

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tickets now on sale for the MerinoLink 2024 Conference!

2024 MERINOLINK CONFERENCE

Conference: Wednesday 5th June 2024

Location: Mount Panorama, Main Straight, Bathurst NSW

Dinner: Rydges, Mount Panorama

Followed by MerinoLink Sire Evaluation Field

Day 6th June 2024

Purchase tickets via <https://shorturl.at/muvyL>

Full event information at:

<http://www.merinolink.com.au/conference24/>



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TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

MerinoLink invites all of industry to join us in a fresh new location in Bathurst, NSW for our annual conference on **Wednesday 5th June 2024**.

The conference will feature the latest sheep research presented by a broad spectrum of industry presenters all hosted at the Mount Panorama Pit Complex, overlooking the finish line on Main Straight. A delicious dinner will follow the days proceedings at The Rydges, Mount Panorama, complete with auction and more! On **Thursday 6th June**, the MerinoLink Sire Evaluation Field Day will be held on-farm where you can inspect the progeny of the 2022 drop for the final time.

Tickets are now available. Check out our exciting program below

Don't miss this opportunity to attend this premium industry event, network with like-minded people and hear the latest industry updates in an exciting one-day format.

We look forward to you joining us at the MerinoLink Conference24!

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For discounted accommodation at The Rydges Mount Panorama

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Wednesday 5th June: The Pit Complex, Main Straight Mount Panorama, Bathurst

MORNING			Start	Duration
Registration			7:30	All-day
Opening Session				
Dr Jessica Rickard, MerinoLink Chair	Welcome & MerinoLink address		8:15	15
Clare Belfield, DPI	Success with Agtech-Navigating the agtech journey as a sheep producer		8:30	30
Dr Carolina Diaz, AWI	Investment in shearing and biological wool harvesting		9:00	30
Morning tea			9:30	30
Grazing and feeding for improved soil management				
Dr Warwick Badgery, DPI	Grazing management for soil carbon in Australia		10:00	20
Dr Susan Roberston, CSU	Confinement feeding for improved pasture productivity		10:20	20
Jesse Moody, Nuffield	Grazing methods for drought tolerance: A case study approach		10:40	20
		Q&A Panel	11:00	10
Leg stretch			11:10	5
Post farm wool processing				
Julie Davies, AWI	Innovation in wool processing		11:15	20
Michael Jackson, AWTA	Australian Wool Traceability Hub		11:35	20
Norm Smith, Glenwood Merinos	Farm to fashion		11:55	20
		Q&A Panel	12:15	10
Lunch			12:25	
AFTERNOON				
Genetics				
Dr Peter Wahinya, AGBU	How well does early performance predict lifetime performance in MLP ewes?		13:30	20
Erin Smith, UNE	Ewe udder and teat conformation traits and its relationship with lamb survival		13:50	20
Peta Bradley, Sheep Genetics & MLA	New Sheep Genetics Indexes and the role of genetics in breeding for sustainability outcomes		14:10	20
		Q&A Panel	14:30	10
Leg stretch			14:40	5
Tech time				
Ben Watts, Bralca	Drone technology for pasture management and mustering		14:45	20
Associate Professor Sigfredo Fuentes, UoM	Use of AI to measure heat stress		15:05	20
Danielle Morton, Zondii,	Low cost, on farm wool fibre measurement		15:25	20
		Q&A Panel	15:45	10
Afternoon tea			15:55	
People planning: On-farm and into the Future			16:30	45
Charlie Downie, Nuffield	Staff training v tech			
Craig Croker, Rabobank	Practical and strategic education for leaders in agriculture			
Bea Litchfield, Hazeldean Merino	Insight into family succession planning		17:15	
			Close	17:30
Bar open from 5:45pm for pre-dinner drinks			Dinner at 'The Rydges, Mount Panorama', 1 Conrod Street, Bathurst	

Thursday 6th June 2024: MerinoLink Sire Evaluation Field Day

Inspect the 2022 drop sire evaluation progeny with latest results for each of the 15 sire groups.

See a presentation from the team at Bracla and see their drones in action!

Field Day Program

10:00	Start
10:15	Welcome and outline of the day
10:30	AMSEA SE Presentation- Overview of results
11:00	Inspect 2022 progeny in their sire groups
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Bracla Drone demonstration



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