

# Rockhampton Regional Outlook conference

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## Rockhampton 25 July 2018

### ABARES Regional Outlook conference

Rockhampton Leagues Club,  
Cambridge Street,  
Rockhampton, QLD





## Registration is complimentary

### Registration includes:

- conference entry
- morning, lunch and afternoon tea
- copy of the delegate directory for easier networking
- copy of ABARES 'About my region' agricultural industries profile
- access to ABARES recent publications

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# Rockhampton 25 July 2018

8.30 AM Registration

## Creating value in an increasingly connected world

CHAIR **Amy McCosker**  
ABC

9.00 AM Welcome to Country

*Opening address*

**Michelle Landry MP**

Member for Capricornia

9.30 AM **Peter Gooday**

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*Big picture issues affecting Queensland*

9.50 AM **Rohan Rainbow**

AgTech Centric

*Digital agriculture, automation and the future farm – opportunities and challenges to consider*

10.10 AM Questions and discussion

10.30 AM Morning tea

## Creating value in the beef industry

CHAIR **Stephen Smith**  
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries,  
Queensland

11.00 AM **Tim Whitnall**

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*Commodity outlook and issues*

11.20 AM **Ray Vella**

Bald Hills & Nuffield Scholar

*Pasture management and genetics best suited to harsh environments*

11.40 AM **Joe Comiskey**

Aintree

*Drought proofing with barley sprout fodder*

12.00 PM **Steven Farmer,**  
SC Droughtmasters  
*Productivity through genetics and irrigated pastures*

12.20 PM Questions and discussion

1.00 PM Lunch

## Cropping in a changing environment

CHAIR **Tony Gambling**  
Regional Development Australia Fitzroy  
& Central West

2.00 PM **Peter Stone**  
Bureau of Meteorology  
*Changing the way we collect and deliver weather and climate information*

2.20 PM **Paul Murphy**  
Radicle Seeds  
*Creating seeds of improvement*

2.40 PM **Derek Lightfoot**  
Tropical Pines  
*Creating demand for pineapple*

3.00 PM **Matthew Barnes**  
Australian Soil Planners  
*You have to be in the black to be green*

3.20 PM Questions and discussion

4.00 PM Close and afternoon tea