

2025 TEAM TE MANIA WORKSHOP

# GRASSROOTS BREEDING FROM THE GROUND UP

**12TH - 14TH MAY 2025**  
COLAC, VICTORIA



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# Workshop Program

## MONDAY 12TH MAY

Accommodation Arrival / Otway Gate Motel or Baronga Motor Inn	From 2:00 pm
Guests ready for pickup by bus from accommodation	2.30 pm
Visit to local production facility	3.00 pm
Guests ready for pickup by bus for Welcome Drinks / Dinner from Accommodation	4.15 pm
<b>Sapien's KoolConnect Welcome Drinks</b> Hosted by: <b>Robert Wyld</b> , Managing Director, Sapien Technology Colac Bowling Club, 35 Moore St, Colac VIC	 4.30 pm
<b>Team Te Mania Dinner Welcome /</b> Colac Bowling Club, 35 Moore St, Colac VIC	6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
Bus returns guests to accommodation	9.00 pm

## TUESDAY 13TH MAY – CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Breakfast Information (see page 4) / Guests ready for pickup by bus from accommodation	8.00 am
<b>Workshop Arrival COPACC / Civic Hall, 95-97 Gellibrand St, Colac VIC</b>	8.30 am
<b>Workshop Welcome / Sam Reid</b>	9.00 am
<b>David Beggs</b> , Director of Australian Veterinary Association Ltd and Associate Professor, Cattle at The University of Melbourne <b>ANIMAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL LICENSE TO OPERATE /</b> Veterinarian and researcher with an interest in Production Animals and Animal Welfare	
<b>Howard Parry-Husbands</b> , CEO and Founder - Pollinate	9:40 am
<b>CONSUMER SENTIMENT - THE TRUTH LIES IN CONTRADICTIONS /</b> Passionate advocate for transitioning to a sustainable society and economy. Experienced conference speaker on topics including sustainable behaviour change, market research methods, and media research. Regular lecturer and guest speaker on market research for APG and other professional bodies.	
<b>Morning Break</b>	10.15 am
<b>StoneX Keynote Speaker / Ripley Atkinson</b> , Australian Livestock & Commodities Manager, Stone X <b>GLOBAL AND DOMESTIC BEEF MARKETS /</b> Rip Atkinson, Australian Livestock & Commodities Manager at StoneX has a strong background in market analysis and risk management, applying his experience of working in agriculture and with livestock across the country in his role. Ripley now translates his on-farm experience into developing risk management tools for Australia's red meat industry and providing participants across the sector with detailed insights and his thoughts on the key drivers of the market. A valued sponsor and keynote speaker, Rip is committed to supporting and enhancing Australia's beef industry for the long term future.	 10.45 am
<b>Lunch break</b>	12.00 pm
<b>Alison Van Eenennaam</b> , Distinguished Professor of Cooperative Extension in Animal Biotechnology and Genomics at University of California, Davis, USA <b>GENE EDITING AND BIOTECHNOLOGY /</b> Alison is a respected leader in animal genomics and biotechnology, whose work continues to shape the future of Australian agriculture. At Te Mania Angus, we value her dedication to innovation and science communication, helping drive genetic progress and connect cutting-edge research with practical, on-farm outcomes.	1.00 pm
<b>Matt Wolcott &amp; David Johnstone</b> , Scientists - Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit (AGBU) <b>GENETIC GAIN OVER THE YEARS /</b> Matt Wolcott & David Johnstone are leading scientists at the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit (AGBU), specialising in genetic evaluation and beef cattle improvement. His research supports more accurate breeding decisions across Australia.	2.00 pm
<b>Oli Le Lievre</b> , Founder of Humans of Agriculture Media <b>Perspectives and next gen approaches /</b> Founder of Humans of Agriculture, he brings the stories of agriculture to life through authentic storytelling. With a broad background spanning AgTech, logistics, consulting, significant events, and marketing, he creates seamless, memorable experiences for every audience.	2.45 pm
<b>Q&amp;A Panel /</b> Hosted by <b>Oli Le Lievre</b> , Humans of Agriculture Media / All speakers	3.15 pm
<b>Genetics update and Close / Edward Gubbins</b>	4.00 pm
<b>Meeting Concludes</b>	4.20 pm
Guests return to Accommodation by bus	4.30 pm
Guests ready for pickup by bus for dinner	6.00 pm
<b>Anniversary Dinner / Royal Mail Hotel, Birregurra, Vic</b>	6.30 pm
Bus returns guests to accommodation	9.00 pm



## WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY – FIELD TRIP DAY

Breakfast Information (see page 4) / Breakfast location	7.00 am
Guests ready for pickup by bus from accommodation. Make sure you're checked out of accommodation.	8.00 am
<b>Property Tour Araluen</b>	9.00 am
<b>Araluen, Birregurra, Vic / Scott and Belinda Stewart</b>	
Scott and Belinda Stewart have been part of Team Te Mania since 2002, managing 900 breeders on their 2,500-acre property, Araluen, near Birregurra. They focus on breeding productive females and steers for the Japanese market. Alongside their beef enterprise, they now operate a bluestone quarry supplying crushed rock for the construction industry.	
Depart Araluen	10:30 am
<b>Drive in and tour of Pardoo Cattle Co.</b>	11.15 am
<b>Pardoo Cattle Co, Colac Vic / Ange and Matt Joyce</b>	
Pardoo Cattle Company has been part of Team Te Mania since 2018, running 500 spring-calving pure Angus breeders on their Barongarook West property, "Pardoo", additionally backgrounding 300-600 feeder steers subject to seasonal conditions.	
Their all-natural mating program, using 14 bulls, is carefully geared towards calving ease, quiet temperament, and moderate mature cow weight—underpinned by Te Mania Angus genetics known for marbling and quality growth.	
As Team Te Mania marks 30 years, we are delighted to revisit the home where TMA began more than 50 years ago.	
<b>Lunch / Speaker / Kym Kruse, Co-Founding Director RegenAG®</b>	12.30 pm
<b>REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE AND BIOFERTILISER</b> / Kym Kruse is the Co-Founding Director of RegenAG® and a Permaculture designer, consultant, and educator. She collaborates with farmers, natural resource groups, local governments, schools, and indigenous communities across diverse bioregions, farms, and urban areas. Kym's expertise focuses on regenerative practices that restore ecosystems, improve soil health, and enhance biodiversity. Her work empowers individuals and organizations to adopt sustainable, productive systems, bridging the gap between ecological restoration and agricultural productivity to create lasting positive change.	
Bus returns to Colac accommodation. Event concludes.	2.30 pm

# Team Te Mania: Celebrating 30 Years of Partnership and Success

*This year, we mark 30 years of partnership with Team Te Mania. Founded by Andrew and Mary Gubbins, the program started with the pioneering progeny test in 1995 and has since grown into one of Australia's most influential Angus cattle alliances.*

*With over 40 herds across Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia, Team Te Mania has consistently delivered high-performance genetics. The strength of the Te Mania Angus brand and our commitment to best practices in beef production ensure the delivery of consistent, high-quality beef products that meet market specifications.*

*Our annual workshops foster collaboration and innovation, offering a platform for members to connect with industry specialists and share valuable insights. This ongoing exchange has driven our collective success, shaping the future of commercial beef production.*

*As we celebrate 30 years, we acknowledge the vision and leadership of Andrew and Mary Gubbins and the dedication of all Team Te Mania members.*

*Together, we look forward to continuing our legacy of excellence and innovation in the Australian beef industry for many years to come.*



ANDREW & MARY GUBBINS



## ACCOMMODATION AND WORKSHOP

Please book directly with one of the following accommodation providers. Workshop transportation will be available for pick-up and drop-off directly from the motels.

**Otway Gate Motel:** 52-56 Murray Street East, Colac VIC (03) 5231 3244

**Baronga Motor Inn:** 35 – 39 Murray Street, Colac VIC (03) 5231 2100

## WORKSHOP COST

Workshop & Meals	\$350
Team Te Mania Members	No Charge

## BREAKFAST INFORMATION

Self-catering facilities for breakfast are available in your accommodation.

For those looking to enjoy a hot breakfast nearby, Shannon's Café offers a great local option (approx. 3-minute drive; own transport required).

**Shannon's Café**  
52 Bromfield Street, Colac VIC  
Open 7:30am

## ENQUIRIES

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