

AgFutures Forum - Omeo / Benambra

July 14 and August 18, 2009

10.15am – 3.30pm

A forum for productive, competitive and sustainable farming families

AgFutures assists farmers and farming communities to make sense of changes that will affect agriculture in the future and enables better long term decision making

This is your opportunity to hear about what the future may look like and discuss the potential challenges and opportunities these changes may present to you

Your Invitation

Day 1

Neil Barr

Social Landscape and Change in the District

People, land use and population is constantly changing and this impacts on farming. Neil has extensively researched the social transformation of rural Victoria and its farming communities. Author of two books, one on environmental history of Victorian farming, with the second a personal study of rural community change over 20 years, Neil presents an interesting insight into the changes he has observed through the lens of his own extended family and experiences

Dale Grey

Climate Change and How It Will Affect You

Dale is co-editor of 'The Break' and 'Fast Break' seasonal climate risk newsletters, and has for four years researched the drivers of climate in Victoria and ways of managing seasonal risk. He is currently working on the science of climate change, its potential effects, methods of coping and carbon trading.

Day 2

Dr Tim Reeves

Tim is a Professorial Fellow at Melbourne University and a former President of the Australian Society of Agronomy. He has worked for 40 years in agricultural research, development and extension, focussing on sustainable agriculture in Australia and overseas. He is currently a Board Director of the Grains Research and Development Corporation and a Board Director of the Future Farm Industries Cooperative Research Centre.

Dr Geoff Daniel

Geoff returned to the family farm near Tumbarumba in 1983 after completing his degree in Veterinary Science. After spending a year with the Mackinnon project at The University of Melbourne where he gained a Masters degree, he completed the RABO Executive Development Program in 2001. Geoff is currently leasing, joint venturing or managing 300,000 - 400,000 DSE of sheep and beef cattle and currently runs over 30,000 merino sheep and 3,000 cattle over 20 farms, with just under half of the stock running on leased country.

Facilitator Julie de Hennin

Julie has lived and worked in the agribusiness sector for many years, in particular in education and training. She is a skilled facilitator with a love of the country and runs a beef farm with her husband at Talgarro.

Registration by July 10, 2009

Colin Sedgman

Ph: (03) 5159 9341 / e:ctsedgman@bigpond.com

Please note bookings can only be made for both days

Venue

Golden Age Hotel, Day Avenue, Omeo

Free to all participants includes lunch

A Victorian
Government
Initiative

