

FARM BUSINESS UPDATE 2026



High performing farms

Pittsworth Function Centre, Tuesday 21 July 2026

PROGRAM

9.30am GRDC Welcome

9.40am Managing risk around infrastructure and machinery purchase decisions

*Ben White
(Kondinin Group)*

10.25am Grower experience with autonomous optical spot sprayers - return on investment and how do they change capital, labour and management allocations?

*Tom Coggan
(Coggan Partnership)*

10.55am Introduction to Fat Farmers

*Michael Williams
(Fat Farmers)*

11.00am Morning Tea

11.30am Best management procurement - options to help reduce cost of farm inputs

*Rob Dawes
(AgProcure)*

12.10pm Steps to more effective decision making - When the stakes are high, a clear process will help to make decisions that are 'more right, more often'.

*Rick Llewellyn
(CSIRO)*

12.45pm Lunch

1.35pm Positive, productive communication language and techniques - developing skills and emotional resilience in management and staff for both the good and the less than good times.

*Dr Jane Foster
(Emotional Resilience Training)*

2.25pm Grain price outlook and global and domestic drivers

*Andrew Whitelaw
(Episode3)*

3.05pm Close