, Upper North Farming Systems** Dot Brace, Eyre Peninsula Ag Research Foundation Judith McArthur, Ag Kangaroo Island 10.15 am to 10.35 am Break 10.35 am to 11.10 am Presentation / Discussion: 'Beyond Survival' Stuart Putland, Mallee Sustainable Farming Krysteen McElroy, Mackillop Farm Management Group Tom Robinson, Mid North High Rainfall Zone 11.10 am to 12.00 pm Presentation / Discussion: 'Remaining Relevant' Leighton Pearce, South Australian No Till Assoc Kim Blenikron, Partners in Grain Kristin McEvoy, Yorke Peninsula Alkaline Soils Group Rebecca Barr, Barossa Improved Grazing Group 12.00 pm to 12.15 pm Ag Excellence Annual General Meeting

12.15 pm to 1.10 pm	I	Lunch Break
1.10 pm to 1.45 pm		Presentation: 'Governance & Organisation Development'  Leet Wilksch, Northern Sustainable Soils
		Sarah Noak, Hart Field Site
		Mark Grossman, Ag Bureau of SA
1.45 pm to 2.30 pm	I	Presentation: 'Simplifying Climate Forecasting & the Season Ahead'  Dale Grey, Agriculture Victoria
2.30 pm to 2.45 pm	l	Presentation: 'SA Sheep Industry Blueprint & the new MLA Regional Engagement Program' Stephen Lee, Blueprint Manager, University of Adelaide
2.45 pm to 3.00 pm	I	Closing Address & Evaluation  Trent Potter, Chairman, Ag Excellence

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