



AUSTRALIAN WHITE SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION

2018 National Conference

**You are invited to attend the 2018 White Suffolk National Conference
11th -14th February 2018**

@ the RACV Goldfields Resort, Creswick, Victoria

The destination for the 2018 National Conference is the **RACV Goldfields Resort**, nestled in the heart of Victoria's spa country in Creswick, Victoria, between Daylesford and Ballarat. A perfect spot for business and relaxation!

The Resort features an 18-hole golf course (sure to be a winner for the competitive ones amongst us), a day spa (great for partners to unwind) and is surrounded by native gardens and the Creswick State Forest.

A shuttle bus operates from Melbourne airport to Creswick daily.



Conference Cost

The Conference attendance costs below cover all meals and costs for attendance either for the full conference (full rate) or for one day (single day rate). You will be required to pay your accommodation separately on top of this rate (see more detail below for accommodation costs and inclusions).

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| Early bird full registration rate | \$275.00 per person | <i>for bookings received prior to 8th January</i> |
| Full registration rate | \$302.50 per person | <i>for bookings received after 8th January</i> |
| Single day rate – Monday/Tuesday | \$150.00 per person | |

**To register complete the Conference registration form and return to the Secretary by
Friday, 26th January 2018**

Accommodation

Accommodation must be arranged by you direct with RACV Goldfields Resort. Please contact Therese Dodd at the Resort on (03) 5345 9626 or complete and return the Accommodation Booking Form included with the registration information to therese_dodd@racv.com.au

A number of rooms have been put on hold for Conference attendees, please ensure you quote you are staying for the Conference to receive the rates listed below.

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| Single/double accommodation | \$174.00 per night | includes full buffet breakfast for one or two people, ensuite and tea & coffee facilities. Configuration 1 x king bed. |
| Twin accommodation | \$214.00 per night | includes full buffet breakfast for two, ensuite and tea & coffee facilities. Configuration 2 x king beds. |

Program

Sunday 11th February

6:00pm Welcome BBQ & Registration @ RACV Goldfields Resort

Monday 12th February

7:45am Registration

8:30am Conference Welcome & Housekeeping

8:40am **Genomics & the Sheep CRC**
Prof. Dave Pethick, SheepCRC

10:00am Morning Tea

10:30am **Maternal Trials and White Suffolk performance**
Dr Jason Trompf, JT Agri-Source

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm **Maternal Trials and White Suffolk performance, continued...**
Dr Jason Trompf, JT Agri-Source

1:45pm **Overseas Markets and Sheep Issues**
Allan Piggott, Chairman - Sheep Producers Australia

2:30pm Afternoon Tea

3:00pm **AWSA Forum**

4:30pm Free Time

6:30pm **Dinner with guest speaker Nathan Scott**



Prof. Dave Pethick



Allan Piggott



Dr Jason Trompf



Liv Ryan



Mike Stephens

Tuesday 13th February

8:30am **The Ballarat Potato Industry**
Liv Ryan, McCain Ballarat

9:15am **LAMBPLAN Update**

10:30am Morning Tea

11:00am **Succession Planning**
Mike Stephens, Meridian Agriculture

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm **The Skin Market & White Suffolks**
Paul Fitzsummons, PKF Sheepskin Valuations

2:15pm **Social Media and Online Marketing**
Struan Pearce, studstocksales.com

3:00pm Afternoon Tea

3:30pm **AWSA Annual General Meeting**

4:30pm AWSA Forum

6:30pm **Dinner featuring Young Guns Quiz Night**

Wednesday 14th February

8:00am Farewell Breakfast