

RURAL GATHERING

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Overview

The 2022 Social Enterprise World Forum Rural Gathering is focussed on accelerating opportunities and change for rural communities.

Social entrepreneurs, policy makers and impact investors will explore a central theme of 'Community-led rejuvenation through social enterprise', with a focus on developing enterprise capabilities in the next generation, learning from First Nations people, and the enabling role of government and philanthropy.

This first ever Rural Gathering in the Southern Hemisphere will consider how complex issues in rural communities around the world can be addressed by bringing together leaders from a range of sectors with the 'network entrepreneurship' skills required to build collective action.

Program

Rural Gathering Dinner

Tuesday 4 October 2022: Old Beechworth Gaol

Time	Activity
6:00pm	Dinner function commences. Welcome canapes and refreshments served in Old Beechworth Gaol Courtyard
6:45pm	Guests seated and dinner service commences inside Old Beechworth Gaol Welcome to Country Welcome to Rural Gathering Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none">Anne Gripper, Co-Chair of ACRE Board and MC Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matt Pfahlert, CEO and Co-Founder of ACREHon Helen Haines, Federal Member for Indi Keynote speakers: Community-led rejuvenation in action <ul style="list-style-type: none">Robert Musgrove, GM Corporate Affairs, Bendigo Bank: <i>how rural communities led development of a new type of banking in Australia</i>Chris Raftery, Scottish Government: <i>why social enterprise is embedded in the Scottish national economic strategy</i>Gerry Higgins, Managing Director, Social Enterprise World Forum: <i>growth of social enterprise movement internationally</i>
8:30pm	Courtyard conversations and entertainment Complimentary tasting of local wines and brews. Musical performance by Pete Denahy, from Yackandandah, Victoria.
10:00pm	Rural Gathering Dinner concludes

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Time	Activity
7.30am - 8.15am	BREAKFAST AT GAOL CAFÉ
8.30am	Forum commences Acknowledgement of Country and MC/housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tiffany Winters, Yarruu Indigenous Corporation• Anne Gripper, Co-Chair of ACRE Board <p>Welcome message from Dr Andrew Leigh, Federal Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury and author of <i>'Reconnected - a community builders handbook'</i></p>
8.40am - 9:10am	How community-led rejuvenation in rural areas is playing out internationally Spotlight on Highlands and Islands, Scotland <p>Why and how locals, Government, and funders started backing-in community led rejuvenation in rural Scotland in the 1990s.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finlay MacLennan, Community Land Outer Hebrides• Margaret McSporrán, Highlands and Islands Enterprise <p>Facilitator: Meg Allan, Wilderness Collective, Mallacoota</p>
9:15am - 9:45am	How community-led rejuvenation is playing out in rural Australia Spotlight on Victoria <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Florence Davidson, The Christie Centre: <i>using diversified approaches and partnerships to build social enterprise in a rural community</i>• Craig Marshall, GAME Traffic & Contracting: <i>changing mindset - transforming a not for profit into a thriving social enterprise</i>• Amber O'Connell, Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions: <i>Victorian Social Enterprise Strategy 2.0 and its commitment to rural through networks</i>• Wendy Bezzina, Social Traders: <i>how rural communities are utilising certification and procurement opportunities</i> <p>Facilitator: Martin Avila, Community Enterprise in Scotland</p>
9.50am - 10:20am	Building the social enterprise ecosystem in rural communities The role and value of the intermediary <p>How specialist intermediaries are working alongside rural communities who want to drive their own futures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Martin, Social Enterprise Scotland: <i>How the intermediary model is working in a place-based way across Scotland</i>• Aimee Spence, InspirAlba: <i>how rural learning hubs and networks are creating opportunities</i>• Israr Qureshi, Australian National University: <i>critical elements for rebuilding social cohesion – insights from rural India</i>• Alexie Seller, Impact North: <i>starting from scratch – working with remote rural communities in the Northern Territory</i> <p>Facilitator: Alyson Skinner, SENVIC Board</p>

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10:30am - 10:40am	Developing enterprise capabilities in the next generation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Neil McLean, Social Enterprise Academy International: <i>How Social Enterprise Schools ended up in every Scottish school</i>Peter Sacco, Social Enterprise Academy Australia: <i>Introducing the 2022 Social Enterprise Schools Marketplace</i>
10:45am - 11:15am	MORNING TEA + MARKETPLACE <p>Enjoy a cuppa and meet young social entrepreneurs from North East Victoria. Visit a vibrant marketplace in the Old Beechworth Gaol Courtyard organised by students from Social Enterprise Schools.</p>
11:20am	RECONVENE <p>Return to main Forum marquee in preparation for 'Go Deeper' breakout sessions</p>
11:25am - 12:25pm	Critical ingredients for accelerating community-led rejuvenation in a rural setting Go Deeper <p>Explore effective policies, approaches and models from Australia and around the world. Cross-test core principles for accelerating community-led rejuvenation for inclusion in Rural Gathering Manifesto. Take a deep dive into one of these themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Impact investments rural style: <i>methods, models and mechanisms</i>First Nations practice: <i>sharing and learning from Traditional Owners</i>Network entrepreneurship: <i>emergence of intermediaries and impact networks as a growing movement for collective action in rural communities</i>Solving local issues and creating opportunities: <i>how tourism-led community initiatives and buy backs can create catalytic impacts in rural communities</i>
12:30pm - 1:20pm	LUNCH
1:30pm - 2:10pm	Building the Rural Gathering Manifesto <ul style="list-style-type: none">David Upton, Common Good Solutions: <i>why a Manifesto is needed</i> <p>Share back of key principles identified in each of the 'Go Deeper' sessions. Facilitator: Mary-Anne Scully, ACRE</p>
2:15pm - 2:35pm	Be the change – identifying your contribution and role <p>What does the Rural Gathering Manifesto mean for your role? What can you contribute ?</p> <p>Facilitator: Mary-Anne Scully, ACRE</p>
2:40pm	The way forward - accelerating community led rejuvenation in rural communities <p>Closing remarks and thanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matt Pfahlert, ACRE CEOGerry Higgins, Social Enterprise World Forum
3:00pm	Rural Gathering Forum concludes

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