Suzanne Andrews  
Department of Health  
Suzanne is currently the Chief Executive of Yarrabah Voicemakers Health Services Yarrabah. She is a proud Aboriginal woman with family connections from Western Australia’s Kimberley region, as well as North Queensland. Suzanne grew up around Broome and Yarrabah, and holds several executive board positions in aged care and community housing. She is a firm believer in her own people.

Matthew Bradd  
Coxon NSW  
Matthew is the Managing Director at ECOM Commodities Australia. He has more than 10 years’ experience in Commodities trading and marketing, specialising in cotton and grains risk management. Matthew is a Director the Australian Cotton Shippers Association, having served on the executive of the Board since 2013 and as a Director since 2010.

Duncan Bremner  
Yass NSW  
Duncan was raised in the northern cattle industry, initially pursuing a career in the public service. Duncan pursued a career in communications. First as a rural journalist, then as a media advisor to a former Deputy Prime Minister, then a series of roles in agribusiness and ag-politics. He currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Animal Health Australia, the peak industry body for the animal pharmaceutical sector.

Kathy Burns  
Toowoomba KIT Australia Council for the Arts  
Kathy is a respected arts professional who works across multi-art forms and is the Artistic Director of Balgal Regional Arts. Her key signature is developing innovative community engagement opportunities. Kathy’s major annual platform is in her role as the Desert Harmony Festival Manager, Tenterfield Creek, showcasing artists from the Barkly. She is also a member of the Toowoomba Interim Consultative Council, and brings the voice of rural and remote women in the Barkly to help advise policy.

Angela Doering  
Cranbourne NSW  
Angela and her husband farm a mixed property ‘Strathdarr’ in northern NSW and are currently transitioning to the South Burnett region, QLD to expand their cattle enterprise. She was a Councillor with Gayndah Shire Council (eight years), board member of Arts North West, a council delegate to the Murray Darling Arts Association, Border Regional Organisation of Councils and Australian Rural Road Group. Angela is Chair of the local Country Education Fund, local progress association and member of the Country Women’s Association.

Catrina Felton-Busch  
Mount Isa, QLD  
Catrina is a Yangkal woman from Mornington Island with family ties to the Gangalidda People of the Gulf of Carpentaria. She has over 15 years of experience in Indigenous health, education, research and workforce development. Catrina is the Associate Professor of Remote Indigenous Health and Head of Education at the Mount Isa Centre for Rural and Remote Health, James Cook University. Her research and professional interests are aligned with her own personal commitment to improving the lives of her own people.

Alysha Herrmann  
Riverland and Onkaparinga SA  
Alysha is a regional artist and advocate working across disciplines in the arts, education, community development, social justice and social enterprise. She is a writer, theatre-maker, cultural organiser and is currently employed as Creative Producer with Carclew and the City of Onkaparinga. Alysha has won numerous awards for her work using the arts to interrogate and explore community concerns and aspirations, including most recently the 2015 Kirk Robson Award, and was named by SA Life as one of South Australia’s fastest rising stars under 30 in 2014.
Kristian Holz
Sydney NSW
NSW Government Department of Primary Industries
Kristian is currently working for the Department of Primary Industries, NSW and is leading the development of a new regional land management framework to combat climate change and Biodiversity reforms. Working in policy and legislation roles in NSW and Qld, his experience includes: regulatory reform, commodity market reform, structural adjustment, industry development, resource management, framework design, and governance review. Kristian believes that good public policy comes from proactive, collaborative engagement with stakeholders.

Carol Huggins
Hay NSW
Australian Wool Innovation
Carol is a Senior Development and Strategic Projects Manager at Australian Wool Innovation. She has spent more than five years leading various projects and strategic initiatives focusing on Wool Innovation, Wool Research and Education, and Wool Health and Sustainability. Carol also chairs the Wool Industry Research Committee (WIRC) and is currently leading the Wool Innovation Strategy development for Woolmark. This role involves working with key stakeholders to identify and implement how Woolwill shape the future of Australia’s wool industry.

Helen Jenkins
Morrabyl QLD
Grains Research and Development Corporation
Helen is the Manager of the Grains Research and Development Corporation. She has spent much of her career researching and developing improved wheat varieties and disease resistant crops. Prior to joining the Grains Research and Development Corporation, Helen led the National Wheat Program, which was responsible for identifying and developing improvements to Australia’s wheat crop.

Murray Korf
Cairns QLD
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
Murray is the Director of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. He has been a government official for over 30 years, working in various roles across the Australian Government. He has a strong background in agriculture, natural resource management, and water resources, and he is responsible for managing the department’s operations in Queensland.

Meagan Laydlaw
Brisbane QLD
Cotton Research and Development Corporation
Meagan is the General Manager of the Cotton Research and Development Corporation. She has over 20 years of experience in the Australian cotton industry, focusing on research, development, and innovation.

Rebecca Lomman
St George QLD
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
Rebecca has held several senior roles in the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. She has been awarded the Queensland Order of Australia for her work in water management, and she is currently leading the department’s water policy and regulation division.

Andrew Lui
Thursday Island QLD
Torres Strait Regional Authority
Andrew is a Torres Strait Islander and a member of the Kajabul people of Yam Island in the Torres Strait. He works for the Torres Strait Regional Authority as a Senior Project Officer and assists Indigenous people in gaining financial independence for 10 years. He has been working as a Senior Project Officer at the Torres Strait Regional Authority for over 10 years to help Indigenous communities.

Stephen Martin
Jondaryan QLD
Australian Lot Feeders Association
Stephen grew up in Gloucester, NSW and is currently the General Manager of Newell Livestock Packers Ltd. He has over 20 years of experience in the livestock industry, working across a range of roles in both wholesale and manufacturing sectors.

Bert Matthews
Hay NSW
Australian Wool Innovation
Bert is the General Manager of the Australian Wool Innovation. He has been with Australian Wool Innovation for over 30 years and is responsible for leading the organisation's research and development efforts to drive innovation and sustainability in the Australian wool industry.

Rachaele Mitchell
Tamworth VIC
Victorian Government Department Environment, Land, Water and Planning
Rachaele is the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Government Department Environment, Land, Water and Planning. She has over 20 years of experience in environmental regulation and sustainable development, with a focus on water and waste management.

Sally Mitchell
Bunbury VIC
Gardner Dairy Foundation
Sally is the General Manager of the Gardner Dairy Foundation. She has over 20 years of experience in the dairy industry, focusing on sustainable dairy farming practices and education.

Todd Newton
Inverell NSW
Australian Wool Processor Cooperative
Todd is the Operations Manager of the Australian Wool Processor Cooperative. He has over 20 years of experience in the wool industry, working in various roles in wool processing, marketing, and sales.

Ben Paxton
McLaren Vale SA
Vale Australia
Ben works in a management role in his family’s business, Paxton Vineyards in McLaren Vale. He has been involved in the wine business since 1998, which involves managing wine grape vineyards owned by the Paxton family, as well as vineyards for others, and providing a viticulture consultancy and advisory service.

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Steve Poock
Adelaide River NT
Farina Agricultural Society
Steve is an agricultural professional with varied experience in beef cattle production systems and supply pathways. Currently based at Australian Agricultural Company’s Lajedo Beef facility south of Darwin, Steve’s current role as Northern Australia Manager oversees the northern cattle supply chain to Livestock Australia, purchasing, as well as on-station operations around Darwin, including serving as a member of Future Directions Committee of the Brisbane River Local Government and Industrial Association of Queensland, as well as other community groups.

Edwina Sharrock
Tamworth NSW
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Edwina lives in Tamworth and is a Registered Nurse and Midwife who works for the Hunter New England Health Local Health District. Her roles are shared between Disaster Management, Health Care Services, and an Ayed Care Clinical Care Consultant in the Emergency Department. Edwina is passionate about creating and sustaining healthy communities with fair and accessible health care in rural and regional Australia.

Alistair Sherwin
Broome WA
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
Alistair is currently the Kimberley Regional Manager for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. He is in charge of the Kimberley, having lived in Kununurra in 2004-2006 managing the Kimberley Indigenous Coordination Centre. Between Kimberley placements Alistair was an Assistant Director General with AUW1 in charge of development programs for Indonesia, Pakistan, Iraq and Afghanistan; and an Assistant Secretary with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade working on international development financing, risk and integrity issues.

Fiona Shilton
Murry Bridge SA
Aberdeen Wool不能为空
Murray Bridge is a woolgrowing town in South Australia. Fiona is the General Manager of the Aberdeen Wool Company, which is responsible for the production and marketing of wool.

Michelle Smallman
Perth WA
Cooperative Banking Handing Limited
Michelle works for the CBH Group, managing relationships with CBH’s customers as part of the Operations Logistics Division. She is responsible for creating innovative and sustainable product solutions to assist CBH customers.

Neale Sutton
Mount Gambier VIC
Grain Research and Development Corporation
Neale is General Manager of Australian Crop Accreditation System Limited and the National Variety Trials Research Program. He has a broad range of experience in agriculture, including research, development, and extension. Neale has completed Melbourne Business School’s International Management program and is a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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May Taylor
Alice Springs NT
NT Government Department of Transport
May moved from country NSW to the Northern Territory in 1983 to work in Indigenous Education. She is currently the Director Regions Transport Services, NT Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, and is committed to promoting transport infrastructure investment and services to support economic growth in regional and remote Australia. With 18 years’ experience in the public service, May has previously held management positions within various departments of the NT government.

William Wilson
Calliope QLD
Meat and Livestock Australia
William is a fourth generation cattle producer living on Calliope Station and has had extensive experience managing, breeding and finishing beef cattle. William is also the creator of iHerd. His vision was to create a mobile-based solution where he could store cattle numbers, and trace cattle in real time. iHerd will record, store and share multiple property cattle movements, cattle purchases and sales, monitor treatment inventory and application.

Rose Wright
Murwillumbah NSW
Thyne Reid Foundation
Rose was raised on a banana farm in the Tweed Valley. Her career has evolved from tourism to regional economic development and research. She is a passionate advocate for the development of multifunctional farming and farm to plate value chains, as a mechanism for regional economic renewal. Rose is Principal of her consulting company Knowledge Transfer Services and a highly skilled facilitator, business and industry strategist. She works throughout rural and regional Australia with the food, agrifood and tourism sectors.