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**This is a Directory of the participants
in the eighth intake of the
Australian Rural Leadership Program.**

Through this unique Program, they are developing themselves and their leadership skills, analysing key national and international issues, interacting with leaders in government, industry and the community, and developing a network of peers who share a purpose.

They are doing this through an intensive, part-time course of some 60 days duration in 7 sessions at various locations in Australia and overseas, followed by on-going involvement in The Australian Rural Leadership Network (the graduates' association).

These men and women are committed to sharing a vision for and shaping the future of rural and regional Australia.

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Pat is Manager, Agsell, the Export Market Development unit of NSW Agriculture. His focus is to increase exports of food and fibre products to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. He is also Manager, Commercial Development with NSW Agriculture. He is a member of the Australian Agribusiness Association and has a Bachelor of Applied Science (Agriculture).



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Anne is a bee/prime lamb producer and consultant. She established Nercu Grain Co-operative, a second tier niche export markets. Anne is Project Officer of the Central Macquarie Business Group, and is a Chair of the Lower Macquarie and Castlereagh Regional Vegetation Committee. She has been involved with Farming for the Future and is a member of the Gilgandra Promotion and Economic Development Committee. Anne has a Bachelor of Science.



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Bill is the Administrator of the Roxby Downs Council (SA). Bill is on the Board of the Flinders Region Area Consultative Committee and is a member of the Western Country Arts Board and Spencer Gulf Cities Association. He is a corporate member of the Royal Australian Planning Institute and holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering, and Graduate Diplomas in Local Government Management, Municipal Engineering and Building Surveying.



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Greg is Agribusiness Manager for the National Australia Bank based in Moree. He is a Senior Associate with the Australian Institute of Banking and Finance and has worked in the industry for 21 years. Greg is involved in his community through his positions on the New England Health Community Advisory Committee and as Vice President of the Moree Junior Soccer Club. Greg holds an Advanced Diploma in Finance and in Business Management.



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Jan is Vice President of Australian Women in Agriculture. She is a Board member on the Agforce Sheep and Wool Board and a Board member on the QLD Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Board. She chairs the Agforce Sheep and Wool Promotion Committee and is also a member of the Agforce Chemical Residue Committee. She is a Director of a super-fine wool enterprise, a founding member of Traprock Wool Inc. and a member of Inglewood Landcare.



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Paul is Manager of Cane Supply and Transport (Sugar Cane) at CSR Plane Creek Mill in Mackay. He is a Board member of the Plane Creek Cane Production Board and the Plane Creek Cane Protection and Productivity Board. Paul has a Bachelor of Economics.



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Yvonne has been an onion grower and packer for 16 years. She is Chairman of the Australian Onion Industry Association, is the onion representative on the South Australian Farmers Federation Horticulture Committee, and is also Chairman of the Lower Murray Horticultural SAFF branch. Yvonne has a Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree and is currently undertaking a PhD research project in the area of soilborne onion diseases.



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Brian is the Regional Forest Manager for North-East Victoria with the Department of Natural Resources & Environment. He is a member of Mt. Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board and plays an active role in numerous policy areas including native forest management, indigenous issues, fire ecology, and community education. Brian has a Bachelor of Science (Forestry).



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Alister manages a cattle station and is on the Executive of the Victoria River District Conservation Association. He is the Chairman of the Northern Territory Cattleman's Association, as well as being a Committee member of the Katherine Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee.



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Roley is the Senior Relationship Manager with Westpac, based in Toowoomba. He is a Committee Member of Royal Agricultural Society of QLD (Toowoomba Royal Show) and is a Committee Member of Darling Downs Vision 2000 (Committee for new water for the Downs). Roley is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Banking and Finance.



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Craig is the Community and Economic Development Officer for the District Council of Ellison in SA. He is also the Chairman of the Eyre Peninsula Tourism Association and has been involved with many seed projects on the Eyre Peninsula that involves supporting and developing rural communities. His past employment history has seen him involved with the Office for Regional Development, working in State Government and as Owner/Manager of his own hospitality business.



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Sara is currently Project Director for Shear Outback - The Australian Shearer's Hall of Fame. She also operates her own marketing and management consulting business providing advice to a diverse range of rural industries. Sara is the Industry Representative to the Riverina Regional Tourism Authority and is actively involved on twelve regional and local development committees. She has a Bachelor of Arts and a Graduate Diploma in Business Management.



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Stefan is Assistant General Manager Auscott Limited Narrabri Valley Operations. He is a member of Australian Cotton Grower's Research Association (representing Auscott) and is the treasurer of the Lower Namoi Cotton Grower Association. Stefan has been a member of the Regional Irrigation Association of Australia Board since 1999 and was a member of the National Board from 1999 - 2001.



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Robert is a rice grower and Delegate to The Ricegrowers Association Central Executive. He is Chairman of the Murrumbidgee Water Committee (RCA sub-committee) and a member of Environmental Policy Working Group (RCA sub-committee). Robert has an Associate Diploma in Farm Management.



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Ted is Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Seafood Industry Association. He was President of the Queensland Commercial Fishermen's Organisation from 1989 until he accepted his current position in 1999. He has extensive experience in industry and government bodies and relations at state, national and international levels. He also manages a national initiative implementing food safety, quality and environmental management systems in the Australian seafood industry. Ted has a Master of Environmental Management (Sustainable Development).



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Catherine is Health Service Manager for Dwira and Grenfell Health Services, which are part of the Mid Eastern Area Health Service. Catherine has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Nursing, a Certified Midwife and as a Masters of Health Administration. She is an Associate Fellow of the Australian College of Health Service Executives.



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Vince is a Senior Program Manager with the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics. He manages the Agricultural Economics Research Program and is involved in the development of research using ABARE's farm survey data and systems to provide greater access to the data via the internet. Vince holds a Bachelor of Economics and a Diploma of Agricultural Science.



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Catherine is Principal of Goondiwindi State High School. She is vice-president of the QLD Secondary Principals Association. She is on the QLD Rural Ministerial Advisory Council and is a member of National and State Committees involved in rural education and training. She is chair of the Goondiwindi District Rural Workplacement Committee. She is a member of the QLD Steering Committee for 'Year of the Outback'. Catherine has a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma of Education.



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Tim is a wool producer and ecotourism operator in the Derwent Valley region of Tasmania. He works with Greening Australia as the Tasmanian Business Support Manager. His enthusiastic passion for integrating environmental management with traditional farming practices enables him to provide revegetation expertise to many community groups and individuals.



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Jamie is the Manager, Communications and member services for Animal Health Australia, Australia's peak animal health body brokering partnership arrangements between governments and the livestock industries. Prior to this Jamie was the Communications Manager for the Pig Research and Development Corporation and comes from a third generation farming family located in Mid West NSW. He holds a Bachelor of Communications and is currently completing an MBA.



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Sandra is General Manager of Newcraft Pty Ltd. Sandra is a Director of the Tasmanian Fishing Industry Council, Tasmanian Director of WINASC (Women's Industry Network Seafood Community). Board Member of Seafood Training (Tasmania and Export Consultative Committee). She was the winner of the 1999 Telstra Tasmanian Businesswoman of the Year (businesses under 100 employees). Sandra holds an Associate Diploma in Business (Accounting) and is a member of the National Institute of Accountants.



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Cheryl is the Project Manager for the Sheep Industries Development Centre, SA. She is responsible for brokering educational opportunities for the state's sheep industry and forming strong links between producers and research and development providers. She is a Board member of the Agricultural and Horticultural Training Council of SA Inc. Cheryl has degrees in science and economics in addition to completing a MSc (Communication).



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Mandy had 10 years as a rural GP and public health specialist before moving into Health Policy and Public Health. She has given papers at national and international rural health conferences on the issues of Aboriginal health, health workforce and training, primary health care integration and sustainable communities. Mandy holds bachelors degrees in medicine and surgery and a Masters in Public Health. She is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practice and a Fellow of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine.