



## **AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE**

**2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**9 – 11 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**University House, Australian National University, Canberra**

### **WOMEN SHAPING OUR FUTURE – REFLECTIONS FROM THE LIMESTONE PLAINS**

The women of the Limestone Plains were pioneers in the European settlement of this important agricultural and environmental region.

We come together at this Conference to reflect on what has been achieved and to use these lessons from the past to assist in planning for our future.

In this reflection, we celebrate the individual achievements of those women who settled this area and those who live here now, and consider their leadership in both their agrarian and urban identities.

We hope you leave this Conference energised and having made connections you never anticipated, being inspired by women who you never thought you would meet, and that this experience will give you a foundation for change and inspiration in your own communities.

## PROGRAM:

Please note: All activities will be held at University House, unless otherwise noted. Program subject to change.

### **DAY ONE: FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2016**

TIME	ACTIVITY	ACTION/SPEAKER
8.30 am	Registration Desk Opens	
11.30 am – 12.30 pm 12.00 noon	Light lunch for all conference delegates. Presentation on the History of the Australian National University and University House	Jill Waterhouse, University researcher in Australian History at Australian National University will present.
12.30 pm – 3.00 pm	Field Trip – Some Canberra Highlights	The Field Visit will be undertaken as a bus trip with guides.
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Invisible Farmer: Securing Australian Farm Women's History  IAR Farming Families Project Women in Agriculture in Our Region	Liza Dale Hallet, Senior Curator, Sustainable Futures Museum, Victoria Fredah Wantum Maria Linibi, President PNG WiA
4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	Australian Women in Agriculture Annual General Meeting. Followed by General Meeting.	All AWIA members are invited to attend the 2016 Annual General Meeting which will be followed by a General Meeting.
5.30 pm – 6.00 pm	Private Time	
6.00 pm – 7.30 pm	Cocktail Party	Professor Brian Schmidt AC FAA FRS Vice Chancellor, ANU & Winner of the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics
6.15 pm	Official Welcome and Conference Opening	Kate Gardiner
6.30 pm	Introducing the History and Demography of the Limestone Plains	Learning and Access Manager, ACT Museums and Galleries, Canberra
7.30 pm	Dinner	Make own arrangements.

**DAY TWO: SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2016**

TIME	ACTIVITY	ACTION/SPEAKER
7.30 am	Informal Breakfast for delegates staying at University House	
8.00 am	Registration Opens	
8.30 am – 9.30 am	Conference Commences Housekeeping/Informal Remarks Welcome to Country President's Welcome	<b>Nerida Cullen</b> , Conference Coordinator <b>Violet Sheridan</b> , Ngunnawal Elder <b>Elizabeth Brennan</b> , AWIA President
9.30 am – 10.30 am	<b>LOCAL STRENGTHS FOR NATIONAL IMPACTS</b> Local Ideas to National Success Being a Politician on the Limestone Plains	<b>Sarah Powell</b> (2015 RIRDC Rural Woman of the Year) <b>Hon. Gai Brodtmann MP</b> (Member for Canberra)
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Morning Tea	
11.00 am – 12.30 pm	<b>GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS – SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOURS</b> A Facilitated Panel Discussion.	<b>Sally Standen</b> (Assistant Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources) <b>Sophie Hansen</b> (2016 RIRDC NSW Rural Woman of the Year) <b>Susan Bruce</b> (Partner, Poachers Pantry) <b>Lisa Sharp</b> (Chief Marketing Officer, MLA) <b>Nikki Gordon-Smith</b> (Deputy Head of Mission to Belgium, DFAT)
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch	
1.30 pm – 2.30 pm	<b>CASES FROM EXPERIENCE – MANAGING CHANGE</b> Presentations followed by 4 concurrent interactive discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change: Who needs it?</li> <li>• Lobbying for Purpose: How is it done?</li> <li>• So, is it going to rain?</li> <li>• Grass Roots Advocacy for Rural Health.</li> </ul>	<b>Professor Kate Auty</b> (Commissioner for Sustainability and Environment, ACT and Chair of the Advisory Board for the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute) <b>Tania Chapman</b> (2014 Nuffield Scholar and 2012 Victorian RIRDC Rural Woman of the Year) <b>Elly Spark</b> (Partner, Kingsdale Wines) <b>Bronnie Taylor MLC</b> (Member NSW Legislative Council)
2.30 pm – 3.30 pm	<b>Four Concurrent Interactive Sessions</b>	
	<b>Climate NRM &amp; Local Initiatives</b>	<b>Leadership in Focus</b>
		<b>Climate Technologies</b>
		<b>Advocacy for Rural Issues</b>
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.00 pm – 4.40 pm	Communique Development	An opportunity to influence the national agenda
4.40 pm – 5.00 pm	Where would we be without Sponsors?	
5.00 pm – 6.30 pm	Networking/Free Time	
6.30 pm	Pre-Dinner Drinks followed by Conference Dinner.	<b>Marie Coleman, AO PSM</b> (Chair, National Foundation for Australian Women Social Policy Committee) in conversation with <b>Professor Lesley Chenoweth AO (Pro Vice Chancellor, Griffith University)</b>

### **DAY THREE: SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2016**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ACTION/SPEAKER</b>
<b>7.30 am</b>	<b>Informal Breakfast for delegates staying at University House</b>	
<b>8.30 am – 8.35 am</b>	<b>Welcome Housekeeping</b>	<b>Nerida Cullen</b> , Conference Coordinator <b>Elizabeth Brennan</b> , AWIA President
<b>8.35 am – 9.35 am</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP IN THE LANDSCAPE</b> In the board room and other places...	<b>Lucinda Corrigan</b> (Director, Meat and Livestock Australia) <b>Simone Jolliffe</b> (Vice President, Australian Dairy Farmers)
<b>9.35 am – 10.05 am</b>	<b>INFLUENCING DECISION MAKING</b> Grass roots input into policy	<b>Senator the Hon Fiona Nash</b> (Deputy Leader of The Nationals; Minister for Regional Development; Regional Communications and Local Government and Territories)
<b>10.05 am – 10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
<b>10.30 am – 11.15 am</b>	<b>INFLUENCING DECISION MAKING</b> Reflections on Leadership	<b>Professor Lesley Chenoweth AO</b> (Pro Vice Chancellor, Griffith University)
<b>11.15 am – 12.00 noon</b>	<b>LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK</b> Where did we come from? Where are we going?	<b>Cathy McGowan AO, MP</b>
<b>12.00 noon – 12.30 pm</b>	<b>FINALISATION OF CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE</b>	<b>Delegates</b>
<b>12.30 pm – 12.45 pm</b>	<b>FAREWELL</b> Next State Event – passing on the baton	<b>Nerida Cullen</b> , Conference Coordinator <b>Elizabeth Brennan</b> , AWIA President

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