

PROGRAM

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER WELCOME EVENING - CARGO ROAD WINES

5:30 pm Arrive

6:00 pm Welcome and introductions

6:15 pm Welcome to Country **Uncle Neil Ingram Snr. - Senior Wiradjuri Elder**

6:30 pm PANEL: Celebrating 30 years of Holistic Management in Australia - **Suzie Ward, Anna Coughlan, Tim Wright and Peter Lewis**

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER DAY 1: 'LIVES AND LANDSCAPES' - COOMBING PARK

8:30 am Registration and morning tea - **MC Peter Lewis**

9:00 am Welcome **Rebecca Gorman AHMC Chair**

9:30 am Coombing Park 25 years on - **George and Melinda King**

10:30 am PANEL: How Holistic Management enables change - from 3 years to 20 years - farmers making changes - **Phil Lumsden, Rachel Ward, Rebecca Gorman & Michael Coughlan**

11:45 am - 12:45 pm Lunch Break

12:45 pm Group rotation to hear each topic (4 x 30min)

- Topic 1: Soil - the sponge - **Walter Jehne (30 min)**

- Topic 2: Farmer brains trust - What are you trialing on your place? Sharing stories of 'What works, and what sparks curiosity?'. **Facilitated by Holistic Management Educators (30 min)**

- Topic 3: Aspects of change and transition - **Jacqui Bell (30 min)**

- Topic 4: Looking to the future - **Facilitated by Holistic Management Educators (30 min)**

3:00 pm Day 1 Wrap up - **George King & Rebecca Gorman with highlights from audience**

3:30 pm Close

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER DAY 2: 'WHERE TO FROM HERE' - ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB

8:45 am Registration and morning tea

9:00 am Welcome **Peter Lewis**

9:05 am Global trends to farming in Australia - **Su McCluskey Special Representative for Australian Agriculture - prerecorded presentation**

9:30 am Australian Sustainability Frameworks - What role does AHMC play? - **Helen Lewis AHMC CEO**

10:00 am Ecological Outcome Verification (EOV)+ Land to Market = Food and Fibre Value Chain Development **Monica Considine**

10:30 am Emerging market options PANEL: The making and marketing of food with credentials - **Grant Hilliard, Prudence Rothwell, Chris Balazs, Sam Johnson, Monica Considine**

11:15 am The demand for fibre with 'credentials' - **Emma Gittoes-Bunting**

12:15 pm Lunch break

1:00 pm The reality of natural capital markets for farming businesses - **Dr Stuart Martin and Gillian Sanbrook - facilitated by Rebecca Gorman**

Attributes of an adaptive Ag business - for the future (3 x 20min plus discussion)

1:45 pm FINANCIAL - Staying in business - **Mary Johnson, Succession - James Hamilton**

2:15 pm ENVIRONMENTAL: Monitoring towards a thriving environment - **Martin Royds**

2:45 pm PEOPLE: Attributes of adaptable people What enables you to adapt? **Sam Johnson, Chris Balazs, Grant Hilliard and James Hamilton**

3:00 pm Discussion Q & A

3:45 pm Day 2 Wrap up - **Peter Lewis MC**

4:00 pm Close

Thursday 17th October - Cargo Road Winery



Rebecca Gorman

Rebecca Gorman is a former journalist now running a beef cattle farm, Yabtree West using Holistic Management thinking and practice.
Rebecca is currently chair of the Australian Holistic Management Co-operative.



Anna Couglan

Anna and her husband Michael both grew up on farms, and together have lived at Morundah and now Holbrook, with their 5 children
They run beef cattle and practice Holistic Management since completing their first training course with Bruce Ward in 1998.



Suzie Ward

In parallel with my own recruitment, secretarial and event management skills, my late husband Bruce Ward pioneered the introduction of holistic management into Australia and New Zealand. We were cognizant of the importance of the triple bottom line.
We worked with many farming families throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Other speakers on Thursday Eve are:
Uncle Neil Ingram, Tim Wright and
Peter Lewis

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Phil Lumsden

Phil and his wife Alison purchased their initial property in 2004 and have added additional land over the last 20 years. They have farmed in a very traditional manner for the majority of that time. They become a member of the AHMC in 2021. Phil and Alison have now started to make changes in their day-to-day management of the properties transitioning to Holistic Management practices.



Rachel Ward

Rachel Ward is a former actress who starred in the CBS's biggest rating mini-series ever, The Thornbirds and the films, Against All Odds, Sharkey's Machine with and Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid. She has been nominated for a Golden Globe Award 3 times. For the past 20 years Rachel has been directing/writing films and TV in Australia. Her film, Beautiful Kate, garnered 11 AFI nominations Rachel received an ACCTA nomination for best director and best film. The Devils Playground, of which Rachel directed three episodes, won both a Logie and ACCTA for best film or mini series. Palm Beach, directed by Rachel was released in August 2019. Rachel directed 3 episodes of Last Days of the Space Age for Disney+ and 2 eps of Darby and Joan for ABC. In 2022 Rachel made a documentary of her farm's transition from conventional to Regenerative farming, called Rachel's Farm. It was released theatrically Australia wide is now screening on Stan and later this year on the BBC.



Michael Coughlan

Michael and his wife Anna both grew up on farms, and together have lived at Morundah and now Holbrook, with their 5 children They run beef cattle and practice Holistic Management since completing their first training course with Bruce Ward in 1998.

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Jacqui Bell

Jacqui Bell is the Program Director at The Next Economy, a non-profit economic development agency dedicated to supporting regional communities in managing change and creating economies that are climate-safe, socially just, and regenerative. In her role, Jacqui focuses on helping people understand and navigate changes in Australia’s Agriculture and Land sector within the context of a changing climate and the global effort to decarbonize. With over 15 years of experience working with communities across the private and for-purpose sectors in Australia and South-East Asia, Jacqui is passionate about creating powerful collaborations and mobilizing people to use their unique skills, knowledge, resources, and networks to tackle complex challenges and create sustainable positive change.

Other speakers on Friday are: George and Melinda King, Walter Jehne, Holistic Management Educators and Peter Lewis

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Su McCluskey

Pre-recorded presentation from Su

Su is a highly experienced senior executive and non-executive director and is the first Special Representative for Australian Agriculture. She is a director of Australian Unity Limited, LiveCorp, the Australasian Pork Research Institute and AWN Rural and a Commissioner for International Agricultural Research. Su is a Beef farmer at Yass.



Helen Lewis

Helen has gained experience in community development, policy advising, Agri-business, national advocacy, and as Co-owner of Picots Farm producing grass fed & finished beef holistically, west of Warwick, Qld. Helen is an Accredited Professional Educator in Holistic Management. Since 2003, Helen has been helping people implement Holistic Management. Helen has been CEO of AHMC since July 2023.



Monica Considine

Monica is a supply chain engineer with 25 years experience in global logistics. She has held senior roles in Australian Wine, Wheat and Workwear industries. She and her partner run a goat farm in Cobargo NSW using holistic management principles. As a Land to Market business development manager Monica's job is to get a premium for any product coming from regenerating land. Monica brings a strong collaborative instinct, and is an innovator with experience opening up new commercial opportunities.



Grant Hilliard

Grant Hilliard is the founder and co-owner of Feather and Bone, a Sydney-based retailer and wholesaler of meat and poultry. Starting in 2006, Feather and Bone has a long history of championing regeneratively-minded agricultural producers, foregrounding their particular practice and engaging with their customers in a direct and powerful way. Feather and Bone's insistence on full transparency at every stage of the production and distribution chain accurately anticipated consumer concerns around animal welfare and the environmental footprint of food production. In 2020 Grant, with co-owner Laura Dalrymple, published 'The Ethical Omnivore', a detailed guide to their butchery practice.

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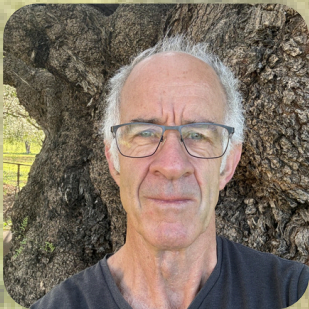
Prudence Rothwell

Prudence Rothwell has been working in not-for-profit and food systems sectors for over a decade, joining Open Food Network Australia as a food systems project manager in 2021. Prue is the lead of Discover Regenerative, a new collaborative online portal that showcases Australia's leading regenerative producers, their products and outcomes - aiming to make it simple for B2B buyers to find and connect.



Chris Balazs

Born from the desire to create Australia's best beef, Provenir was founded in 2017 to establish a new category of beef - on-farm processed. By building Australia's first fully licensed commercial mobile abattoir, for the first time animal welfare and meat quality didn't have to be compromised by the necessity of live transport. Requiring laws to be changed in Victoria, Provenir has forged a new path in livestock processing that not only creates better quality meat but aligns with farmers welfare commitments. Chris is a scientist turn farmer, and now butcher that is leading the red meat industry for the better.



Sam Johnson

Sam has been interested and involved since the early days of Holistic Management in Australia. He is an enthusiastic proponent of using the HM process to regenerate land while building a financially resilient business. Along with family members they own and manage Boxgum Grazing, which produces, processes and markets grass fed beef & lamb & free range pork.



Emma Gittoes-Bunting

Emma Gittoes Bunting is the Global Sustainability Manager at AWI / The Woolmark Company. She leads the development and implementation of the company's sustainability strategy, encompassing sustainable livelihoods, climate action, circular fibre innovations and animal wellbeing across the wool value chain. Emma works on a diverse range of partnerships and initiatives with a focus on sustainability and fibre advocacy across on-farm projects, business development and global advocacy campaigns, showcasing Merino wool's potential as a science-backed and nature positive solution in the fashion and performance markets.



Dr Stuart Martin

Dr Stuart Martin has a Phd from the University of Technology Sydney conducted at the Institute for Sustainable Futures and as part of the Food Agility CRC. Stuarts PhD thesis examines the integration of natural capital accounting into agricultural decision making. Stuart is an accredited expert under Accounting for Nature, also holding a Bachelor of Commerce (Land Economics) a Master of Sustainability and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Stuart has over 20 years experience in investment management (particularly in the real estate sector), with groups such as Lend Lease, ABN AMRO and First State Investments (London 2006-2011).



Gillian Sanbrook

I have always been passionate about working with nature as a livelihood. I see Land management as a great privilege and am constantly in awe of Natures ability to heal and produce. This has motivated me in my experience as a jillaroo, Journalist, wool producer and wool manufacturer. I now manage a regenerative beef property Bibbaringa south of Holbrook NSW. Here I incorporate a Soil Carbon project and working on a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement with the NSW Government. The management at Bibbaringa is based on Holistic Management incorporating Natural Sequence Farming and Biodynamics since 2007. Currently working on a non for profit project Earth Canvas. Linking leading Australian artists and Regenerative farmers to look at the landscape from a creative perspective.



James Hamilton

I'm a facilitator and I'm also a farmer. I'm based in Narromine in central New South Wales, where I operate a farming enterprise with my wife, Amanda. I love farming and have been doing it for 25 years. Amanda and I have raised our three daughters on the farm. I have first-hand experience of successful succession. My parents were approaching 60 years of age when they developed the succession plan for our family farm between three siblings. As a facilitator, I've worked across all levels of government, in the corporate sector and small business. To be able to work with families on succession, in 2013 I launched Cultivate Advisory. I love helping people achieve mutually successful outcomes.

Other speakers on Saturday are: Mary Johnson, Martin Royds and Peter Lewis

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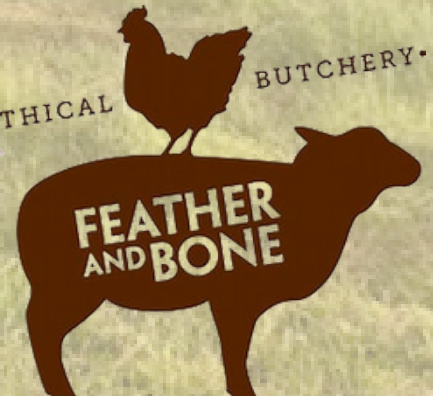
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