

Friday 17th August 2018		
3pm - 4 pm	General Meeting. Catch Up, Conversations & Coffee, Presentation by Liza Dale Hallett with update on Invisible Farmer Project.	
Opening Cocktail Event (Proudly Sponsored by Moore Stephens)		
6pm - 10pm	Opening Event @Shepparton Motor Museum	Tour the museum and view displays from today and yesteryear including agricultural machinery and all modes of transport. Be entertained by renowned Uptown Brown. https://uptownbrown.net/ PIEFA Director Sarah Thompson will speak along with Nicole Richter from Moore Stephens.

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Enjoy the Scrumptious Food and Drink supplied by The Provender & Co surrounded by the Living History of the Shepparton Motor Museum. The collection includes classic, heritage and muscle cars, motorcycles, vintage bicycles, collectables and historic farm items in the Furphy Museum collection.

Nicole Richter, Business Services Manager for Moore Stephens will present on the diverse work Moore Stephens is doing within the agriculture sector.

Our keynote speaker for the evening is Sarah Thompson non-executive director of the Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia and an Executive Councillor of the NSW Farmers Association.

Sarah will outline her journey from new country wife to getting involved in agri political field and to someone banging on the table to demand food and fibre be a mandatory context in our schools to becoming a director on PIEFA. She will also talk about PIEFA, its vision and aspirations, its achievements and its future.

We will be entertained throughout the evening by One Man Band Extraordinaire, Uptown Brown.

Please Note:

Buses will depart from the designated pick up zones (at hotels & outside Eastbank) at 5.30 pm to take guests Motor Museum. They will return from the Museum to these zones for drop off at after 9.30 pm.

Saturday 18th August 2018			
Welcome			
8.30am	Welcome to Country	Yorta Yorta Nation	Aunty Faye Lynam - Yorta Yorta Elder
Looking Back at Australian Women in Agriculture's History (Proudly sponsored by Goulburn Broken CMA)			
8.45 am	Key Note Address	Professor Margaret Alston,	Awarded an OAM for services to rural women and to social work in 2010, Margaret's main areas of research are gender, climate and environmental disasters, rural women and social work. Active during the Rural Women's Movement of the 1980s-1990s, Margaret's academic works have directly informed policymakers and encouraged rural women to continue lobbying and networking. Margaret will reflect on the development of the rural women's movement in Australia, how it has informed policy makers and impacted on society. She will also provide insight into how issues such as gender, climate and environmental disasters have also shaped rural women, the rural women's movement and the awareness of women's contribution to Australian Society.
9.10am	The Invisible Farmer Project - Uncovering the Stories of Australian Women in Agriculture	Catherine Forge Jessie Matheson	Catherine Forge (Curator and Photographer) and Jessie Matheson (PhD candidate) share their journeys with the Invisible Farmer Project, including the stories they have uncovered. Catherine will provide an update on the Project, the importance of storytelling, and the sorts of stories that are been uncovered across rural, remote and regional Australia. Jessie will take us through some of her initial research on the Australian Rural Women's Movement, and the significance of this movement in Australia's collective conscience. She will explore some of the exciting objects and documents that she has uncovered through her research thus far and her thoughts on the significance on the history of Australian women in agriculture.
9:30am	"Seasons of Growth"	Anna Lottkowitz	Facilitated by long term member and supporter of Australian Women in Agriculture, Anna Lottkowitz, this session provides an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the impact of AWiA. The seasons of growth experienced by the organisation over the last quarter century have had a strong impact both on the individuals involved, and for the collective impact on agricultural industry and government policy.
10 am	Official Welcome	Suzanna Sheed MP	Suzanna Sheed, State Member for Shepparton will welcome conference attendees to the Shepparton Region
10.10am	Morning Tea		
Stories from Australian Women in Agriculture (Proudly sponsored by Fonterra Australia)			
10.30 am	Elizabeth Macarthur: A Life at the Edge of the World	Michelle Scott Tucker	In 1788 a young gentlewoman raised in the vicarage of an English village married a handsome, haughty and penniless army officer. In any Austen novel that would be the end of the story, but for the real-life woman who became an Australian farming entrepreneur, it was just the beginning. John Macarthur took credit for establishing the Australian wool industry and would feature on the two-dollar note, but it was practical Elizabeth who managed their holdings—while dealing with the

			<p>results of John’s manias: duels, quarrels, court cases, a military coup, long absences overseas, grandiose construction projects and, finally, his descent into certified insanity.</p> <p>Michelle Scott Tucker shines a light on an often-overlooked aspect of Australia’s history in this fascinating story of a remarkable woman.</p>
11am	AWiA & International Engagement		Australian Women in Agriculture members whom have represented Australia on the international stage will be joined by our sisters in Agriculture from PNG and the Pacific region.
11.20am	What does a farmer look like?	Kim Storey	<p>Two years ago, Kim Storey was having a discussion on Twitter about the perception of women in farming and farmers in general. This discussion led her to simply google the term “What Does A Farmer Look Like?” to have a look at the images that came up.</p> <p>Kim was less than impressed with the results of that search! And this prompted the journey that led to the book “What does a farmer look like?”</p> <p>During her presentation Kim will discuss her journey and how she came to be where he is today. She will talk about the creative processes involved with the project, the reasons behind it and the experiences she had along the way. Kim will also show some of the farmers included in the book and why the project is so important.</p>
11.40am	Female Entrepreneurs in Agriculture	<p>Panel led by Belinda Allitt, General Manager, Communications & Capacity Building at AgriFutures Australia</p> <p>** AgriFutures Logo</p>	<p>Proudly supported by AgriFutures Australia (formally Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation – RIRDC)</p> <p>This panel, comprised of women whom are trailblazers and lead the field in their industries, will look at agriculture, today and tomorrow. The will provide their personal perspectives on the industries they work in and discuss how they have succeeded to lead their industry sectors.</p> <p>The panel will be facilitated by Belinda Allitt - General Manager, Communications & Capacity Building, AgriFutures Australia.</p> <p>Panel members will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Connors from ‘This Farm Needs A Farmer’ – AgriFutures™ Rural Women’s Award VIC Winner 2018 • Olympia Yarger – Founder & CEO of Goterra – AgriFutures™ Rural Women’s Award NSW Finalist 2018 • Eleanor Toulmin – Mimictec – AgTech start-up aimed at improving the productivity of poultry farming • Mikaela Baker - Total Ag Consulting – Dairy productivity consultant – AgriFutures Horizons Scholar
12.20	Lunch		

Agriculture. Advocacy & Identity (Proudly sponsored by Rural Bank)			
Break Out Sessions (chose 1)			
1.20pm	Looking to Your Future - Financial Security for Women in Agriculture	Nicole Richter, Moore Stephens	<p>The farming landscape is ever-changing. We understand that with the good times can also come the challenging. During these challenging times it is essential that farmers, families and businesses are prepared to ensure their financial security and their future on the farm for generations to come.</p> <p>Together, let us explore how we invest in both on-farm and off-farm assets, the many benefits of superannuation and income protection insurance for individuals and businesses. By increasing your financial security, you will have more peace of mind and be more prepared for any situation that may arise. With your financial future secure and properly planned you can focus your attention on the things that matter most to you.</p>
	International Engagement Meeting	Val Lang	Catch up with our international counterparts and hear from those members whom have been involved international engagement in the last 12 months including CSW62 @ the United Nations, Pacific Week of Agriculture.
	'Comfort' to 'Courage' and Back Again: Changing the Culture of Sexual Harassment in the Bush	Dr Skye Saunders	Momentum is gathering as women in RRR are calling out workplace sexual harassment and discrimination. In this talk, we explore the practical tools that women can use to confidently challenge unwanted workplace behaviour. We also celebrate the unique roles of 'comfort' and 'courage' as we play our role in changing aspects of rural culture for all women and girls.
	The Sustainable Development & Energy Story.	Professor Kate Auty	Professor Kate Auty is an experienced advocate, leading communities and shires to adopt more sustainable practices including solar energy. Kate will present a theory of change for communities-start where you are, organise and show what you did. She will focus on the "organise" component, discussing community energy organisation and renewables in regional Victoria.
2.10pm	Rural Women's Conversation Circles	Rowan O'Hagan Janette Outram	Working together, what do you see as the current and emerging issues in agriculture? What do you want at the forefront of advocacy for women in agriculture? Your ideas/suggestion/issues will shape projects, representation to State and Federal Government along with funding applications for programs.
3.20 pm	Afternoon Tea (Proudly Sponsored by BEGA)		
Looking Forward (Proudly Sponsored by MLA)			
3.50pm	MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service, Technology and Market Drivers	Leann Dax	Leann's presentation will give an overview of the role of Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) as a service provider for the Red Meat Industry and its Structure. The focus being the National Livestock Reporting Service (NLRS) charged with the responsibility of providing a transparent and accurate market report of the key national markets of which our presenter is a part of. An overview of what is driving the market and why South East Asia is vitally important to the Australian Industry. Our presenter will conclude with the technology that is available through your MLA. MLA is your company.

4.00pm	The women's guide to putting drones to work on farms	Fiona Lake	Fiona will draft farm drone usage fact from fiction and list simple uses that make drones worth purchasing. Fiona's mantra is 'drones should only be used for what they're best at' so she will also discuss the other types of ag technology which are more efficient, cheaper or safer for some purposes She will include vital legal and safety considerations as well as drone models for different purposes, useful accessories, insurance and skills to practice. At present there's unique opportunities for rural women to get in on the ground floor of a brand-new industry, start small businesses with minimal capital and part-time hours; grow it as the fledgling drone industry evolves and become role models.
4.30pm	Immersive Technologies in Agriculture	Tim Gentle	There is going to be a paradigm shift in how we consume content, we will be moving from a world of 2D screens to having the content surround us. Our world will be a combination of real things and digital things and it needs to be seen to be believed. Learn about immersive technologies like 360 photos, 360 videos, virtual reality, augmented reality and how they can help improve efficiencies on farm, be used for safety and training, help us better communicate with our stakeholders and ultimately how they can help feed the world. As part of the presentation, you'll learn how to create your own 360 photos and get access to a series of Apps that will have you immersed in these new realities in no time.
5.15pm	Concluding Remarks	Sarah Parker	Australian Women in Agriculture President, Sarah Parker will deliver concluding remarks on the conference proceedings.
5.20pm	Close		

2018 Australian Women in Agriculture Conference Gala Dinner (Proudly sponsored by RURALCO)

Celebrate 25 Years of Australian Women in Agriculture amongst the picturesque Olive Grove at the Olive House Event and Function Venue. Set amongst a 50 Acre Olive Grove the red-brick federation style building is the perfect setting for our celebrations and our menu includes items from the Olive Grove.

Our MC for the night is Allison Jager from Rural Bank

Guest speakers include ABC Backroads program presenter, Heather Ewart, Rural Bank CEO Alexandra Gartmann and an "On the Couch" session led by Alana Johnson with AWiA Founding members Cathy McGowan AO, MP, Elaine Paton AO and Val Lang AM. We will also be entertained by musician Maurice Milani.

Please note buses will depart from designated pick up points in Shepparton at 6.15 pm.
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Sunday 19th August 2018		
2018 Australian Women in Agriculture Annual General Meeting		
9.00am	Shepparton RSL, 88 Wyndham Street Shepparton	Please note all attendees will be required to sign in at RSL. Please arrive at 9 am as meeting will start promptly at 9.15 am. Coffee, tea and morning tea will be served on arrival.
Conference Tours		
10.15am	Departing from Outside Eastbank	

Past Tour

Travel by bus to the historic town of Echuca, a town located on the banks of the Murray River and Campaspe River in Victoria. Echuca was thriving river port city during the 19th century where a range of agricultural commodities were unloaded off paddleboats at the Wharf to then be transported via rail to Melbourne.

You will participate in a Walking Tour of Port of Echuca, explore the Echuca Discovery Centre, enjoy lunch at Historic Henry's (est 1859) and enjoy a Paddle Steamer Tour of the River. There will also time to explore the heritage listed port and the surrounding historic shopping precinct

Present Tour

Sponsored by Strathbogie Shire Council

Tour the diverse agricultural "Strathbogie" Shire visiting farmers and businesses that are specialising in the 'paddock to plate' concept. Tour will include, a five-generation family owned winery focused on creating a sustainable legacy for future generations; a mushroom farm and on to lunch where the menu will include produce from farms visited, matched with locally produced wines.

We will also hear from producers and the amazing Chef that created our amazing lunch. We will be hosted by Strathbogie Mayor and Chicken Producer Amanda McClaren. The day will finish with a visit to the Eliza Furlonge monument and Farmers Arm Hotel Museum

Future Tour

The future tour bus will head out to Dookie College, the University of Melbourne's Agricultural Campus. Along with being a working farm, the campus has some of the leading technology and research being done in Australia. This includes an ultra-modern dairy comprises robotic milking machines, milking shed and feeding systems with capacity for 180 cows. The Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seedbank which is collecting, preserving, treating and providing indigenous seed mixes for direct seeding purposes to land holders and land care groups.

Fiona Lake will also give an in-depth presentation and practical demonstration of drones and their use in agriculture. There may also be an opportunity for tour attendees to try to 'fly' a drone.

Lunch will be at Tallis Wine, a farming business that has grown broad acre crops, sheep and cattle to the Tallis Wine Cellar Door. "Wine grape varieties were selected not only because we love them, but for their special relationship with this unique viticultural environment." Following lunch we will visit the Riverine Plains Research Site for tour and talk by one of their members.