



NATIONAL CENTRE FOR
**FARMER
HEALTH**

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

Advancing health, wellbeing and
safety in Agriculture: Working
together for transformative
action



14 AUGUST 2024



Hotel Kurrajong, Canberra

8.30am

Registrations open

9.00am

Official Opening: Prof Faye McMillan, Deputy National Rural Health Commissioner
Welcome to Country

MC Welcome - **The Hon. Jaala Pulford**, NCFH Patron

9.30am

Advancing farmer health: Insights and initiatives from the National Centre for Farmer Health

Alison Kennedy, Director National Centre for Farmer Health

9.50am

Guest Speakers

- **David Meredith**, TEAGASC
- **Annabelle Brayley**, Remote Australians Matter(RAM)

10.35am

Networking morning tea

11.00am

PANEL 1: It's more than just a powerful story - Balancing the value of lived experience with evidence to improve mental health in agriculture - dependent communities

- **Sarah Crosthwaite**: Social Worker
- **Myfanwy Pitcher**: Rural Aid
- **Dr Alison Kennedy**: National Centre for Farmer Health
- **Dr Kate Gunn**: ifarmwell
- **Al Gabb**: Farmer & Mental Health Advocate
- **Justin Koschitzke**: Former AFL Player & Mental Health Advocate

11.55am

PANEL 2: Effectively supporting the health, wellbeing and safety needs of a diverse and changing population

- **Dr Jacquie Cotton**: National Centre for Farmer Health
- **Shellie Burgess**: NSW Rural Health Network
- **Mick Fuller**: Dairy Australia
- **Josie Clarke**: Ability Ag
- **Nat Sommerville**: Australian Women in Ag
- **Dr Lisa Cowan**: Agriculture Victoria
- **Stevi Howdle**: FarmSafe Australia

12.50pm

Closing of morning session:
The Hon. Anne Webster, MP
Shadow Assistant Minister
for Regional Health

1.00pm

Networking lunch



WORKSHOPS

Please note: Spaces are strictly limited. Workshops are only available to registrants who expressed interest at registration and are subsequently contacted to confirm spot.

Workshop 1 How do we reach every Australian farmer? Conceptualising frameworks for scaling up evidence-based health, wellbeing and safety programs nationally.

2.00pm to 4.30pm
Room

This workshop invites farming community members, health and agriculture professionals, researchers and policy makers to come together to highlight gaps and opportunities for evidence-based national program delivery and contribute to a 360 degree examination of what is needed to make this happen. Areas of consideration will include workforce requirements (including training/education), the role of industry, opportunities for partnership, evaluation, farmer engagement strategies and follow-up support needs.



Workshop 2 Collaborating for Safer Farmers: National Interests and place-based approaches

2.00pm to 4.30pm
Room

This stream will focus on the current, future and possible collaborations for research and prevention in farm safety. This will involve participants contributing to an overview of current approaches in injury and fatality prevention and discussion on what is required and opportunities for future collaboration, influence and action. This workshop will bring together researchers, policy makers, data experts, industry stakeholders and innovators.



4:30pm

Networking afternoon tea

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