

**SALRC LIVESTOCK 2026 CONFERENCE**  
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**REAL FARM VALUE**



# **FUTURE VOICES IN LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP**

**Information Pack**

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## **FUTURE VOICES IN LIVESTOCK**

**Are you a producer, researcher or extension professional aged 35 years or under who is passionate about the future of the livestock industry? Join us at Livestock 2026 to explore how data, technology and AI can create real value on-farm.**

We are proud to support young producers, researchers and extension professionals from the southern Australian livestock industries to attend SALRC's Livestock 2026 Conference. The scholarships aim to assist young professionals with conference attendance costs (registration, accommodation and some travel) and increase their networking opportunities. The program aims to support emerging leaders and strengthen connections between research, extension and on-farm practice across southern Australia.

**Fourteen scholarships** are available.



*Young Professional Scholarship Recipients, Livestock 2024*

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### WHAT IS THE LIVESTOCK 2026 CONFERENCE

Livestock 2026 will be held at The Range Function Centre, Wagga Wagga NSW on 21-22 October 2026.

**Conference Theme:** From Data to Dollars: Turning AI into Real Farm Value

#### Conference Structure

Livestock 2026 is structured around four interconnected themes drawn directly from SALRC's industry RDE&A priorities:

- 1. Livestock Productivity (Labour & Efficiency):** Exploring how technologies such as virtual fencing reduce labour demands, improve operational efficiency, and enable new approaches to stock management in extensive systems.
- 2. Feedbase Intelligence:** Demonstrating how satellite, drone, and in-paddock tools can provide timely, objective insights into pasture quantity and quality—supporting better grazing, stocking, and feed budgeting decisions.
- 3. Animal Health & Welfare Monitoring:** Highlighting technologies that enable early detection of animal health and performance issues, improving outcomes through timely intervention and targeted management.
- 4. Integrated AI-Supported Decision Making:** Connecting the system—showing how data streams across pasture, livestock and environment can be integrated to move from reactive to predictive, whole-of-enterprise decision-making.

#### What participants will take away

- **Improved Decision-Making Capability** - Greater confidence using data to make earlier, more informed management decisions.
- **Increased Confidence to Adopt Technology** - Practical examples demonstrating where technology delivers real return on investment.
- **Clear Links Between Data and Profitability** - Understanding how technology adoption translates into measurable business outcomes.
- **Stronger Industry Connections - Direct engagement between producers,** advisors, researchers, and technology providers.

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### **WHAT WILL THE SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDE?**

Scholarship inclusions\*:

- **Conference Registration and Dinner ticket** – valued at \$450
- **Accommodation** – Two nights accommodation (valued at \$189 p/n)
- **Travel assistance** - up to \$600 (depending on accommodation requirements)
- **Exclusive networking session with industry leaders and sponsors.**
- **A platform to contribute your perspective to shaping future investments and priorities.**
- **Recognition as part of the Livestock 2026 Future Voices in Livestock Scholarship cohort.**

\*total allocation to attend capped at \$1,400 per person

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

We're looking for individuals who are:

- Actively involved in livestock production, applied research or extension
- Curious and willing to contribute on how technology, data and AI can improve livestock businesses
- Motivated to translate innovation into practical, on-ground outcomes
- Keen to share their experiences, challenges, and ideas with peers

Applicants do not need to be experts in artificial intelligence or data analytics – just curious and willing to contribute on how technology, data and AI can improve livestock businesses.

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### **EXPECTATIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

As a scholarship recipient, there is an expectation that you will:

- Attend the full two-day conference and dinner.
- Participate in a scholarship networking session and Q&A panel session at the Livestock Conference Dinner.
- Introduce yourself and actively engage with fellow scholarship recipients, speakers and delegates throughout the conference.
- Contribute to conference discussions.
- Be available for a meet and greet with scholarship sponsors at the conference.
- Share key learnings with their networks after the event.
- Provide a short written reflection or social media post.

### **INDICATIVE TIMELINE**

| Activity                        | Weighting            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Applications Open               | 5 August 2026        |
| Applications Close              | 4 September 2026     |
| Scholarship recipients notified | 11 September 2026    |
| SALRC Livestock 2026 Conference | 21 & 22 October 2026 |

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### **WHO IS SALRC**

The Southern Australia Livestock Research Council (SALRC) identifies and drives priorities for research, development, extension and adoption across southern Australia's beef and sheep industries.

Through its regional committee network, SALRC connects producers with research and innovation—ensuring that investments deliver practical, on-farm impact and improved productivity, sustainability, and profitability.

### **HOW WILL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS BE SELECTED?**

The scholarship recipient from each SALRC Region will be decided by the relevant SALRC Regional Chair, with input from their Regional Committee Members.

### **WHO IS SALRC**

If you are a young producer, researcher or extension provider from the southern Australian livestock industries and keen to engage in the topics at the Livestock 2026 Conference, please complete the [scholarship application form](#) by **Friday 5th September 2026**.

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