



37th Australian Association of Animal Sciences (AAAS) Biennial Conference

Hotel Grand Chancellor Adelaide 14-16 July 2026



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM OUTLINE

MONDAY 13th July 2026			
1200	Registration		
1300 - 1630	EMCR Workshop: Tanya Perry - The Network Effect: Turning Conversations into Career Moves		
1700 - 1900	Opening Lecture & Welcome		
1900 - 2000	Happy hour and Canapes		
TUESDAY 14th July 2026			
0730	Registration		
0830 - 1030	Plenary 1		
0830 - 0840	Conference Welcome		
0900 - 0945	Keynote 1 Underwood lecture: Prof Ermias Kebreab - Innovative Pathways to Low-Emission Livestock		
0945 - 1030	Keynote 2: Prof Sonia Liu - Precision Nutrition in Poultry Production: Challenges and Successes		
1030 - 1100	Morning Tea		
1100 - 1230	<i>Room:</i> Stream: Methane Abatement 1 <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Ajmal Khan & Charlotte Adam <i>Room Monitor:</i>	<i>Room:</i> Stream: Nutrition 1 <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Saranika Talukder & Tom Keogh <i>Room Monitor:</i>	<i>Room:</i> Stream: Health <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Mandi Carr & Elena Dehnavi <i>Room Monitor:</i>
1230 - 1330	Lunch		
1330 - 1415	Plenary 2 Session Chair		
1300 - 1415	Keynote 3 Harry Stobbs Lecture: Dr Elizabeth Boughton - In Search of Greener Pastures: Insights on Water, Carbon, and Biodiversity Pathways from Subtropical Beef Systems		
1415 - 1500	Science Snapshot Session 1		
1500 - 1530	Afternoon Tea		
1530 - 1700	Science Snapshot Session 2		
1700 - 1800	AAAS Biennial General Meeting		

**** Please note that this is program is subject to change 18 March 2026****

WEDNESDAY 15th July 2026		
0850 - 1030	Plenary 3 Session Chair	
0850 - 0900	Day 2 Welcome	
0900 - 0945	Keynote 4 McClymont Lecture: Assoc Prof Jimena Laporta - Early-Life Heat Stress: Management Strategies and Multigenerational Consequences	
0945 - 1030	Keynote 5: Prof Mike Steer - The Science Behind South Australia's Harmful Algal Bloom: Understanding Karenia and Its Effects on Marine Life	
1030 - 1100	Morning Tea	
1100 - 1230	<i>Room:</i> Stream: Climate Change and Heat Stress <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Alice Weaver & Megan Willis <i>Room Monitor:</i>	<i>Room:</i> Stream: Methane Abatement 2 <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Surinder Chauhan & Apeh Omede <i>Room Monitor:</i>
		<i>Room:</i> Stream: Reproduction <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Sue Hatcher & Jamee Daly <i>Room Monitor:</i>
1230 - 1330	Lunch & Poster Session	
1330 - 1500	<i>Room:</i> Stream: AgTech <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: James Dougherty & Steph Sammes <i>Room Monitor:</i>	<i>Room:</i> Stream: Nutrition 2 <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Alyce Lowe & Anthea Lam <i>Room Monitor:</i>
		<i>Room:</i> Stream: Production 1 <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Shawn McGrath & Emma Lynch <i>Room Monitor:</i>
1500 - 1530	Afternoon Tea	
1530 - 1700	Plenary 4 Session Chair	
1530 - 1615	Keynote 6: Dr Peter Crisp - Mini Livestock: Uses, Challenges and Opportunities	
1615 - 1700	Keynote 7: Dr Penny Schulz - Adoption Session	
1830 - 2200	Conference Dinner	

THURSDAY 16 th July 2026		
0850 - 1030	Plenary 5 Session Chair	
0850 - 0900	Day 3 Welcome	
0900 - 0945	Keynote 8 Barnett Lecture: Dr Lauren Hemsworth - Animal Behaviour and Welfare Assessment	
0945 - 1030	Keynote 9: Dr Joel Alves - How Rabbits Invaded the World, and What We Can Learn from It	
1030 - 1100	Morning Tea	
1100 - 1230	<i>Room:</i> Stream: Behaviour and Wellbeing <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Will van Wettere & Renata Tognelli Room Monitor:	<i>Room:</i> Stream: Methane Abatement 3 <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Joe Jacobs & Kellie Wenham Room Monitor:
		<i>Room:</i> Stream: Production 2 <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Luis Prada e Silva & Hue Do Room Monitor:
1230 - 1330	Lunch	
1330 - 1500	<i>Room:</i> Stream: Genetics <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Joanna Newton & Fazel Almasi Room Monitor:	<i>Room:</i> Stream: Methane Abatement 4 <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Monique Berkhout & Leah Marett Room Monitor:
		<i>Room:</i> Stream: Adoption and capacity building <i>Sponsor:</i> Session Chair: Penny Schulz & Bianca Agenbag Room Monitor:
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Tea	
1500 - 1700	Plenary 6 Session Chair	
1500 - 1545	Keynote 10: Prof Chris Whitton - Preventing Injuries in Sport Horses	
1545 - 1630	Keynote 11: Assoc Prof Alexandra Whittaker - From Leash to Legislation: Shaping Sustainable Policy for Companion Animal Welfare in a Tech-Driven World	
1630 - 1700	Conference Close and announcement of the next AAAS Conference for 2028	

FRIDAY 17 th July 2026	
0800 - 1500	Field Trips in SA
0800 - 1500	Adelaide University / SARDI & Barossa Winery
0800 - 1500	Monarto Zoo