



# YOUNG BREED LEADERS WORKSHOP



THE ROLE OF GENETICS IN A MODERN  
AUSTRALIAN BEEF INDUSTRY

The workshop is targeted at young breeders in the age range of 20-35 years of age to help inspire and prepare them for senior management roles within the beef breeding industry. The underlying theme will be "What is the role of genetics in a modern Australian beef industry".

**DATE & VENUE:** **The Riverside Hotel in Montague Street, Brisbane (the South Bank)**  
**4 - 5 July 2017** (Below is a draft program and times)

## TUESDAY JULY 4

12 noon	<b>Lunch at Riverside</b>
12:45pm	A welcome to the Workshop - Breed independent facilitator. There will be a panel of Steve Skinner, Ben Noller and Colin Rex to assist the facilitator with questions from delegates.
1pm	<b>Questionnaire</b> Use of smart phones to get responses of the participants to a range of issues. Question is displayed on Powerpoint and breeders respond 1 to .... the number of the relevant replies. The results are displayed in real time. There would be about 20 questions proposed by ARCBA.
2pm	Summary of results - panel member, say Steve Skinner
2:15pm	<b>Key Question - first topic</b> <i>Emerging Technologies</i> - briefing on emerging technologies including onestep and genomics. Participants to be put in groups of about 8. They would be given the following topic to discuss and come up with recommendations which one person in each group would present. <i>Primary question</i> - do you consider genomics as an ongoing challenge to the registered sector and if so, how many do we turn it into an opportunity? Where do young breeders learn about genomics? <i>Secondary question</i> - those breeds using genomic profiling of sires are finding that many pedigrees in the breed database can be questioned. Should breed societies have a policy in place to handle this? Overall comment - Facilitator.



3:45pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
4pm	<b>Key Question - second topic</b> <i>Supply Chain</i> - briefing by a processor & feedlot operator on the importance of genetics to the supply chain. <i>Question</i> - How can genetics be improved to meet the needs of the supply chain and enhance the long-term profitability of beef production?
5:40pm	Discussion by meat processor.
5:50pm	An hours break to check into rooms, get ready for dinner
7pm	<b>Informal dinner</b> Address from high-profile motivational speaker - to be disclosed on the evening.
7:30pm	<b>Dinner</b>

## WEDNESDAY JULY 5

8:30am	<b>Address</b> Start with address from Hamish Chandler (or substitute) on what MLA is doing to maximise genetic improvement.
9am	<b>Key Question - third topic</b> How to ensure the ongoing growth, profitability and viability of the registered cattle industry. Overall comment from Colin Rex.
10:30am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
10:50am	<b>Key Question - fourth topic</b> How to create generational change in the seedstock industry to create more management opportunities for young breeders.
12:30pm	Overall discussion by Ben Noller
12:45pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30pm	Overall Summary of the Workshop and how ARCBA should act to assist the aspiration of Young Breed Leaders - Independent Facilitator.
2pm	Completion of workshop
3pm	Opportunity to visit breed office of a major pastoral company for an address on their innovative approach to data collection, use of genomics and supply chain management (yet to be confirmed).

## ENROLMENT

You can enrol in this Workshop through your breed society which will sponsor a number of applicants so that you only have to pay your accommodation costs. Sponsored by:



## ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP

2:30pm	ARCBA Executive Select Scholarship winner.
4:30pm	ARCBA AGM (Young Breed Leaders encouraged to attend as observers).
6pm	ARCBA Meeting Concludes

Delegates are advised that State of Origin is on that evening and several hotels will carry the match on large screens.

The MLA and Australian Beef Industry Foundation will be combining resources to hold the Australian Beef Improvement Forum on **Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7**. The programs for this will be provided when available.