



**AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF  
AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANTS**  
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Dear AAAC(WA) Member,

A few point to keep you in the loop with AAAC(WA).

**September PD (15 and 16 Sept)**

Nic McGregor and Alan Peggs are working hard to provide you a good couple of PD days. One of the aims of your association is to provide PD on practice management, at least once per year. We have secured a firm from South Australia who has developed a well rounded farm consulting business and will provide their thoughts on running a consulting business, staff culture and management. They will also touch on advisory boards and the pro's and con's in the South Australian space.

We will socialise as a group on the Thursday afternoon (15<sup>th</sup>) with a game of golf or similar. You will need to book your own accommodation at The Vines for the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. Donna will provide details on this.

**AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the AAAC(WA) will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept at ~8.30am at The Vines.

**Outlook Conference**

Andrew Ritchie and his team are progressing the Outlook Conference. The key note speaker, in Emily French from ConsiliAgra, is locked in.

The AAAC panel session is recognised as being a bit "tired" and will be revamped. Andrew would like to hear your ideas on how to make it better.

**Sheep Alliance**

A big thank you to Ashley Herbert for taking on the role as AAAC(WA)'s representative for the Sheep Alliance (previously known as SILC).

Coincidentally, Andrew Ritchie is on the board of the Sheep Alliance, but not in a formal capacity for AAAC.

**DAWFA**

Your committee recently met with Mark Webb (acting Director General of DAFWA) and Cathy Lyons (A/Director Strategy and Governance).

The turn-around in leadership from DAFWA (and the Minister for Ag) should be viewed positively by AAAC. DAFWA are keen to re-engage with AAAC; they see us as a "front line resource" in their efforts to be a R&D/science based organisation.

We look forward to Mark Webb presenting his views at our PD day.

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### **Membership Returns**

There are some outstanding Membership Returns. If you haven't already done so, please return your form to Donna.

See you in September!

Regards,  
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