



CHANGES, CHALLENGES AND CHOICES

Tasmania in a drier climate!
17th – 18th July, 2008 – Country Club Tasmania

Conference Session 1 "State of Mind"

"State of the Nation"

The Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, - Official Opening

"State of the Nation Agriculturally!"

David Crombie, President, National Farmers Federation

"Big Picture Thinking"

John Williams, Commissioner, New South Wales Natural Resources Commission

Panel Discussion

Conference Session 2 "Under the Weather"

"A Drier Climate"

(National Perspective)

Mick Keogh, Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute

(Local Perspective)

Ian Barnes-Keoghan, Climatologist, Bureau of Meteorology

"Water Wanted" –

(The Big Picture)

Chris Thompson, Senior Consultant, Agricultural Resource Management

(Tasmanian Perspective)

Vince Hawksworth, Chief Executive Officer, Hydro Tas

Panel Discussion

LUNCH

Conference Session 3 "Alive and Well"

"A Farming Life"

Guest Speaker Mrs Joan Prevost to be interviewed by Amy Cleland

"Reading the Signs"

Julien Krieg, Community Educator, Wheatbelt Men's Health (Inc)

"Led or Lost"

David Beurle, Innovative Leadership Australia

Panel Discussion



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Conference Session 4 "Bet Your Boots"

"The Business Adventure - Tassie Stories"

(15 minutes each)

Colin & Anthony Houston - Houston Farm salad mixes

Brian Hartnett, Managing Director, Tasmanian Alkaloids - The World Opiate Market

Peter Clutterbuck – Cultural differences in agriculture between England and Australia (TBC)

"On The Way With TFGA"

Approximately half this session will be devoted to transferring information of strategic wins by TFGA and the opportunity for participants to ask questions.

Panel Discussion

DINNER

The 2008 TFGA Dinner will commence with the ideal networking opportunity of pre-dinner drinks before delegates make their way into the Banquet Hall for a scrumptious three course dinner.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by 'The Show Company' –cast of many performing song and dance from famous musicals, all with a bit of comedy thrown in.

Highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the winners of the motor vehicle sponsored by Mitsubishi and the New Zealand Tour Competition, sponsored by TFGA and Wesfarmers Federation Insurance.

FIELD TRIP

Delegates will have the exciting opportunity to tour two unique local businesses.

Tas Global Seeds is a small seed export industry located at Oaks. Owners Rob Dent and Bob Reid will give a presentation on this rapidly expanding business.

Macquarie Oil Company, located at Cressy, is an exceptional business creating bio fuel from poppy seed waste. A tour will be provided by owner, Rob Henry.

The day will conclude with lunch at a local café.