



NRM in the Rangelands CONFERENCE 2021

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Undergraduate and Postgraduate Coursework Opportunities

Teaching throughout 2020 and 2021 has been extremely disrupted, challenging and filled with alternative learning opportunities. This year the Australian Rangelands Conference is providing an online version to support delegates who can not travel to Longreach. This also opens up an opportunity to immerse undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students into a research rich environment hearing perspectives from land managers, government agencies and researchers; experiences usually gained through in course, outcome focused field trips, which are currently not possible due to Covid restrictions.

The conference committee acknowledged this opportunity and responded with the offering of a virtual half day university package. This provides university course convenors an alternative to students travelling to the conference by immersing the students virtually in live conference sessions. The package enables students to:

- Attend one half-day session
- Join session panels or break out rooms with other conference delegates
- Participate in on-line discussions, chats and Q&A
- Participate in a Q&A session designed for students only. This facilitated discussion will expose students to key practitioners from a range of sectors.
- Develop future mentoring opportunities with experienced rangeland practitioners

Example Session: Tuesday 5th October 2:00pm – 5:30pm – Managing drought in Australian Rangelands

2:00 – 3:00	Neil Cliffe, Queensland Drought & Climate Adaptation Program leader	Managing drought in Australian rangelands through applied research and extension: The Drought and Climate Adaptation Program
	Angus Whyte, NSW landholder	Drought Management - A Southern Rangeland Perspective
	Mike Pratt, Queensland landholder	Managing cattle, sheep and goats during drought in central-western Queensland
3:00 – 3:15		Panel discussions & live polling questions
3:30 – 4:30	Chelsea Jarvis, USQ 'Climate Mates' program leader	Developing and Using Climate Products for Practice Change
	Carolyn Harris, Queensland landholder & AgForce	Agriculture is Part of the Solution
	Alex Baumber	Building a social licence for the emerging carbon farming sector in the rangelands
4:30 – 4:45		Panel discussions & live polling questions
4:45-5:30		Student Q&A session* (Session operated by ANU for course outcomes)

Conference fee schedule:

	Entire Conference	Day registration	University Half Day
Full registration	\$250 (inc. GST)	\$100 (inc. GST)	
Student registration	\$125 (inc. GST)	\$100 (inc. GST)	\$65 (inc. GST)
Student scholarships for participating Universities	Full on-line registration costs sponsored by the conference committee.		

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The full program which outlines concurrent sessions is available via the conference website.

Research Higher Degree (PhD) Opportunities

The future of the Australian rangelands requires ongoing collaboration between land managers, government agencies and researchers. Young research professionals are therefore critical to sustaining future directions, and the Rangelands conference committee is keen to support these students.

Two full online registration scholarships will be provided to either Masters research or PhD students undertaking research in the rangelands from each participating Australian University.

The committee will accept the two students from each University to attend the full conference - as nominated by an authorised University representative.

Student names and contact details are due by Friday 1st Oct 2021.

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Keynote speakers...

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