

2019 Nuffield National Conference: Regional Tour, Darling Downs

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FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

- 7:30am Depart Brisbane (Rydges Hotel, Fortitude Valley) to Lockyer Valley
- 8:45am **Visit Derrel Farms - Derrick Schulz (2001 Scholar)**
 2001 Scholar Derek Schulz and his wife Narelle run 'Derrel Farms' at Grantham, which is a vegetable cropping business. On his Nuffield Scholarship, Derek studied environmentally sustainable production methods with low chemical input
- 10:30am Grantham to Toowoomba
Note: Pacific Seeds and Boomaroo Nursery visits will be alternated between the two buses, with lunch served between visits, courtesy of Pacific Seeds

	BUS ONE		BUS TWO
11:30am	Visit Pacific Seeds (www.pacificseeds.com.au) The Pacific Seeds product range and history began in Central Queensland in 1962 when a leading US research firm established Pacific Seeds in Biloela to adapt and introduce safflower crops to Australian conditions	11:30am	Visit Boomaroo Nursery (www.boomaroo.com) This is a world-class vegetable seedling producer and one of Australia's largest commercial seedling suppliers with 20ha under production. It supplies more than 300 million transplantable seedlings to growers. Their Southbrook expansion project is the most advanced and efficient vegetable seedling nursery in the Southern Hemisphere
1:00pm	Lunch for all the group, hosted by Pacific Seeds		
2:00pm	Visit Boomaroo Nursery	2:00pm	Visit Pacific Seeds

- 3:30pm **Visit Wellcamp Airport and Export Centre**
 Wagner Group undertook construction of the jet-capable, Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport and Business Park in 2013, completed in 19 months. It caters for large jets and facilitating the largest of airfreight in and out of the region. Hosted by Chair John Wagner (<https://www.wellcamp.com.au/corporate/cargo/cargo-terminal/>)
- 5:30pm Wellcamp Airport to Dalby
- 6:30pm **Arrive Dalby.** Check into accommodation
- 7:30pm Dinner at Criterion Hotel (Casual)
- 9:00pm Day one concludes

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

- 6:45am Breakfast at the accommodation (all inclusive)
- 8:00am Dalby to Grassdale
- 8:30am **Visit Grassdale feedlot, Mort & Co (<https://www.mortco.com.au/>)**
Mort & Co is an Australian cattle feedlot, management and marketing business priding itself on producing a consistent supply of quality beef for domestic and export markets. Mort & Co strive to develop long term relationships with key producers and graziers to ensure they can reap the benefits of being part of a larger supply chain.
- 10:30am Grassdale to Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC), Dalby
- 11:00am **Visit LDC Dalby Gin (<https://www ldc.com/au/en/about-us>)**
LDC is a leading merchant and processor of agricultural goods, leveraging its global reach and extensive asset network to deliver for its customers around the world. Today they help to feed and clothe 500 million people, originating, processing and transporting approximately 80 million tons of products annually.
- 12:30pm LDC to McVeigh Partnership (with lunch) (Lunch hosted by ANZ)
- 12:45pm **Visit Matt McVeigh (2015 Scholar) (<https://www.mcveighpartnership.com.au/>)**
Matt and his family run 'McVeigh Partnership' which consists of 6,000 hectares of irrigated and dryland cropping and is a mixture of owned, leased and share-farmed country. Cotton, sorghum, wheat, barley, chickpeas are part of the cropping rotation. Farm management, transport and agricultural parts are also all part of this business.
Mini Field Day with:
 1. Boss Agriculture
 2. Finch Engineering
 3. MidWest
- 3:00pm **Jamie Grant (<https://www.queenslandcountrylife.com.au/story/4971197/jamie-receives-service-to-cotton-industry-award/>)**
 1. Swarm Bot
 2. Cover cropping
 3. Control Traffic Farming
- 4:00pm **Visit Jimbour Homestead (<https://jimbour.com/>)**
Jimbour is both a tiny village and the location of one of the nation's most gracious historical homes – Jimbour – built in 1876. It is a place where history, grandeur and graciousness are blended harmoniously.
- 6:30pm **Urban Paddock Café (www.dinedarlingdowns.com.au/na/urban-paddock-cafe/)**
Dinner at Urban Paddock Café. Set in historic Quambi House in Dalby, is a family-friendly café offering contemporary dining in a relaxed atmosphere.
Guest speakers include Paul McVeigh (Mayor) (Welcome) and Queensland TAFE
- 9:30pm Day two concludes

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SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

- 7:15am Breakfast, and depart Dalby
- 8:15am Drop off at Toowoomba Airport
- 10:15am Drop off at Brisbane Airport

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