

St George Program

Day 1 — Thursday 16th July

Creating positive change using your personal power

Exploring the powerful you

Staying in the power zone — strategies that work

Creating positive change — where will you start?

Day 2 — Wednesday 29th July

DiSC, Communication & Succession Planning

Communication—the good & the bad

DiSC—understanding the styles

Making family businesses work

Day 3 — Wednesday 12th August

Thriving not just Surviving

Developing a Thriving Vision

Thriving in Agriculture

Where to From Here?



St George Guest Speakers

Day 1 — Thursday 16th July

Benita Bensch, Sunburnt Country Consulting



Benita Bensch is a mother, wife and farmer and the Principal of her business of seven years - Sunburnt Country Consulting. A motivating coach and brand strategist, Benita works with rural people and businesses to help them be their best. She cares a lot about thriving, evolving people and businesses contributing to vibrant rural communities. Benita and her family recently relocated to the Moonie district to commence a new agribusiness venture in conjunction with her family. After years of farming from a distance she is excited to get back to the land, embrace a new chapter and nurture some natural talents and passions that have been suppressed for a long while. Benita is on a continual journey of personal discovery and learning, to rise above her challenges and become a better version of herself.

Day 2 — Wednesday 29th July

Simone Lawrie, Lawrie Grazing



Having worked through a successful rural family succession transition themselves, Peter and Simone Lawrie have extensive real life experience in the area of family succession planning. Having “been there and done that” Peter and Simone are able to share with others their personal experiences, what has worked for them and how they managed to achieve a successful succession planning outcome, complete with relationships intact! It was not an easy road, however the outcome and the lessons they have learnt along the way have proved invaluable and relationships within their family which were once feared lost forever, are now stronger than ever before.

Day 3 — Wednesday 12th August

Prue Bondfield, Palgrove Charolais



Prue was a Solicitor and Financial Advisor in Brisbane, before she married husband David and moved to the family’s Warwick beef cattle property, Palgrove in 1987. They have three children.

The couple purchased the Palgrove beef cattle stud (consisting of 50 cows) from David’s parents in 1989. Palgrove now runs approx 5500 registered cattle on a group of properties across Qld and New South Wales.

Prue has sat on a number of private company and statutory government boards in the last few years and maintains a strong commitment to the promotion of Australian agriculture. As Managing Director at Palgrove, she is responsible for strategic planning, financial management and company marketing.

