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A fifth generation primary producer, Prue operates alongside her parents on their family broadacre cropping and sheep enterprises at Serpentine, VIC. She is a Director on the Board of the North Central Catchment Management Authority and a member of two Victorian government agricultural advisory panels. She is the past Chair of the Victorian Farmers' Federation Young Agribusiness Professionals. Prue holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Science and a Bachelor of Business.



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Samantha is an Area Technical Manager within the Export Meat Program of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. She supervises DAFF veterinarians who work at export registered abattoirs. She's responsible for compliance: food safety, public health, animal welfare, international market access in export registered abattoirs and further processing plants. She's also Member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists. Sam holds two bachelor degrees in Rural Management and Veterinary Science.



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Luke is employed by Bush Heritage Australia as the Regional Reserve Manager, Western Rangelands. He lives on Charles Darwin Reserve located on the Northern edge of the WA wheat belt. Over the past ten years, his work has involved sustainable agriculture, land use policy and nature conservation programs. Luke holds a Bachelor of Applied Science and is currently completing a Graduate Diploma in Agriculture and Resource Economics.



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Originally from a grain and sheep farm in Kojonup, WA, Gavin is now the manager of Grower Value with WA's Co-operative Bulk Handling, a Director of DailyGrain and a member of a number of industry groups. He has worked for both grower organisations and grain marketing companies. Gavin holds a Bachelor of Agriculture Science (Hons) and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment.



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Kate is a social scientist who runs her own research organisation, KAL Analysis Pty Ltd, which undertakes work for many government and industry organisations throughout Australia. Her work focuses on project and policy assessments and research to support sustainable Australian rural industries and communities. She is also a Director on the Board of Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board and volunteers for 'Fareshare' Victoria.



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Bryce hails from Dalby, QLD, where he oversees his family's farming and feedlotting operations in the Camm Agricultural Group. He was a founding member of the Queensland Royal National Agricultural Association Future Directions Committee and chaired this committee from 2007 to 2009. He is the Treasurer of Beef Australia Limited, an ALFA Councillor, and chairs the ALFA Feed Commodities and Nutrition Committee. Bryce holds a degree in Business Administration and Communications.



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LISA DWYER
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Lisa runs a dairy with her husband in Victoria's southwest. Lisa is a newcomer to the industry with a strong interest in industry matters where she contributes in various capacities. She is particularly interested in the promotion of superior dairy animal welfare outcomes, generating a positive image of dairy and agriculture generally and finding ways to better engage urban and rural populations to facilitate mutual understanding.



RICHARD FINK
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A member of the Telstra Executive Team, Richard leads the financial, sales and customer experience outcomes for Telstra's consumer customers across WA, SA and the NT. In this role, he also has accountability for managing Telstra's local presence, as well as various retail points of presence. Richard has been with Telstra for 12 years. Richard holds a Bachelor of Laws (majoring in commercial law), and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment.



LUKE FITZGERALD
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Luke's recent roles include Viterra Grower Relations Manager, Lloyd Rural Group General Manager and an ABC Reporter/Presenter. He managed a rural consultancy in Ireland as part of his studies, was raised on an Eyre Peninsula farm, and was a former professional wool-classer. Luke also spent three years in Europe and North America working with cropping, cattle, potatoes, forestry and bee keeping. Luke holds a Bachelor of Business (Agriculture).



RICHARD FRANKLIN
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Richard is an Associate Professor at James Cook University. His role focuses on injury prevention for rural, remote and tropical populations. He has worked in and with rural and remote communities to prevent injuries and improve health for over 15 years. He is a Board member of Farmsafe QLD, JCU Academic Board and the Public Health Association of Australia. Richard holds a PhD in public health focusing on farm injury.



MARY GOODACRE
EUGOWRA, NSW
Australian Wool Innovation

Mary Goodacre and her husband are partners in their merino, beef and native grass enterprise near Eugowra, NSW. They also run a rural consultancy serving livestock industries. After studying Agricultural Science, Mary worked with several agricultural and environmental organisations in NSW and NT, and was appointed to three natural resource and Aboriginal cultural heritage boards in NSW. She is proud to live and work in the small, vibrant rural communities she calls home.



TRACI GRIFFIN
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Department of Primary
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Traci is the Manager of Divisional Continuous Improvement with the Department Primary Industries VIC. She's responsible for people capability, knowledge management and stakeholder engagement. Previous positions include: National Project Leader, Partnership and Extension with CRC for Greenhouse Accounting; and Land Management and Business Planning Advisor with the Indigenous Land Corporation. Traci holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Systems Agriculture) and Bachelor of Business (Tourism).



JULIA HAUSLER
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Julia has over ten years in corporate agribusiness with Cargill and GrainCorp. She now concentrates on her own farming enterprise with her husband. They were the VFF Farmers of the Year 2003. Julia lectures part-time at Longerenong Agriculture College in Risk Management and has recently joined the GRDC Southern Cropping Solutions Program. She is a passionate volunteer in her rural community. Julia holds a Masters of Marketing Agribusiness and an Economics degree.



SIMON HOPWOOD
YOUNG, NSW
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Simon is the Export Manager for BE Campbell. He was born and resides in Young, located in the South West Slopes of NSW. Simon began working in the Australian Meat Industry in 1995. In 2003 he gained a Diploma in Meat Management and has been fortunate enough to return to Young after more than a decade working in various states across Australia. Simon also played a crucial part in the reopening of the abattoir in Young.



KATHY HOUGH
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Kathy has worked in the disability sector for the past 25 years. She was recently appointed CEO for Empowering People In Communities (EPIC) Inc. based in the Pilbara, WA. Previously, she was Executive Officer, Community Living Association. Kathy is a Board member of the Disability Services Commission and jointly initiated the Council of Regional Disability Services. Kathy holds a Bachelor of Social Science (Human Services) and a Masters of Regional Development.



PAULA JONES
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Prior to the closure of the Cotton Catchment Communities (CRC) in June 2012, Paula was Chief Operating Officer and Communities Programme Leader. In her various roles with Cotton (CRC), Paula has led the environmental and social research programmes. She also established the Sustaining Rural Communities conference. Paula moved to Narrabri in 2006 and prior to that worked in research in the UK. Paula holds a Bachelor of Science and PhD degree.



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Sebastian is located in Trentham, in the central highlands of VIC. He is the Mayor of Hepburn Shire and serves on a number of boards and committees including the Regional Planning Committee, Environmental and Agricultural Advisory Committees to Council and is the Treasurer of the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre. He is in the final year of a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Ecological Agriculture) and has a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.



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Alan is currently the Chairperson and Environment Officer for the Wubalawun Aboriginal Association, Chairperson of MTOWARG (Matarana Traditional Owner Water Allocation Reference Group), member of NAILSMA (North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance). Alan holds a Diploma in Business and Management, Certificate 3 in Agriculture and Beef Production, and Environmental Health.



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Vonda is the Executive Manager of the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Health Partnership. She is a recipient of the National Aboriginals and Islanders Day Observance Community Tribute Award of Excellence, and the Centenary Medal. Vonda is also a 2001 Fellow of the United Nations Office of the Human Rights Commission Indigenous Fellowship Program. Vonda holds a Graduate Certificate in Management.



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Renata has worked in many roles in the meat and livestock industry over the last 25 years. She was appointed Chief Executive with the WA Meat Industry Authority in 2007. Renata also runs a beef enterprise producing weaners for the feedlot market. She holds a Diploma of Applied Science in Agriculture, a Masters in Business Administration, an Advanced Diploma in Leadership and Management, and a Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting.



SATVINDER SANDHU
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Satvinder worked as a Project Manager with high security irrigators and climate change initiatives. Prior to this, Satvinder worked in the retail industry and with one of Australia's major banks. She is passionate about community development and its integration and has been a role model for many local Indian women in Griffith, NSW. Satvinder holds a Masters degree in Agriculture, Extension and Education.



KATHERINE SARNECKIS
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Katherine is the CEO of the Northern Territory Seafood Council, the peak representative body for the NT seafood industry. She is also a founding member of the National Seafood Industry Alliance Inc., a group formed to give the seafood industry a united voice on the Federal stage. Katherine is a graduate of the 2007 National Seafood Industry Leadership Program and a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



ROSS SHARROCK
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Ross is the Engineering Manager Tamworth for Teys Australia, a Cargill Joint Venture operating beef processing plants across Eastern Australia. Ross drives plant reliability and ensures deployment of best practice in environmental management. Ross is involved in technical and environment committees within the industry and is currently completing the MLA Professional Development Program. Ross also works part-time for Fire and Rescue NSW. Ross holds a Bachelor of Science and Masters in Environmental Management.



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Shaun is the Head of Indigenous Health Studies at the Mount Isa Centre for Rural and Remote Health (MICRRH), James Cook University. He previously worked as a Lecturer, Student Support with MICRRH, Manager of Day Care Palm Island and as the Indigenous Coordinator - Senior Project Officer for the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATISH). Shaun holds a Graduate Diploma in Aboriginal Health Promotion.



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Helen is the Regional Manager, Land and Fire, South West Region for the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment. She is responsible for the delivery of programs relating to public land and fire management including the increased planned burning program that was an outcome of the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission. Helen is committed to building staff capability to deliver excellent public land and natural resource management. Helen holds a Bachelor of Science (Forestry) degree.



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Originally from a family beef property in Gippsland, Brian has been supporting Australian farmers for 20 years. He is currently the Marketing and Procurement Manager for Livestock Production at Elders Ltd based in Melbourne, VIC. He is responsible for ensuring that appropriate farm supplies are available to the livestock producers' client base across the Australian network with suitable marketing, technical messaging and competitive pricing. Brian holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Hons).



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David runs a consultancy business providing project management services and advice in irrigation and water management, particularly within the cotton industry. He is an agricultural engineer with a history in delivering extension, capacity building and research projects to encourage practice change in water management. He is also actively involved with Irrigation Australia Limited and has served as Chair of the Darling Downs Branch for a number of years.



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