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**Australian Livestock Saleyards Association**

**Annual Conference 2019**

**Hyatt, Essendon Fields**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME FOR CONFERENCE 2019**

**Thursday 8 August, 2019**

**Noon Sponsor Set Up**

**1.00 pm Saleyard Managers Forum – Saleyard Managers Only**

 **- Transit stock/Ramp Standards**

 **- Effluent Management/CoR**

 **- Saleyard Litigation VLE**

**2.10 pm Technical Session**

 **- ALSA Project Update – Mark McDonald**

 **- NSQA Update – Ian O’Loan, NSQA**

 **- NLIS Update – Ben Fahy, Ag Vic**

**2.50 pm AGM - Members Only**

**3.20 pm Afternoon Tea**

**3.45 pm Sponsors Presentations and ‘Speed Dating’ session**

**6.00 pm Sponsor pre dinner drinks**

**7.00 pm Conference Dinner**

 **Stock and Land – Primary Sponsor**

 **Dinner Speaker – David Parkin**

**Friday, 9 August, 2019**

 **OPENING**

**8.30 am Official Opening and Welcome**

 **ALSA President**

**8.45 am Weather Update**

 **Dale Grey – Ag Vic**

**9.10 am Online Selling Interface for saleyards**

 **Michael Corcoran – Auctions plus**

**9.35 am Cattle Industry Update and Restructure**

 **Tom Dawkins - Cattle Council of Australia**

**10.05am Blockchain – threat or benefit to the industry**

 **Ralph Kansai - Blockchain Australia**

**10.40 am Morning Tea**

***Main Speaker Session***

**11.05 am Manufactured Meat – a new competitor**

 **Dr James Ryall – Melbourne University**

**11.30 am Activism and how the industry is tackling it**

 **Jax Bapista - MLA**

**12.00 am Sheep RFID – The road to nationalization – Panel Session**

 **Speaker Presentations**

 **Len Vallence – VFF**

 **Ben Fahy – Ag Vic**

 **Stephen Crisp- Sheep Producers Australia**

 **TBC – ALSA**

 **TBC - Processor**

 **Panel discussion**

**1.15 pm Lunch**

**1.55 pm Conference Close**