

AFIA 2009

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Chairman's Message

It is hard to believe this is AFIA calendar number three. Again it has been a busy year for the AFIA board and staff. A Federal Government grant through DAFF allowed AFIA to conduct a Fodder Summit held in Melbourne on June 11th 2008. Representatives from the fodder and associated industries from across Australia attended the Fodder Summit to develop a plan for the sustainable funding of research, development and extension for the industry.

The grant also allowed us to put together an accreditation system for AFIA members now known as Fodder Care.

A great conference was held in Geelong in August 2008, with around 280 delegates and exhibitors attending. This was supported by a fodder care workshop attended by over 65 AFIA members. I acknowledge and thank all sponsors who supported the conference.

A well supported study tour of Victoria preceded the conference, with 55 young and older members and many new faces. We visited many different points of interest, including fodder activities, as well as general interest such as the underground cellars at Great Western.

The conference and tours are a great opportunity for AFIA members to learn about fodder production and use in other parts of Australia, as well as getting to know the other members of the organisation, and I highly recommend them to members.

We are looking forward to a good response to the 2009 conference to be held in Fremantle Western Australia on 28th - 29th July. A study tour to New Zealand is also planned for early 2009.

I would also like to mention AFIA website www.afia.org.au as a source of information, and more particularly AFIA Newsletter, which is becoming bigger and better with every issue.

All of these benefits are available if you are a member of AFIA. Please consider joining if you have not already done so, and gain access to information and networking from across Australia, by way of workshops, conferences and tours.

Again a special thanks to all sponsors who have fully subscribed to advertising space this year, those who have provided photos and information and in particular, the special and ongoing efforts of our production team to bring this third AFIA calendar to you.

On behalf of all at AFIA, we hope the New Year will be kinder than it has for some years, and that our seasons will improve. For some this year has been better, for others, another disappointment, with some hard decisions to be made.

May I offer to you all greetings for a blessed Christmas, and a happy new year.

Lyall Schulz

AFIA Chairman, December 2008.

Websites

Government Departments

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	www.daff.gov.au
Australian Agriculture	www.agriculture.gov.au
New South Wales Department of Primary Industries	www.dpi.nsw.gov.au
Department of Primary Industries Victoria	www.dpi.vic.gov.au
South Australian Research and Development Institute	www.sardi.sa.gov.au
Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries	www.dpi.qld.gov.au
Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia	www.agric.wa.gov.au
Northern Territory Department of Agriculture	www.nt.gov.au/dpifm
Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries and Water	www.dpiw.tas.gov.au
Australian Quarantine Service	www.aqis.gov.au

Road Transport Authorities

Queensland Transport	www.transport.qld.gov.au
Roads and Traffic Authority, New South Wales	www.rta.nsw.gov.au
VicRoads	www.vicroads.vic.gov.au
Department of Transport, Tasmania	www.transport.tas.gov.au
Transport SA	www.transport.sa.gov.au
Mainroads WA	www.mainroads.wa.gov.au
NT Planning and Infrastructure	www.dpi.nt.gov.au
Transport ACT	www.transport.act.gov.au

Industry Bodies, Research and Development Organisations and Information Sources

Austrade	www.austrade.gov.au
Australian Fodder Industry Association Ltd	www.afia.org.au
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	www.apvma.gov.au
Australian Road Research Board Group Ltd (ARRB)	www.arrb.com.au
Australian Wool Innovation	www.woolinnovation.com.au
CSIRO	www.csiro.au
Dairy Australia	www.dairyaustralia.com.au
Farmsafe Australia	www.farmsafe.org.au
Grains Research & Development Corporation	www.grdc.com.au
Grassland Society of New South Wales	www.grasslandnsw.com.au
Grassland Society of Southern Australia	www.grasslands.org.au
Hay and Forage Grower Magazine	www.hayandforage.com
Meat and Livestock Australia	www.mla.com.au
National Agricultural Commodities and Marketing Assoc. (NACMA)	www.nacma.com.au
Pest Genie	www.pestgenie.com.au
Rural Industries R&D Corporation	www.rirdc.gov.au
The Kondinin Group	www.kondinin.com.au
Tropical Grassland Society of Australia	www.tropicalgrasslands.asn.au

Australian School Terms

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
ACT	30 Jan—9 Apr	28 Apr—3 Jul	20 Jul—25 Sep	12 Oct—18 Dec
NSW	27 Jan—9 Apr	28 Apr—10 Jul	27 Jul—2 Oct	19 Oct—18 Dec
Vic	28 Jan—3 Apr	20 Apr—26 Jun	13 Jul—18 Sep	5 Oct—18 Dec
SA	27 Jan—9 Apr	27 Apr—3 Jul	20 Jul—21 Sep	12 Oct—11 Dec
WA	2 Feb—9 Apr	28 Apr—3 Jul	20 Jul—25 Sep	12 Oct—17 Dec
NT	28 Jan—3 Apr	14 Apr—19 Jun	20 Jul—25 Sep	5 Oct—11 Dec
Qld	27 Jan—9 Apr	20 Apr—26 Jun	13 Jul—18 Sep	5 Oct—11 Dec
	Term 1	Easter break	Term 2	Term 3
Tas	12 Feb—29 May	10 Apr—19 Apr	15 Jun—4 Sep	21 Sep—17 Dec

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AFIA

The Faces of AFIA

AFIA is the national peak body for the hay and silage industry. It aims to enhance production and trade through programs that encourage product quality and industry profitability. Since its formation in 1996, AFIA has provided member benefits through networking opportunities and industry lobbying.

AFIA is a 'whole of supply chain' blend of fodder producers, contractors, consumers, traders, exporters, grower organisations, machinery manufacturers, input suppliers, state government departments and testing laboratories.

It promotes investment into research and development, objective testing of hay and improved coordination between industry sectors. It provides an ideal vehicle for the exchange of information and promotion of new technologies in fodder conservation.

Member benefits

- Networking with like minded people from around the country
- Codes of practice for growers and contractors
- AFIA web site; free marketing services and information
- Hay quality guidelines
- Political lobbying for the industry on issues such as hay transport
- Improving consistency of feed testing laboratories
- Quarterly newsletters
- Conferences and seminars with the latest industry and research information
- Discounted registration at AFIA events
- National and international study tours
- Liaison with R&D funding organisations
- Industry benchmarking

AFIA Committee



L to R: Peter Gillett (hay exporter, WA), Murray Smith, (hay exporter, SA), Suzanne Dalton (Feedtest, DPI Vic), Lyall Schulz, Chairman (hay grower, SA), Mary-Anne Lattimore, Secretary (Agronomist, NSW DPI), Bill Gough, Treasurer (grower/contractor, Vic), Peter McCormack (Research Manager, SARDI, SA), Charlie Williams, retiring Ex-officio (grower/contractor, Victoria)



AFIA Staff

Far left: Colin Peace, Executive Officer

Left: Duncan Handley, Project Manager

Right: Anne Fleming (left) and Bronwyn Cannon. Farewell to Anne, AFIA Secretariat from 1996 to 2008. Welcome to Bronwyn who joined AFIA in 2008 as Office Manager.



National Fodder Conference and Tour

Geelong 2008



AFIA Activities

AFIA holds several events each year to promote industry networking and development.



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Annual National Fodder Conference

A two-day conference held in a different state each year, involving between 250 and 300 delegates. The conference has extensive trade shows from our sponsors and it is the primary networking event for the fodder industry. The last three conferences have been held in Geelong, Victoria, Coffs Harbour, New South Wales and Darwin, Northern Territory. Many members bring along their partners and families to hear from national and international speakers. The 2009 conference will be held in Fremantle, Western Australia in July and will include a Fodder Care workshop.

Seminars

Several one-day AFIA seminars are held across Australia. Each seminar provides the latest technical, market and production information and is customised to local interests. Seminar locations change each year to allow everyone to benefit.

Study Tours

Three day study tours are conducted prior to the AFIA conference. These give members a chance to tour with like minded people, learn about trends in hay and silage in other parts of Australia, and get to know other members before the conference. This year's tour will highlight fodder production in Western Australia.

International Study Tours

Bi-yearly events that provide the chance for members to open their minds to some of the most innovative fodder operations around the world. Past tours have been to USA, Canada and the United Kingdom. In early 2009 a study tour is being conducted to New Zealand.

To secure your seat contact AFIA as soon as possible, phone 03 9530 2199.



M Lattimore, NSW DPI



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 New Zealand Study Tour Contact AFIA to Book Now				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Australia Day</i>	27	28	29	30	31

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