

/ Australia-China Sustainable Agricultural Technology Forum 2018

FORUM PROGRAMME – SUMMARY

DAY ONE | FORUM OPENING & THE AUSTRALIAN AND CHINESE CONTEXTS > UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

- Invited guests and Forum delegates will hear Australian and Chinese experts discuss the agricultural context within their respective countries, and some important considerations for developing successful research collaborations and outcomes.
- Opening addresses from the Australian and Tasmanian State Government, and representative for the Chinese Minister of Agriculture.
- Leaders of the partner organisations will discuss the objectives of the Memoranda of Understanding between NRM South, the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), and the University of Tasmania (UTAS).
- UTAS will present its approach to agricultural and food science through the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, host a discussion with students, and invite delegates on a tour of research facilities.
- Delegates and guests will join the Governor of Tasmania for a reception at Government House.

DAY TWO | KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE - SCIENCE, RESEARCH, & PRACTICE > SALAMANCA INN, HOBART

- Experts from Australia and China, including leading scientists from CAAS and the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, with other researchers from UTAS more broadly and NRM practitioners, will lead open discussion on key issues affecting sustainable agriculture and natural resource management.
- Participants will explore and discuss three key research themes through panels and workshops:

Soil Nutrients & Moisture

Soil nutrient and moisture management and soil health remediation through science, technology and farming practices.

Waterways & Catchments

Restoration of farmland waterways and wetlands for improved water quality and catchment management.

Bee Health & Pollination

Sustaining health honeybee populations and other pollinators for improved pollination.

DAY THREE | SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION IN ACTION > TRAVELLING

- Delegates will tour a number of working farms and environmental restoration initiatives in Tasmania, including sites in Hamilton, Bothwell, Ross, and Jericho; before returning to Salamanca Inn for casual drinks and to discuss the day.

DAY FOUR | PLANNING COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS > SALAMANCA INN, HOBART

- Participants and invited guests will break into focus groups to further discuss and develop specific project proposals within and across the key research themes.
- Delegates are invited to enjoy local fresh seafood and produce at the Forum's formal dinner, to be held at Mures restaurant on Hobart's waterfront.

DAY FIVE | CONCLUSIONS, COMMITMENTS & NEXT STEPS > SALAMANCA INN, HOBART

- Teams will present research proposals for each research theme to the broader group
- Closing addresses and Forum conclusion.

