



The Sum of It All

NSW Landcare & Local Land Services

Conference 2026

Day 1: Tuesday, 27th October

Time	Activity	Where
7.30 am – 8.30 am	<i>Optional: Landcare NSW Muster registrations open - breakfast, tea and coffee</i>	Corowa Memorial Hall
8.30 am – 11.45 am	<i>Optional: 2026 Landcare NSW Muster</i>	
11.45 am - 12.00 pm	<i>Optional: Walk to Club Corowa (800m) or shuttle bus available</i>	
11 am	Conference registrations and 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	Official Landcare and Local Land Services Conference Opening MC: Mykel Dixon and Uncle Dozer Atkinson	
1.30 pm – 1.40 pm	Opening Address 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	Chair's Welcome Steve Bunnell, Chair Landcare NSW and Tess Herbert, Chair Local Land Services	
1.50 pm - 2.20 pm	Keynote Speaker 1 Natalie Kyriacou	
2.20 pm – 2.50 pm	Keynote Speaker 2 Andrew Campbell	
2.50 pm - 3.00 pm	30 years of Landcare in Corowa Meredith Mitchell, Corowa District Landcare	
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	The Sum of It All: Lightning Talks and Short Films Erin Brinkley and Georgeanna Story Alydia Adams and Greg Ingram Bronte Lee and Danielle Connolly Liz Mecham and Marg Bull John Nolan Belinda Elliot and Corowa South Primary School Neil Bull and Edwina Hayes with more to be announced	
4.30 pm - 4.45 pm	Reflections and Close Mykel Dixon and Andrew Campbell	Corowa Distilling Co
6.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Sundown Welcome Function	



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Time	Activity			
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 Mykel Dixon			
	KNOW Concurrent session 1 Room: Miss Birdies	GO Concurrent session 2 Room: Community	SHOW Concurrent session 3 Room: Federation	SLOW Concurrent session 4 Room: RAMHP Wellness Marquee
9.20 am - 10.50 am	Keynote - Josh Gilbert How private landholders are reshaping biodiversity knowledge in NSW- Alice McGrath Grave matters - growing partnerships in an unlikely place. Building momentum, trust and shared stewardship over 16 years of collaboration - Julie Reynolds and Bruce Christie Biodiversity as a farm asset: how natural capital supports productivity, profitability and community - Hayley Pattison	Keynote - Mindy Woods Supporting Yellow-bellied glider recovery through hollow creation in bushfire-affected forest on the Tingha Plateau - Nereda Christian and Lee Thompson Holding the line: partnering to deliver cane toad awareness and control at the invasion front - Emily Hegarty and Tamar Cohen Engaging young adults in Landcare - Nicola Tsiolis	Next gen Landcare language: sustaining care, connection and curiosity as AI enters the language ecosystem - Trudi Ryan In the weeds: nurturing community through Landcare - Sonia Graham Strong people for a strong community: expanding Landcare through mental and physical wellbeing initiatives - Christine Davis Launching the LAMP manual. Get ready to rewrite threatened species conservation action! - Paula Sheehan and Lou Bull	Workshop session - Alexandra Knight and Phillip Worrad
10.50 am - 11.20 am	Morning tea and poster presentations			
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	H2O Concurrent session 1 Room: Miss Birdies	SOW Concurrent session 2 Room: Community	GROW Concurrent session 3 Room: Federation	GLOW Concurrent session 4 Room: Wellness Marquee
11.20 am - 12.20 pm	Bringing back our wetland specialist fish through partnership based restoration programs - John Conallin Landcare salinity water quality: local Landcare monitoring building regional water quality understanding - Danielle Littlewood, Allan Nicholson and Phoebe Gulliver Collaborations to enhance coastal weeds- Helen Jessup and Sonia Graham	The sum of many hands: building a regional seed bank - Linda Durham "Just use iNaturalist": Harnessing iNaturalist as a seed collection and provenance tracking platform - Daniel McCawley Seeding diverse native ground cover on farms for drought and climate resilience - Paul Rymer and Meredith Mitchell	Biodiversity impacts of electrical infrastructure- towards balancing decarbonised economies and conservation successes - Adam Bennett Country-centred economy: caring for Country, collaboration and shared value in Landcare - Damien Melotte and David Crew From farm assets to market opportunities - Tamara Harris and Cherie White	Discovering dragons - bringing a threatened species into the classroom - Magdalene Lemcke Regenerate & create: reconnecting young people to land through art, culture and creativity - Maddison O'Brien Linking people with places in woodland restoration on farms - Mitchell Lenehan and Ben Humphries
12.20 pm - 1.20 pm	Lunch			
	Innovation Field Trips			
1.20 pm - 5.00 pm	Field Trip 1 Stories of country and culture Partners: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Education, COVRAM, Murray Landcare Collective, Murray LLS	Field Trip 2 Cutting-edge cropping Partners: Riverine Plains, Rainstick, Murray LLS Ag Team, Uncle Tobys	Field Trip 3 Seeds for resilience Partners: Murray LLS Landscape Restoration Team	Field Trip 4 Postcards from place <i>Accessible field trip at the venue</i> Partners: RGA Landcare, Sophie Chauncy
	Field Trip 5 Landcare, learning and landscape restoration Partners: West Hume Landcare, Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, Petaurus Education Group	Field Trip 6 Sustainable rice tour Partners: RGA Landcare	Field Trip 7 Conservation through collaboration Partners: Paddocks for Plains-wanderers Project Team, Wild Orchids Project Consortium, Murray LLS	Field Trip 8 Trees that pay <i>Accessible field trip at the venue</i> Partners: Renovo Ag
6:30 pm - 10.00 pm	NSW Landcare Awards Gala MC: Mykel Dixon Keynote: Alison Southwell, Holbrook Landcare Network Entertainment: Sweet Buzz			



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Day 3: Thursday, 29th October

Time	Activity			
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 Mykel Dixon			
9.15 am - 9.50 am	Keynote Speaker 3 Beau Miles			
9.50 am - 10.20 am	Morning Tea			
10.20 am - 10.35 am	Landcare NSW Muster Feedback Steve Bunnell, Chair Landcare NSW			
10.35 am - 11.15 am	Panel: The Future of Caring for our Land MC: Allison Mudford, CEO Landcare NSW Speakers: Alison Southwell, Beau Miles, Josh Gilbert and Darren Wighton			
11.15 am - 12.00 pm	Conference Close Mykel Dixon			
12.00 pm - 1.00 pm	Lunch			
1.00 pm - 4.45 pm	Grounding Field Trips			
	Field Trip 1 Boatrock reflections Partners: RGA Landcare, Western Murray Land Improvement Group, Murray LLS	Field Trip 2 Healthy river systems kayak Partners: BirdLife Australia, Landcare NSW, Murray LLS Ag Team	Field Trip 3 Sustainable vines cycle Partners: Landcare NSW, Murray LLS, Lake Moodemere Estate, Stanton & Killeen Wines, North East Catchment Management Authority	Field Trip 4 Carbon in action Partners: Biodiversity Conservation Trust, Murray LLS Ag and NRM Team
	Field Trip 5 Lake Mulwala: ecology and history Partners: Holbrook Landcare Network, Murray LLS	Field Trip 6 Soil health blitz <i>Accessible field trip at the venue</i> Partners: Soil Land Food, Central Tableland Regional Landcare Network	Field Trip 7 Exploring volunteer restored wetlands 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 Corowa ag in action Partners: JBS, ANU Sustainable Farms
6.00 pm	Final Evening Dinner Balldale Hotel Entertainment: Paddy Russell			