



# The Sum of It All

## NSW Landcare & Local Land Services

### Conference 2026

### Day 1: Tuesday, 27 October

| Time                | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Where                   |
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| 7.30 am - 8.30 am   | <i>Optional: <b>Conference registrations open for those attending Muster at Hall</b><br/>Join us for breakfast, tea and coffee with Corowa CWA</i>                                                                                                     | Corowa<br>Memorial Hall |
| 8.30 am - 11.45 am  | <b>Optional: 2026 Landcare NSW Muster</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                         |
| 11.45 am - 12.00 pm | <i>Optional: Walk to Club Corowa (800m) or shuttle bus available</i>                                                                                                                                                                                   |                         |
| 11 am               | <b>Conference registrations at Club Corowa for those not attending the Muster</b><br>RAMHP Wellness Marquee open, including cultural weaving and interactive art                                                                                       | Club Corowa             |
| 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm  | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                         |
| 1.00 pm - 1.30 pm   | <b>Official Landcare and Local Land Services Conference Opening</b><br>MC: Mykel Dixon and Uncle Dozer Atkinson                                                                                                                                        |                         |
| 1.30 pm - 1.40 pm   | <b>Opening Address</b><br>The Hon. Tara Moriarty, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales & Minister for Western New South Wales                                                                                               |                         |
| 1.40 pm - 1.50 pm   | <b>Chair's Welcome</b><br>Steve Bunnell, Chair Landcare NSW and Tess Herbert, Chair Local Land Services                                                                                                                                                |                         |
| 1.50 pm - 2.20 pm   | <b>The Sum of It All</b><br>Natalie Kyriacou                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                         |
| 2.20 pm - 2.50 pm   | <b>The Sum of It All: Lightning Talks and Short Films</b><br>Erin Brinkley and Georgeanna Story<br>Belinda Elliot and Corowa South Primary School<br>Riverina Local Land Services (film)<br>Neil Bull and Edwina Hayes<br>Alydia Adams and Greg Ingram |                         |
| 2.50 pm - 3.20 pm   | <b>Afternoon tea</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                         |
| 3.20 pm - 3.50 pm   | <b>Landcare and Regional NRM: natural synergies</b><br>Andrew Campbell                                                                                                                                                                                 |                         |
| 3.50 pm - 4.00 pm   | <b>30 years of Landcare in Corowa</b><br>Meredith Mitchell, Corowa District Landcare                                                                                                                                                                   |                         |
| 4.00 pm - 4.30 pm   | <b>The Sum of It All: Lightning Talks and Short Films</b><br>Manning Coastal Volunteers (film)<br>John Nolan<br>North Coast Caring for Catchments (film)<br>Bronte Lee and Danielle Connolly<br>Liz Mecham and Marg Bull                               |                         |
| 4.30 pm - 4.45 pm   | <b>Reflections and Close</b><br>Mykel Dixon, Kate Lorimer-Ward and Andrew Campbell                                                                                                                                                                     |                         |
| 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm   | Renovo Ag <b>Sundown Welcome Function</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Corowa<br>Distilling Co |



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### Day 2: Wednesday, 28 October

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| 6.45 am                   | Yoga and meditation @ RAMHP Wellness Marquee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                |
| 8.00 am                   | Coffee van, trade stalls and venue doors open                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                |
| 8.45 am - 9.20 am         | Day 2 Opens<br>Mykel Dixon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                |
|                           | <b>KNOW</b><br><b>Concurrent session 1</b><br>Room: Miss Birdies<br>MC: Marien Stark                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>GO</b><br><b>Concurrent session 2</b><br>Room: Community<br>MC: Chris McCulloch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>SHOW</b><br><b>Concurrent session 3</b><br>Room: Federation<br>MC: Mykel Dixon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>SLOW</b><br><b>Concurrent session 4</b><br>Room: RAMHP Wellness Marquee<br>MC: Peter Pigott |
| 9.20 am - 10.50 am        | Indigenous representation in agricultural and environmental systems - <b>Josh Gilbert</b><br><br>How private landholders are reshaping biodiversity knowledge in NSW- <b>Alice McGrath</b><br><br>Grave matters - growing partnerships in an unlikely place. Building momentum, trust and shared stewardship over 16 years of collaboration - <b>Julie Reynolds and Bruce Christie</b><br><br>Biodiversity as a farm asset: how natural capital supports productivity, profitability and community - <b>Hayley Pattison</b> | The Lessons I Carry: What My Family Taught Me About Food, Culture and Caring for Country - <b>Mindy Woods</b><br><br>Supporting Yellow-bellied glider recovery through hollow creation in bushfire-affected forest on the Tingha Plateau - <b>Nereda Christian and Lee Thompson</b><br><br>Holding the line: partnering to deliver cane toad awareness and control at the invasion front - <b>Emily Hegarty and Tamar Cohen</b><br><br>Engaging young adults in Landcare - <b>Nicola Tsiolis</b> | Next gen Landcare language: sustaining care, connection and curiosity as AI enters the language ecosystem - <b>Trudi Ryan</b><br><br>In the weeds: nurturing community through Landcare - <b>Sonia Graham</b><br><br>Strong people for a strong community: expanding Landcare through mental and physical wellbeing initiatives - <b>Christine Davis</b><br><br>Launching the LAMP manual. Get ready to rewrite threatened species conservation action! - <b>Paula Sheehan and Lou Bull</b> | Wellbeing in a time of eco-anxiety - <b>Alexandra Knight</b> and <b>Phillip Worrad</b>         |
| 10.50 am - 11.20 am       | Morning tea and poster presentations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                |
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| 11.20 am - 12.20 pm | <p>Bringing back our wetland specialist fish through partnership based restoration programs - <b>John Conallin</b></p> <p>Landcare salinity water quality: local Landcare monitoring building regional water quality understanding - <b>Danielle Littlewood, Allan Nicholson and Phoebe Gulliver</b></p> <p>Collaborations to enhance coastal weed management- <b>Helen Jessup Luke Hamilton and Sonia Graham</b></p> | <p>The sum of many hands: building a regional seed bank - <b>Linda Durham and Jai Sleeman</b></p> <p><i>"Just use iNaturalist"</i><br/>Harnessing iNaturalist as a seed collection and provenance tracking platform - <b>Daniel McCawley</b></p> <p>Seeding diverse native ground cover on farms for drought and climate resilience - <b>Paul Rymer and Meredith Mitchell</b></p> | <p>Biodiversity impacts of electrical infrastructure: towards balancing decarbonised economies and conservation successes - <b>Adam Bennett</b></p> <p>Country-centred economy: caring for Country, collaboration and shared value in Landcare - <b>Damien Melotte and David Crew</b></p> <p>From farm assets to market opportunities - <b>Tamara Harris and Chioma Igwenagu</b></p> | <p>Discovering dragons - bringing a threatened species into the classroom - <b>Magdalene Lemcke</b></p> <p>Regenerate &amp; create: reconnecting young people to land through art, culture and creativity - <b>Maddison O'Brien</b></p> <p>Linking people with places in woodland restoration on farms - <b>Mitchell Lenehan and Ben Humphries</b></p> |
| 12.20 pm - 1.20 pm  | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                     | <b>Innovation Field Trips</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1.20 pm - 5.00 pm   | <p><b>Field Trip 1</b><br/><b>Stories of country and culture</b><br/>Partners: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Education, COVRAM, Murray Landcare Collective, Murray LLS</p> <p><b>Field Trip 5</b><br/><b>Landcare, learning and landscape restoration</b><br/>Partners: West Hume Landcare, Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, Petaurus Education Group</p>                                                    | <p><b>Field Trip 2</b><br/><b>Cutting-edge cropping</b><br/>Partners: Riverine Plains, Rainstick, Murray LLS Ag Team, Uncle Tobys</p> <p><b>Field Trip 6</b><br/><b>Sustainable rice tour</b><br/>Partners: RGA Landcare</p>                                                                                                                                                      | <p><b>Field Trip 3</b><br/><b>Seeds for resilience</b><br/>Partners: Murray LLS Landscape Restoration Team</p> <p><b>Field Trip 7</b><br/><b>Conservation through collaboration</b><br/>Partners: Paddocks for Plains-wanderers Project Team, Wild Orchids Project Consortium, Murray LLS</p>                                                                                        | <p><b>Field Trip 4</b><br/><b>Postcards from place</b><br/><i>Accessible field trip at the venue</i><br/>Partners: RGA Landcare, Sophie Chauncy</p> <p><b>Field Trip 8</b><br/><b>Trees that pay</b><br/><i>Accessible field trip at the venue</i><br/>Partners: Renovo Ag</p>                                                                         |
| 6.30 pm - 10.00 pm  | <p><b>2026 NSW Landcare Awards Gala (ticket holders only)</b><br/>MC: Mykel Dixon</p> <p><b>The Sum of It All (according to Holbrook Landcare)</b> Alison Southwell, and Peter Garrett, Landcare Australia<br/>Entertainment: Sweet Buzz</p>                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



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### Day 3: Thursday, 29 October

| Time                | Activity                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
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| 6.45 am             | Yoga and meditation @ RAMHP Wellness Marquee                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| 8.00 am             | Coffee van, trade stalls and venue doors open                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| 9.00 am - 9.15 am   | Day 3 Opens<br>Mykel Dixon                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| 9.15 am - 9.50 am   | My love affair with trees, and my growing hatred of 'rolling green hills'<br>Beau Miles                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| 9.50 am - 10.20 am  | Morning tea                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| 10.20 am - 10.35 am | Landcare NSW Muster Feedback<br>Steve Bunnell, Chair Landcare NSW                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| 10.35 am - 11.15 am | Panel: The Future of Caring for our Land<br>MC: Allison Mudford, CEO Landcare NSW<br>Speakers: Alison Southwell, Beau Miles, Josh Gilbert and Darren Wighton |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| 11.15 am - 12.00 pm | Conference Close<br>Mykel Dixon                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm  | Lunch                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| 1.00 pm - 4.45 pm   | Grounding Field Trips                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
|                     | Field Trip 1<br>Boatrock reflections<br>Partners: RGA Landcare, Western Murray Land Improvement Group, Murray LLS                                            | Field Trip 2<br>Healthy river systems kayak<br>Partners: BirdLife Australia, Landcare NSW, Murray LLS Ag Team                                                                                                          | Field Trip 3<br>Sustainable vines cycle<br>Partners: Landcare NSW, Murray LLS, Lake Moodemere Estate, Stanton & Killeen Wines, North East Catchment Management Authority | Field Trip 4<br>Carbon in action<br>Partners: Biodiversity Conservation Trust, Murray LLS Ag and NRM Team |
|                     | Field Trip 6<br>Soil health blitz<br>Accessible field trip at the venue<br>Partners: Soil Land Food, Central Tableland Regional Landcare Network             | Field Trip 7<br>Exploring volunteer restored wetlands<br>Partners: Corowa District Landcare, Friends of River Street Wetlands, Corowa Community Men's Shed, Murray Darling Wetlands Working Group, Murray LLS NRM Team |                                                                                                                                                                          | Field Trip 8<br>Corowa ag in action<br>Partners: JBS                                                      |
| 6.00 pm             | Final Evening Dinner (ticket holders only)<br>Balldale Hotel<br>Entertainment: Paddy Russell                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |