Australian Pork Emerging Leaders (APEL) Program

**What APEL has to offer**

APEL (formerly APYL) provides its attendees with opportunities to create and develop networks throughout the supply chain. It also supports their development not only in technical and business-related areas, but also their leadership, management, and communication skills.

The program runs on an ongoing basis, rather than over a fixed term, and has been very successful in Toowoomba (QLD) over the last three years, which is why we’re now looking to expand it.

Time well spent. The networking and knowledge sharing is what I find best. If you have an issue on farm, talking to other like-minded people with practical experience is so helpful. The presentations from other people are great too.

*-Tristan Donaldson*

*A group like APEL demonstrates there is a lot to be gained when emerging industry leaders are provided a space to develop professionally and apply learnings*

*-Clark Forbes*

Meeting topics will be determined by participants, to ensure what’s being delivered is relevant. Examples of topics that have been covered for QLD’s APEL group in the past include:

* Risk management and decision making
* Pig nutrition
* Farm KPIs and how to understand and manage them
* Personality profiling and communication
* Leadership vs management
* Carcass breakdown and valuation
* Insight into the supply chain

**Who can get involved?**

APEL is open not only to producers, but to members of the broader pork supply chain and service/sales industries.

There is no restriction on age of participants; as long as participants are emerging leaders and feel they will get benefit from taking part in the program, they are welcome to attend.

Similarly, there is no restriction on location; members of the pork industry from any/all states in Australia are welcome to attend, with some support available to help interstate participants attend.

**Upcoming meetings:**

APL are keen to support the expansion of the APEL program with a South-Western group. Given the uncertainty around COVID, the first meeting (mid-late October 2021) will be held virtually. This meeting will be a chance for the group to meet and start to work through ideas for future face to face meeting topics.

The Northern (QLD) APEL group will continue as normal, with the next meeting scheduled for October 28th 2021 in Toowoomba. The topic of this meeting will be “Planning for future success”.

**How do I register my interest?**

To register interest in the Southern group, please contact Rachael Bryant at rachael.bryant@australianpork.com.au

To register interest in the Northern group, please contact Sara Willis at sara.willis@daf.qld.com.au