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Kevin Smith (Professor of Pasture Breeding, University of Melbourne) is based in Hamilton and has more than 25 years experience in forage grass genetics and breeding with a particular emphasis on the development and application of new breeding technologies in conjunction with private sector breeding programs. He has been actively involved in the development and application of the national research and development programs for red meat and dairy. He has trained more than 15 PhD students in forage breeding, published more than 80 refereed papers and bred cultivars of perennial ryegrass, tall wheatgrass and white clover. Prior to this role he has worked in government and private sector agencies and been actively involved in developing biotechnology and innovation projects and strategies in China, Japan, New Zealand, USA, Argentina, Brunei, Uruguay and Australia.

