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## WELCOME

**The Australian Organising Committee of the XII International Rangeland Congress, on behalf of the Australian Rangeland Society and the International Rangeland Congress Continuing Committee, invites you to participate in the International Rangeland Congress (IRC) to be held June 2-6, 2025 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia.**

We are now in the countdown to June 2nd and the Organising Committee is excited about the enthusiasm being generated for the Congress. The Program Sub-Committee has put together a great program encompassing all seven Congress themes, being headlined by fantastic plenary speakers for each of the themes. The concurrent sessions provide a diverse and rich mix of 276 oral presentations, 98 lightning talks, and a range of panel discussions. In addition, there will be over 180 poster presentations. The interest generated in the Congress is reflected in the registrations with over 540 people from 46 countries already registered some two months out from the Congress.

It will be nearly a decade since the last International Rangeland Congress in Canada where everyone was able to gather to network so making this an in-person event is important. We are planning to provide the recording of selected sessions for those who cannot attend in person. A modest registration fee will be charged to access the recorded sessions.

We look forward to seeing you in Adelaide in June!



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This is an opportunity to participate in an exchange of scientific, technical and practical knowledge and ideas with the global rangeland community.

### Acknowledgement

*The International Rangeland Congress recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the Traditional Owners of Australia and thank them for their stewardship of Country – sea, water and land. The Congress respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Australian rangelands and pays its respects to their cultural and customary practices, and acknowledges their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Adelaide Plains, land of the Kaurna Aboriginal people. We also pay respect to and celebrate First Nations across the world, and their connection to rangelands.*





## VENUE

**Adelaide, with a population of 1.3 million has grown into a modern, vibrant multi-cultural city.**

Its ring of parkland on the River Torrens is home to renowned museums such as the Art Gallery of South Australia, displaying expansive collections including noted Indigenous art, and the South Australian Museum, devoted to natural history.

Nestled between the rangelands to the north, world famous wine regions and magnificent beaches of white sand, Adelaide and its surrounding regions offer a range of unique experiences that will enhance the Congress experience for delegates.

The Adelaide Convention Centre is situated in the heart of Adelaide. Conveniently located 15 minutes from the airport and with over 3,500 accommodation rooms within five minutes' walk, it is the perfect location for the IRC in 2025. The Adelaide Convention Centre is newly redeveloped, having re-opened in September 2017. The hosting of the IRC in Adelaide is being generously sponsored by the South Australian government through Business Events Adelaide.



# PROGRAM



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## SATURDAY 31 MAY

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	WORKSHOP REGISTRATION OPEN		FOYER E	
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<p><b>PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP</b></p> <p>Global rangelands standard, certification and supporting rangelands monitoring system</p> <p><b>DAY 1</b></p>		<p><b>PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP</b></p> <p>Considering multifunctionality of pastoralism to foster fruitful contributions of pastoralism to growing societal challenges</p> <p><b>DAY 1</b></p>	
LOCATION	ROOM E1		ROOM E3	
Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided.				

## SUNDAY 1 JUNE

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	WORKSHOP REGISTRATION OPEN			FOYER E
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<div>PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP</div> <div>Global rangelands standard, certification and supporting rangelands monitoring system</div> <div>DAY 2</div>	<div></div> <div>PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP</div> <div>Considering multifunctionality of pastoralism to foster fruitful contributions of pastoralism to growing societal challenges</div> <div>DAY 2</div>	<div></div> <div>PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP</div> <div>Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Forum</div> <div>DAY 2</div>	
LOCATION	ROOM E1	ROOM E3	ROOM E2	
Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided.				
FROM 1:00 PM	CONGRESS REGISTRATION OPEN			FOYER G
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION			EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)

## MONDAY 2 JUNE

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	<b>CONGRESS REGISTRATION OPEN</b>		FOYER G
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	<b>IRC BUSINESS MEETING #1</b>		PLENARY (HALL C)
9:00 AM – 10:05 AM	<b>WELCOME CEREMONY</b> WELCOME TO COUNTRY, HON SUSAN CLOSE, DEPUTY PREMIER TO FORMALLY OPEN THE CONGRESS & IRC PRESIDENT ADDRESS <b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> Joe Morrison – Group Chief Executive Officer, Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (Australia)		PLENARY (HALL C)
10:05 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>MORNING TEA</b>		EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)



## MONDAY 2 JUNE continued

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

<b>10:30 AM – 12:05 PM</b>	<b>THEME 1</b> Cultivating knowledge among pastoralists' children, students, rangeland professional, and broader society	<b>THEME 2</b> Bridging Perspectives – Indigenous, Non-Indigenous, and Traditional	<b>THEME 3</b> Data collection and data platforms	<b>THEME 4</b> Ameliorating rangeland soil health	<b>THEME 5</b> Climate change impacts and ecological resilience	<b>THEME 6</b> Animal productivity	<b>THEME 7</b> System wide alternative land uses
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ROOM E1</b>	<b>ROOM E2</b>	<b>ROOM E3</b>	<b>PLENARY (HALL C)</b>	<b>RIVERBANK ROOM 2</b>	<b>RIVERBANK ROOM 3</b>	<b>RIVERBANK ROOM 4</b>
<b>12:05 PM – 1:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>						<b>EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)</b>






### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

<b>1:05 PM – 2:30 PM</b>	<b>THEME 1</b> Informed policy & governance + women empowerment and leadership in rangelands	<b>THEME 2</b> Collaborations for rangeland restoration and conservation	<b>THEME 3</b> Decision support – models and tools for integrated rangeland management	<b>THEME 4</b> Can herbivores be part of the solution? Grazing management for rangeland restoration	<b>THEME 5</b> Enhancing adaptive capacity to climate-related risks	<b>THEME 6</b> Emissions management in grazing	<b>THEME 7</b> Rangelands in a global carbon economy
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ROOM E1</b>	<b>ROOM E2</b>	<b>ROOM E3</b>	<b>PLENARY (HALL C)</b>	<b>RIVERBANK ROOM 2</b>	<b>RIVERBANK ROOM 3</b>	<b>RIVERBANK ROOM 4</b>
<b>2:35 PM – 3:05 PM</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>						<b>EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)</b>

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

3:05 PM – 4:40 PM	<b>THEME 4</b> Water ecology and management in rangelands	<b>HOSTED SESSION</b> Strategies and tools to navigate global change in non-equilibrium rangelands 	<b>HOSTED SESSION</b> Promoting pyric herbivory and mixed species grazing for enhancing livestock production from rangelands in the Great Plains – Integrated research–education–extension Endeavor	<b>HOSTED SESSION</b> IYRP – Australian pastoralist groups session 	<b>HOSTED SESSION</b> Meeting the needs of multiple stakeholders from the rangelands of Saudi Arabia: The Alula experience 	<b>HOSTED SESSION</b> Enhancing climate resilience across rangelands – from research to extension
LOCATION	PLENARY (HALL C)	ROOM E1	ROOM E2	ROOM E3	RIVERBANK ROOM 2	RIVERBANK ROOM 3
4:40 PM – 6:00 PM	POSTER SESSION					EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Australian Rangeland Society 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration TICKETED EVENT					FOYER AB

## TUESDAY 3 JUNE

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	CONGRESS REGISTRATION OPEN							FOYER G
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	<div>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</div> <div>Tungalag Ulambayar • Zoological Society Luujin, UNCCD (Mongolia)</div> <div>Odongerel Davaasuren • Herder, Bayanbulag Community-based Organisation (Mongolia)</div> <div>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</div> <div>Appolinaire Djikeng • Director General, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)</div> <div>&amp; Managing Director, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) (Kenya)</div> <div><div> </div></div>							PLENARY (HALL C)
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	MORNING TEA							EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)
CONCURRENT SESSIONS								
10:30 AM – 12:05 PM	<div>THEME 1</div> <div>Pastoralists training and peer-learning</div>	<div>THEME 2</div> <div>Collaborative approach to grazing management</div>	<div>THEME 3</div> <div>Rangeland mapping technologies and tools</div>	<div>THEME 4</div> <div>Controlling the invaders</div>	<div>THEME 5</div> <div>Intersecting social, economic and ecological risks</div>	<div>THEME 6</div> <div>Carbon sinks in grazing systems</div>	<div>THEME 7</div> <div>Biodiversity and environmental services, markets, offsets</div>	
LOCATION	ROOM E1	ROOM E2	ROOM E3	PLENARY (HALL C)	RIVERBANK ROOM 2	RIVERBANK ROOM 3	RIVERBANK ROOM 4	
12:05 PM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH							EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)
CONCURRENT SESSIONS								
1:00 PM – 2:35 PM	<div>THEME 1</div> <div>Land tenure, land rights, land-uses, conflicts &amp; governance</div>	<div>THEME 2</div> <div>Valuing traditional and Indigenous knowledge: evolution, threats and opportunities</div>	<div>THEME 3</div> <div>Rangeland monitoring models and techniques</div>	<div>THEME 4</div> <div>Fire for vegetation management in grazed rangelands</div>	<div>THEME 5</div> <div>Innovative tools for addressing risk</div>	<div>THEME 6</div> <div>Grazing management – plant-animal interface</div>	<div>THEME 7</div> <div>Local area intensification of rangelands</div>	
LOCATION	ROOM E1	ROOM E2	ROOM E3	PLENARY (HALL C)	RIVERBANK ROOM 2	RIVERBANK ROOM 3	RIVERBANK ROOM 4	
2:35 PM – 3:05 PM	AFTERNOON TEA							EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)
CONCURRENT SESSIONS								
3:05 PM – 4:40 PM	<div>THEME 3</div> <div>Technological innovation and access: novel opportunities for rangeland communities</div>	<div>THEME 4</div> <div>Understanding the system – rangeland dynamics and ecology</div>	<div>THEME 6</div> <div>Livestock systems around the world</div> <div></div> <div>Australian Government</div> <div>Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research</div>	<div>HOSTED SESSION</div> <div>Developing and maintaining productive and profitable pastures in the tropics and subtropics of Queensland, Australia</div>	<div>HOSTED SESSION</div> <div>IYRP films on pastoralism and biodiversity conservation</div> <div></div>	<div>HOSTED SESSION</div> <div>Resilient rangelands – adapting to change and harnessing future opportunities in South Australia's rangelands</div> <div></div> <div>Government of South Australia</div> <div>Department for Environment and Water</div>		
LOCATION	ROOM E1	PLENARY (HALL C)	ROOM E2	ROOM E3	RIVERBANK ROOM 2	RIVERBANK ROOM 4		
4:40 PM – 6:00 PM	POSTER SESSION							EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)





## WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE

### MID-CONGRESS TOURS

TOUR 1	TOUR 2	TOUR 3	TOUR 4	TOUR 5	TOUR 6
<b>Indigenous Culture ½ Day Tour</b>	<b>Water management in the Murray-Darling Basin</b>	<b>Agricultural and Rangeland R&amp;D</b>	<b>Burra and Beyond</b>	<b>Adelaide Hills</b>	<b>McLaren Vale</b>
<b>MORNING &amp; AFTERNOON 3.5 HRS</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM – 6:00 PM</b>	<b>8:45 AM – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>9:30 AM – 5:00 PM</b>



*For all tours, please meet at the Registration Area (Foyer G) at the Adelaide Convention Centre for departure, at least 15 minutes prior to your tour start time.  
At the conclusion of your selected tour, you will also be dropped off at the Adelaide Convention Centre, unless otherwise indicated.*

## THURSDAY 5 JUNE

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	CONGRESS REGISTRATION OPEN						FOYER G	
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	<div>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</div> <div>Dr Anika Molesworth • Founder, Climate Wise Agriculture (Australia)</div> <div>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</div> <div>Dr Nicholas Webb • Research Physical Scientist, US Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) (USA)</div>						PLENARY (HALL C)	
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	MORNING TEA						EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS								
10:30 AM – 12:05 PM	<div>THEME 3</div> <div>Remote sensing for rangeland management</div>	<div>THEME 4</div> <div>Grazing and ecohydration for ecological health</div>	<div>THEME 4</div> <div>Management for biodiverse rangelands</div>	<div>THEME 6</div> <div>Grazing management - system perspectives</div>	<div>HOSTED SESSION</div> <div>Crafting a New Narrative for Sustainable Rangeland Management in Africa</div> <div></div>	<div>HOSTED SESSION</div> <div>IYRP Session 1 – Valuing rangelands &amp; pastoral systems (WGs)</div> <div></div>		
LOCATION	ROOM E1	PLENARY (HALL C)	ROOM E2	ROOM E3	RIVERBANK ROOM 2	RIVERBANK ROOM 3		
12:05 PM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH						EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)	
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<div>Forum – in partnership with the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists</div> <div>FEATURING TWO PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON FUTURE OF RANGELANDS AND WORKING TOGETHER</div>						PLENARY (HALL C)	
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	AFTERNOON TEA						EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS								
3:00 PM – 4:35 PM	<div>THEME 3</div> <div>The role of technology in facilitating collaborative rangelands research</div>	<div>THEME 4</div> <div>Management impacts on rangeland soil carbon and nitrogen</div>	<div>THEME 6</div> <div>Livestock intensification</div>	<div>HOSTED SESSION</div> <div>Arid and semi-arid rangelands in North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia</div>	<div>HOSTED SESSION</div> <div>IYRP Session 2 – Co-design, partnerships &amp; incorporating traditional knowledge for more enduring rangeland outcomes (RISGs)</div> <div></div>	<div>HOSTED SESSION</div> <div>Extending the boundaries in rangeland management to include the soil microbiome</div>	<div>HOSTED SESSION</div> <div>Women in Rangelands</div> <div></div>	
LOCATION	ROOM E1	PLENARY (HALL C)	ROOM E2	ROOM E3	RIVERBANK ROOM 2	RIVERBANK ROOM 3	RIVERBANK ROOM 4	
4:35 PM – 6:00 PM	POSTER SESSION						EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)	
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	<div>CONFERENCE DINNER</div> <div>7:00 PM – 7:30 PM • Pre-Dinner Drinks</div> <div>7:30 PM – 11:00 PM • Seated for Dinner</div> <div>TICKETED EVENT</div>						<div>HALL JK</div> <div>HALL H</div>	



## FRIDAY 6 JUNE

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	CONGRESS REGISTRATION OPEN						FOYER G
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	<div>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</div> <div>Susanne Vetter • Associate Professor, Rhodes University &amp; President, Grassland Society of Southern Africa (South Africa)</div> <div>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</div> <div>Maria Fernandez-Gimenez • Senior Research Scholar &amp; retired Professor, Colorado State University (USA)</div>						PLENARY (HALL C)
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	MORNING TEA						EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)
CONCURRENT SESSIONS							
10:30 AM – 12:05 PM	<div>THEME 3</div> <div>Decision support tools for pastoralists and grazing systems</div>	<div>THEME 4</div> <div>Impacts of fire on rangeland vegetation and diversity</div>	<div>THEME 4</div> <div>New shoots – Reseeding and planting for rangeland restoration</div>	<div>THEME 5</div> <div>Resilience and adaptation among pastoralists</div>	<div>THEME 6</div> <div>Integrated livestock management with crops and trees</div>	<div>HOSTED SESSION</div> <div>Harnessing private sector finance for large-scale rangeland restoration through sustainable livestock value chains including the development of a rangelands stewardship certification scheme and standard</div> <div><div>ILRI INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK RESEARCH INSTITUTE</div><div>CGIAR</div></div>	
LOCATION	ROOM E1	PLENARY (HALL C)	ROOM E2	ROOM E3	RIVERBANK ROOM 2	RIVERBANK ROOM 3	
12:05 PM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH						EXHIBITION HALL (HALL FG)
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	IRC BUSINESS MEETING #2						PLENARY (HALL C)
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	CLOSING SESSION						PLENARY (HALL C)
CONGRESS CLOSE							

\*The congress program is subject to change at the discretion of the IRC 2025 Organising Committee

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



## Tungaa Ulambayar

**Theme 1: Valuing rangelands and pastoral systems for their societal contribution**

**Dr. Tungalag Ulambayar (Tungaa)** leads the Zoological Society Luujin, a Mongolian conservation NGO. She holds a Ph.D. in Rangeland Ecosystem Science from Colorado State University, where her award-winning dissertation examined social outcomes of community-based rangeland management in Mongolia.

Tungaa also holds an MA in International Development from the International University of Japan. She has extensive experience with various international organizations, including leading the Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction team at the United Nations Development Programme in Mongolia from 2005 to 2012.

Tungaa was one of the pioneering facilitators of Participatory Rural Appraisal for community-based natural resource management in Mongolia.



## Nick Webb

**Theme 3: Technology, information systems, communication, and big data to aid monitoring and decision making**

**Dr. Nicholas Webb** is a Research Physical Scientist with the US Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) Range Management Research Unit, based at the Jornada Experimental Range in south-central New Mexico, USA.

Nick's research cuts across themes of rangeland ecology, soil erosion, and integrating decision-support tools with big data to inform adaptive management. He coordinates the US National Wind Erosion Research Network and co-leads the Landscape Data Commons - an effort harmonize and link standard rangeland monitoring datasets with digital technologies to enable data-informed understanding of rangeland ecological dynamics and management. Nick grew up in Brisbane, Australia and prior to moving to the US worked on projects across Queensland's dry southwest and northern tropical savannas.



## Maria Fernandez-Gimenez

**Theme 2: Co-design, partnership and incorporating traditional knowledge for more enduring rangeland outcomes**

**María E. Fernández-Giménez** is a Senior Research Scholar and retired Professor in the Department of Forest & Rangeland Stewardship at Colorado State University, where she led the Rangeland Social-Ecological Systems Lab from 2003-2021. She works with ranchers and pastoralists in the western US, Spain and Mongolia to support sustainable and equitable rangeland management through knowledge co-production and participatory research. Major themes of her work include traditional/local ecological knowledge; rancher and pastoralist decision-making; participatory research, knowledge integration and co-production; community-based and collaborative rangeland management; rangeland governance; and gender and social justice in rangeland social-ecological systems.

María and her students develop and evaluate practical tools and approaches such as state-and-transition models, participatory rangeland monitoring, and collaborative adaptive rangeland management that engage diverse rangeland users and stewards directly in research and tool development. As an ecologist and social scientist, she uses a broad range of methods from field ecology studies to ethnography and poetic inquiry. María has received numerous awards for her community-engaged research, including Honorable Champion of Agriculture (2014) and the Order of the Polar Star (2016), from the Government of Mongolia, Senior Fulbright Scholar (2010-2011) and Global Fulbright Scholar (2018-2022). She has published over 130 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters.



## Susi Vetter

**Theme 4: Integrating rangeland ecology into management**

**Susi Vetter** is an ecologist in the Department of Botany at Rhodes University. Her research interests are interdisciplinary and include vegetation change, rangeland dynamics, plant-herbivore interactions, fire ecology and the cultural importance of nature and biodiversity. While based on fundamental work to understand vegetation dynamics and human-environment interactions, her research also has a strong applied dimension aimed at informing policy and management.

She serves as the President of the Grassland Society of Southern Africa and as a member of the Working Group on Afforestation that supports the UN-sanctioned 2026 International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralism.





### Anika Molesworth

**Theme 5: Managing risk – climate and other system shocks and trends**

**Dr Anika Molesworth** is a thought-leader of agro-ecological systems resilience and international farming development. With a passion for rural communities and healthy ecosystems, she is committed to help create sustainable and vibrant rural landscapes now and for the future.

She is a Founding Director of Farmers for Climate Action – a national network of nearly 8,000 Australian farmers undertaking climate change action. She has presented the TEDx talks “Farmers are key to a better future” and “Repairing the Broken Food System.”

She is the author of her book, *Our Sunburnt Country*, which won the Royal Societies of Australia and New Zealand Writer’s Award for *Outstanding Writing on Social Change*. Awards include Young Farmer of the Year (2015), Young Australian of the Year, New South Wales Finalist (2017), and Young Conservationist of the Year (2022).



### Joe Morrison

**Theme 7: Multi-functional land use in rangelands – moving beyond niche opportunities**

**Joe Morrison** is Dagoman and Mualgal and has over 30 years’ experience working with Indigenous people in northern Australia, nationally and more recently globally. He has extensive experience in public policy, governance, research, Indigenous development, native title, land rights, land and sea management and economic development.

He is currently the Group Chief Executive Officer of the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC).

Prior to this he was the Chief Executive Officer of Australia’s largest land rights authority, the Northern Land Council and the founding CEO of the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA). He is currently a Director of the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre, International Savanna Fire Management Initiative, National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, Primary Partners Pty Ltd, Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia and a member of the AFL Indigenous Advisory Council.



### Appolinaire Djikeng

**Theme 6: Livestock production systems in a world of changing drivers**

**Professor Appolinaire Djikeng** is the 4th Director General of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and Senior Director for the Livestock-based systems of the CGIAR. Prior to ILRI and the CGIAR, Professor Djikeng was Director of the Centre for Tropical Livestock Genetics and Health (CTLGH) and based at the Roslin Institute, and Professor and Chair for Tropical Agriculture and Sustainable Development at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. Professor Djikeng has over 20 years’ research, research management and institutional development experience in academia and in international not for profit research institutions in Africa, Europe and the USA.

Professor Djikeng’s work and interests have been primarily centred around bioscience (and particularly genomics and related disciplines) and their applications in agriculture (both animals and crops), animal, human and environmental health. Professor Djikeng co-founded the African Animal Breeding Network (AABNET) with the aim to drive the development and dissemination of livestock

improved and most suitable genetics and broader sustainable genetic improvement solutions in Africa. Professor Djikeng also co-founded the African Biogenome project (AfricaBP) – a community of practice of scientists and related professionals, policy makers and stakeholders with the aim to harness the power of genomics for the characterisation, conservation, and sustainable use of biodiversity in Africa.

Professor Djikeng is Honorary Professor at the University of Queensland, Center for Animal Science (Australia), Professor at The Roslin Institute, The University of Edinburgh (UK), and Distinguished Professor at the University of South Africa.

Professor Djikeng serves on numerous science advisory boards and has received many awards including the Nelson Mandela Peace Award and his recognition by the Decade of Health as one of the 10 people in the United Kingdom changing health outcomes.





## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS 2026

**With 2026 being proclaimed the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) by the United Nations, the Australian Organising Committee is working closely with the IYRP Secretariat to ensure the Congress program and activities provide an important platform for discussing the challenges and opportunities facing rangelands and pastoralists.**

This will involve a Traditional/Indigenous Knowledge Forum that will be held immediately prior to the Congress. Indigenous land managers and traditional knowledge holders from around the world will be hosted by Australian First Nations peoples.

Key insights from the Traditional/Indigenous Knowledge Forum will be discussed within the main Congress Program, which will feature two International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists sessions.



## PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOPS

**SATURDAY MAY 31  
AND SUNDAY JUNE 1**

### **Considering multifunctionality of pastoralism to foster fruitful contributions of pastoralism to growing societal challenges**

Be part of an impactful Workshop at IRC 2025 that focuses on empowering stakeholders to:

- Recognize the critical value of grasslands and rangelands in development pathways
- Make informed decisions that drive effective practices and policies

Join a dynamic session designed to support sustainable rangeland management and shape resilient ecosystems. This workshop will provide valuable insights and tools for land managers, policymakers, and practitioners to enhance decision-making and align strategies with the needs of our changing world.

**SATURDAY MAY 31  
AND SUNDAY JUNE 1**

### **Workshop on the global rangelands standard, certification and supporting rangelands monitoring system**

This workshop will be an opportunity to learn about and contribute to the development of i) the global rangelands standard and rangelands stewardship certification and ii) a supporting rangelands monitoring system.

Led by the Sustainable Fibre Alliance and supported by CGIAR centres, UNCCD and other partners, the draft standard is under public consultation, to be refined, approved and launched in 2026. A Rangelands Stewardship Council is being established with committees open to membership and input to guide the finalization of the standard and certification scheme. CIFOR-ICRAF is leading the development of the supporting rangelands monitoring system.

Come join this two-day workshop and contribute to these important global outputs that will help value, protect and encourage appropriate investment in rangelands worldwide.

**SUNDAY JUNE 1**

### **Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Forum**

Join us for the Traditional/Indigenous Knowledge Forum as part of the International Rangeland Congress in South Australia. This transformative forum will delve into how Traditional and Indigenous Knowledges can enhance land management and protect the biodiversity of native plants and animals.

Key discussions will include:

- Bridging Traditional and Western rangeland knowledge systems
- Exploring the benefits and challenges of integrating diverse approaches
- Providing a platform for Traditional and Indigenous voices to be heard

**More information on the Congress Workshops can be found on the [Congress website](#).**

## Accompanying partners

**Accompanying partners are welcome at the Congress.**

**\$400 per person**, and includes a ticket to the Welcome Reception, Congress Dinner and Mid-Congress Tour.

## Sponsorship

**The XII International Rangeland Congress invites sponsors to support the Congress through a range of sponsorship packages.**

The Congress provides a great opportunity to support the Congress in its aim of bringing people together to drive a vibrant future for global rangelands and its peoples.

The Sponsorship Prospectus can be found at: <https://irc2025.rangelandcongress.org>

Sponsorship money raised in Australia is being used to facilitate the effective running of the Congress and to support Australian delegates attending the Congress with a focus on supporting Indigenous Australians and rangeland practitioners.

International sponsorship is being used to support international invited speakers and delegates to attend the Congress. There is an emphasis on supporting speakers, delegates from low-and middle-income countries, First Nation delegates, and fostering opportunities for early career rangeland scientists, practitioners and pastoralists.

**Please note our valued sponsors on Page 18.**

## Registration

### Registration Prices

Standard Registration	\$1,000 AUD
Supporting Registration <sup>1</sup>	\$1,300 AUD
Standard Student Registration <sup>2</sup>	\$750 AUD
Accompanying Persons <sup>3</sup>	\$400 AUD
Congress Dinner <sup>4</sup>	\$150 AUD

**Registration includes full access to the Congress, Mid-Congress tour, all Congress materials, catering and one ticket to the Welcome Reception.**

<sup>1</sup> This registration type contributes \$300 towards a fellow delegate requiring support to attend the Congress.

<sup>2</sup> Students must provide a written verification of student status from their place of study.

<sup>3</sup> Accompanying persons includes the Welcome Reception, Congress Dinner and Mid-Congress tour.

<sup>4</sup> Congress dinner ticket sold separately to registration.

## Visas

**All international delegates will need to obtain a visa to enter Australia.**

Details on visa requirements can be found at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>

The website above allows you to enter where you are travelling from and the purpose of your visit. It provides a visa sub-class that can be used to enter into the website below that indicates typical visa processing times.

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times>

Frequently asked questions about visitor visas can be found at:

<https://www.australia.com/en/facts-and-planning/visa-and-customs/australia-visa-and-entry-requirements-faqs.html>

For some countries, obtaining a visa to enter Australia can take quite a bit of time, so we encourage people to start that process early, especially for those that also need to obtain permission from employers to attend and may require letters of invitation from the Congress or have an approved abstract/paper to attend.

## Delegate support

**Seventy-two international delegates have been supported to attend the Adelaide Congress, to a total value of AUD 140,000.**

Thanks to our International sponsors a second round of applications is now open and we look forward to supporting more overseas applicants with their registration fees.

More info on the website - [irc2025.rangelandcongress.org](https://irc2025.rangelandcongress.org)

## Getting around Adelaide



### Airport Transport

Public buses are an easy way to get to and from Adelaide Airport. The **Adelaide Airport bus** collects passengers from the city, stopping near many hotels, and runs services to the airport approximately every hour. You can use the metroCARD to pay for this airport service, which costs the same as a regular bus fare.

### Public Transport

To use public transport including buses, trains, and trams in Adelaide, it's recommended that you purchase a **metroCARD** for use on the Adelaide Metro network. You can purchase a regular metroCARD, or a **metroCARD Visitor Pass**, which gives you 3 days of unlimited travel for one fixed fee. These cards can be collected from the ground floor arrivals area at Adelaide Airport, or from Adelaide Railway Station or the **Adelaide Metro InfoCentre** in the City.

### Trains

Adelaide's rail network is a great way to visit attractions outside of the city. From Adelaide Railway Station, you can catch the Outer Harbor line train to reach destinations such as historic Port Adelaide and the beachside suburb of Semaphore. Trains depart every 20–30 minutes throughout the day.

### Trams

Adelaide has a useful tram service that operates through the city centre and inner suburbs. It's most convenient for travel within the city and reaching the popular coastal suburb of Glenelg. The service runs every 10–15 minutes from around 7:00AM to midnight. The tram is free to use in Adelaide city centre between Entertainment Centre Station and South Terrace Station. It links with popular bus routes, and passes major attractions such as Rundle Mall, Adelaide Central Market and West End.

### Buses

Adelaide has a free **City Connector bus service** in the city centre. There are multiple bus loops including the 98A/98C loop and the 99A/99C loop which operate in both clockwise and anticlockwise directions and depart every 15–30 minutes, seven days a week. These buses are particularly useful for travel between Adelaide's hotels and attractions such as the South Australian Museum, Adelaide Botanic Garden, Adelaide Zoo, Adelaide Oval, and North Adelaide.

## Accommodation



**There is a wide range of accommodation types from hostels to 5-star hotels within walking distance of the Congress venue in the centre of Adelaide.**

The organisers of the Congress have negotiated special hotel rates.

- **Grosvenor Hotel**  
from \$139 per room/per night
- **Intercontinental Hotel Adelaide**  
from \$240 per room/per night
- **Oaks Apartments**  
from \$199 per room/per night
- **The Playford Hotel**  
from \$292 per room/per night
- **Sofitel Adelaide**  
from \$295 per room/per night

### • Backpacker/Hostel type accommodation

These are typically double or bunk bed rooms (up to 4 people) with a shared bathroom. They are clean and well maintained and prices range from AUD \$40–\$50/night per person on a shared room basis.

Examples include:

- > <https://www.yha.com.au/hostels/sa/adelaide/adelaide-backpackers-hostel/>;
- > <https://www.hostelworld.com/pwa/hosteldetails.php/Adelaide-Travellers-Inn/Adelaide/2489?from=2024-06-03&to=2024-06-07&guests=2&origin=microsite>

All prices are in Australian Dollars with current exchange rate of 1 AUD = 0.64 USD.





# TOURS

## Pre-Congress Tours

### 1 Perth to Adelaide 24-31 MAY

This 8-day tour (24-31 May) will cover 2,900 km by road from Perth on the Indian Ocean coast, the capital of the State of Western Australia (WA) to Adelaide. Suggested activities include visiting the Perth Mint (gold pouring, jewellery), WA Museum (Aboriginal culture), Fremantle (historic port), or Kings Park (views, botanic garden). Briefing at accommodation in the evening for those available.

**24 May** Travel from Perth to Kalgoorlie, passing through Avon Valley and agricultural lands. Explore the Mundaring to Kalgoorlie Pipeline and visit the Cunderdin Museum. Continue through the Great Western Woodlands.

**25 May** Morning: Workshop/field visit on environmental management in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, covering dust management, Great Western Woodlands, and mine environmental management. Afternoon: Visit the Tourist Mine and Goldfields Museum.

**26 May** Travel from Kalgoorlie to Cocklebidy via Norseman, passing through the Great Western Woodlands and transitioning to Nullarbor vegetation. Visit Russell Swann at Virginia Station, to discuss cattle grazing on the western Nullarbor Plain.

**27 May** Travel from Cocklebidy to Eucla via Mundrabilla, with a tour of Mundrabilla Station. Explore cattle grazing operations and get a look at the station setup, located close to the highway.

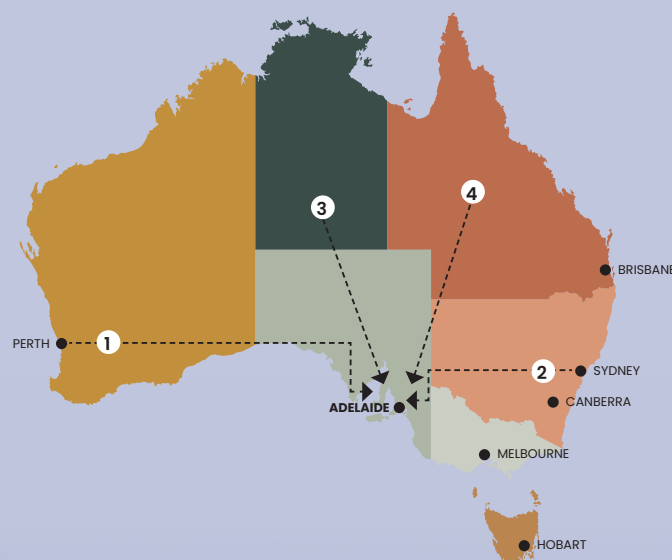
**28 May** Travel from Eucla to Ceduna, exploring the Nullarbor cliffs and Plain along the way. Visit the Head of Bight to see whales (we hope!) and the Dog Fence. Stop in Penola, known as the town of windmills.

**29 May** Travel from Ceduna to Kimba, with a visit to the Ceduna Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre.

**30 May** Travel from Kimba to Port Augusta via Secret Rocks Reserve. Explore the Arid Lands Botanic Garden, learn about renewable energy developments, and visit the Wadlata Outback Centre to understand the management of South Australian arid lands.

**31 May** Travel from Port Augusta to Adelaide via Quorn, Clare, and the Barossa Valley. Learn about the history of Quorn and Willochra Plain (related to Goyder's Line) and explore agriculture along the route. Visit wineries in Clare Valley and Barossa Valley before being delivered to accommodation in Adelaide.

The indicative cost for this tour is \$3,300 AUD, inclusive of all transport, accommodation, and meals.



### 2 Sydney to Adelaide 26-31 MAY

**SOLD**

This six-day tour (May 26 to May 31) will cover a distance of about 1900 km travelling from Sydney (population 5.3 million) over the western slopes to Adelaide. Travel to Katoomba for Three Sisters sightseeing, followed by lunch. Continue to Orange for accommodation check-in and dinner.

**27 May** Breakfast at the hotel before departing for Narromine via Yeoval and Tomingley. Visit a local farm for discussions on rangeland management, self-herding, soil soundscapes, and chemical defoliation followed by lunch. Continue to a restoration site east of Cobar for a discussion on erosion control and ponding banks. Arrive in Cobar for accommodation check-in, then dinner at the local golf club.

**28 May** Enjoy breakfast at the motel before departing for 'Nullagoola' to discuss woody plant management, feral goat control, and total grazing management. Travel to a lunch stop on the Barrier Highway, then continue to Wilcannia for sightseeing and a visit to the Darling River. Drive to Broken Hill for accommodation check-in, followed by dinner at a local pub.

**29 May** Breakfast at the motel, then pick up vehicles and drive to Fowlers Gap for orientation, and a morning tea discussion. Explore Fowlers Gap with a research tour, followed by lunch. Travel to Silverton and Mundi Mundi Lookout for discussions on land management, history and the movie industry. Return to Broken Hill to end the day with dinner at a local service club.

**30 May** Enjoy breakfast before driving to Mildura, stopping at 'Popiltah' to visit a goat enclosure. Lunch in Mildura then a visit to Lock 12 on the Murray River where we discuss river management, carp and salinity. Travel to Renmark and 'Calperum' for orientation. End the day with the opportunity for stargazing and spotlighting for nocturnal animals.

**31 May** On the final day, enjoy lunch at Banrock Station in the Riverland, a winery next to a Ramsar-accredited wetland, blending wine production with environmental conservation. There will be opportunities for guided wine tasting and birdwatching along the wetland boardwalk. Ending the tour in Adelaide, the capital of South Australia and host city for the IRC 2025.

### 3 Alice Springs to Adelaide 21–31 MAY

This 10-day tour (21–31 May) will cover 3,200 km from Australia's Red Centre to the South Australian coast. Starting with breakfast in Alice Springs, followed by morning tea and a guided walk at Stanley Chasm. Visit the Ochre Pits in the late morning before lunch at Ormiston. The afternoon includes stops at Tylors Pass and Ellery Creek Big Hole. Return to Alice Springs for dinner and overnight accommodation.

**24 May** Depart Alice Springs after breakfast, traveling to Mt Ebenezer for morning tea and a short stop for activities. Continue to Mt Conner lookout before arriving at Uluru for lunch and accommodation check-in. Spend the afternoon on a guided rock walk, followed by sunset drinks at Uluru. Enjoy dinner and overnight accommodation in Yulara.

**25 May** Breakfast in Yulara, followed by a sunrise visit to the Field of Light. Morning walk at Kata Tjuta with a tea break before lunch at the Cultural Centre. Afternoon cultural and land management talks. Evening sunset viewing at the Olgas, followed by dinner and overnight accommodation in Yulara.

**26 May** Depart Yulara after breakfast for Curtin Springs, followed by a station tour and morning tea. Late morning includes a two-hour paper-making tour before lunch at Curtin Springs. Travel to Kulgera for afternoon tea, then visit an art gallery in the APY Lands. Continue to Marla for dinner and overnight accommodation.

**27 May** Breakfast in Marla before traveling to Wintinna Station for morning tea and a station tour. Lunch at Wintinna Station, followed by an afternoon tour of the Breakaways/KankuBreakaways Conservation Park. Dinner and overnight accommodation in Coober Pedy.

**28 May** Breakfast in Coober Pedy, followed by an underground tour and opal shopping. Midmorning visit to the Dog Fence, with lunch at the site. Travel to Mt Eba Station for the afternoon, followed by dinner and overnight accommodation at Mt Eba Station.

**29 May** Breakfast and morning tea at Mt Eba Station, followed by a talk on Bush Heritage at Bon Bon Station. After lunch, travel through Bon Bon Station to Lake Hart for an afternoon stop. Continue to Roxby Downs via Woomera, check into accommodation, then visit the Arid Recovery Centre for an evening tour and dinner. Return to Roxby Downs for overnight accommodation.

**30 May** Breakfast in Roxby Downs before departing at 7:30 AM for Port Augusta, with a morning tea stop at Island Lagoon. Visit the Port Augusta Botanical Gardens before joining a combined tour for lunch and the afternoon. Dinner and overnight accommodation at Standpipe Motor Inn in Port Augusta.

**31 May** Breakfast in Port Augusta, followed by a combined tour in the morning. Morning tea and lunch at a winery, then continue with the afternoon combined tour. Return to accommodation for the evening.

The indicative cost for this tour is \$5,000 AUD, inclusive of all transport, accommodation, and meals.

### 4 Longreach to Adelaide 22–30 MAY

This 9-day tour (22–30 May) will cover 2,500 km travelling from Longreach, Queensland, to Adelaide. The destinations and activities include the Longreach Show, Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Wetlands, Gondwana Dark Sky Observatory, Flinders Ranges, property visits, and a river cruise.

As part of this exclusive tour, participants will also gain access to three Desert Channels Queensland Rangeland Forums, visit working properties, and explore significant conservation projects in the region.

This is a unique opportunity to experience Outback Queensland, engage with local communities, and gain insights into sustainable land management in Australia's dynamic rangeland environments.

The cost for the tour is \$5,600 AUD (per person twin share) or \$5,900 AUD (single), inclusive of all transport, accommodation, and meals.

To register for this tour or to learn more, please contact **Bethany Murphy** at [bethany.murphy@dcq.org.au](mailto:bethany.murphy@dcq.org.au) by **24 April 2025**.

**More information on  
the Pre-Congress Tours  
can be found on the  
Congress website.**



# TOURS

## Mid-Congress Tours

**Congress delegates will have a choice of six Mid-Congress tours, with tours being held on the Wednesday of the Congress. All tours will leave from the Adelaide Convention Centre, and return to the Centre at the end of the day.**

As described below, the tours provide a variety of cultural, historic and land use and management experiences. Delegates will nominate their preferred tours at the time of registration, and need to be aware that the tours will have an upper limit on the number of delegates than can be accommodated. Being early to register and nominate preferred tours is recommended!

### **Tour 1 Adelaide Aboriginal Cultural Experience Half Day tour**

This tour includes a guided tour of the South Australian Museum's Aboriginal Cultures Gallery, and Botanic Gardens Cultural tour.

There will be a Morning Tour and an Afternoon Tour available running for approximately 3.5 hours with free time on North Terrace.

### **Tour 2 Water Management in the Murray-Darling Basin**

**9am – 5pm**

Including Murray Bridge, Tailem Bend, Meningie, home via Goolwa.

### **Tour 3 Agricultural and Rangeland R&D**

**9am – 5pm**

Visiting Waite Research Institute, University of Adelaide's CBD and Roseworthy Campuses, Adelaide Plains, travel through the Barossa Valley.

### **Tour 4 Burra and Beyond**

**8am – 6pm**

Burra Visitors Centre, Burra Mine, Red Banks conservation Park, Spring Gully Conservation Park, Clare Valley winery.

### **Tour 5 Adelaide Hills**

**8.45am – 4.30pm**

Including city highlights, Mt Lofty scenic look-out, Beerenberg Farm Shop, free time and purchase own lunch in Hahndorf.

### **Tour 6 McLaren Vale**

**9.30am – 5pm**

Including d'Arenberg Cube visit with wine tasting and exhibition entry, Chalk Hill lunch and free time in McLaren Vale main street – extra charge of \$99 per person for this tour.



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