

Australian Rangeland Society Conference 2026



7 – 11 September 2026

Darwin, Australia

Managing country for
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Monday September 7, 2026

5:30pm – 7:30pm	Welcome Reception <i>Flick's, Darwin City</i>
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Tuesday September 8, 2026

8:00am – 8:50am	Conference Welcome	
8:50am – 9:30am	Plenary Presentation – Barry Hunter	
9:30am – 10:10am	Plenary Presentation	
10:10am – 10:40am	Morning Tea	
10:40am – 11:20am	Managing Land for Biodiversity: 25 Years of Australian Wildlife Conservancy in the Rangelands – Dr Rebecca Diete	
11:20am – 12:40pm	Managing for Biodiversity: Culture, Country & Critters	Adoption & Connectivity on the Range
12:40pm – 1:40pm	Lunch	
1:40pm – 3:15pm	International Year of the Rangelands and Pastoralists (Panel)	State of the Range: Monitoring Condition & Trends
3:15pm – 3:45pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:45pm – 4:45pm	Vast & Virtual: The Future of Fencing in the Rangelands	Conflicts & Clashes: Can weeds and ferals be a resource? And tradeoffs in developing the rangelands
4:45pm – 5:45pm	Poster Session	Professional Development Interactive Q&A: How to Write a Rangeland Journal Paper

Wednesday September 9, 2026

Field Tours

Thursday September 10, 2026		
8:30am – 9:10am	What have we really learned? Fifty years of Rangeland Management in WA – Dr Ian Watson	
9:10am – 9:50am	The implications of historic introductions of buffel grass (<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>) for its current and future distribution – Dr Margaret Friedel	
9:50am – 10:30am	From Models to Practice: Supporting Extension Officers to Develop Personal Practice Frameworks – Dr Gerry Roberts & Heather Ellis	
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning Tea	
11:00am – 12:00pm	Do Cattle & Conservation Co-Exist? (Panel)	Driving Adoption Through Co-Design & Collaboration
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm – 2:35pm	Thinking Outside the Paddock: Land Use Policy	Land Restoration: Rehydrating the Range
2:35pm – 3:05pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:05pm – 4:40pm	Grazing Land Management: To spell or not to spell, and all the rest	Conserving Our Soils & Sequestering Our Carbon?
4:40pm – 5:40pm	Poster Session	Professional Development Interactive Q&A: So You Want to be a private consultant? Tips and tricks from “over the hill and far away”
From 6:30pm	Conference Dinner <i>Wharf One, Darwin Waterfront</i>	

Friday September 11, 2026		
8:30am – 9:10am	Ongoing evolution of landscape-scale fire management in Australia’s fireprone northern savannas – Professor Jeremy Russell-Smith	
9:10am – 9:50am	Plenary Presentation	
9:50am – 10:50am	Panel Session: Carbon & Environmental Markets – Chaired by Professor Don Butler	
10:50am – 11:20am	Morning Tea	
11:20am – 12:55pm	Natural Capital: Carbon & Environmental Services	Variability to Extremes: Managing Livestock in a Changing Climate
12:55pm – 1:55pm	Lunch	
1:55pm – 2:55pm	Conference Close	
2:55pm – 3:25pm	Afternoon Tea	

The conference program is subject to change at the discretion of the Organising Committee