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Australian AGinvestment & Sustainability Summit

2025 PROGRAM

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This publication is aimed at showcasing the essential components of the Australian AGinvestment & Sustainability Summit (AGIS Summit). Inside, you will find comprehensive details to help you navigate and make the most of your experience at our event.

The information contained within this program has been gathered from our supporters to ensure accuracy and relevance. However, please note that all details are correct as of August 23, 2025, and are subject to change.



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The Australian AGinvestment & Sustainability Summit

A first-of-its-kind event in the Australian agriculture industry.

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2025 edition of the Australian AGinvestment & Sustainability Summit (AGIS).

What started as an idea in October 2023 between three like-minded organisations has now established itself as an important event on the Australian Agriculture calendar – an event designed to address a need in the Australian market. A platform for agriculture, financial and government stakeholders to engage on the intersecting issues of investment, agriculture and sustainability.

With global population growth projected to remain strong through to 2050, the pressures on food production systems, the natural environment and the emerging emphasis on sustainable business practices & government regulation have made this Summit timely.

After the incredible success of last year's inaugural Summit, we have now grown to have even more stakeholders joining us today. This is a testament of the growing importance to the Agriculture and Finance industries to collectively consider the pressing issues of attracting and







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deploying investment capital to increase food production to supply burgeoning global demand, while aligning to social, financial and sustainability goals.

AGIS also provides the opportunity for us to connect and share insights on the opportunities and challenges to collectively work together to drive the Agriculture industry forward. In that spirit, this year we have also enhanced the Summit based on last year's feedback from attendees.

This includes providing more opportunities for networking discussions to build industry and business connections. We're also offering more time for panel session discussions to enhance our collective understanding of the issues influencing the future of investment and trade in Agriculture and providing insights on navigating them from some of the best minds in Australian Agriculture, Finance and Trade.

We thank you for joining us at the 2025 edition of the Summit. We look forward to working together to solve the challenges and benefit from the opportunities that responsible and productive investment in Australian agriculture can bring for our communities, environment and businesses.



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THE CO-HOSTS

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Bentleys, founded in Queensland over 75 years ago, has always placed rural and regional businesses at the core of its services. Today, Bentleys Queensland has grown to over 200 staff and 26 Partners/ Directors, across our Brisbane and Emerald offices, with hundreds more throughout Australia and New Zealand.

From our beginnings as accountants, Bentleys has expanded its service offerings to provide a fully integrated suite of advisory services tailored to the Agri industry. Backed by over 75 years of experience and a deep understanding of the industry, we support thousands of businesses with the following services:

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- Finance & Lending Broking Services
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- Superannuation Advisory

Bentleys is much more than just accountants, we provide a holistic business advisory service, tailored to your needs and delivered seamlessly from one trusted source, saving you both time and money.

Our experienced professionals, who have a deep understanding of the Agri industry, are with you every step of the way on your business journey, guiding you toward ongoing success.

Connect with our Agri team at the AGIS Summit, or use the contact details below.



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Who We Are

K&L Gates is one of the largest law firms in the world, with approximately 2,000 lawyers across five continents.

We operate as a fully integrated law firm, with the objective of meeting our clients' local and global requirements. We are ready to provide legal services to clients around the world.

We have almost 300 lawyers located in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth offering a full range of commercial legal services across all areas of practice that affect our Agribusiness clients.



serves clients in real estate, corporate law and compliance, mergers and acquisitions, land use, water, environmental law, dispute resolution, employment and labour law, taxation, workplace safety, and commercial contracts, and general litigation.

We advise and assist our Agribusiness clients – whether in Australia or offshore – with their investment concept through to execution and then with ongoing legal requirements. Our deep understanding of the industry and our vast experience allows us to work alongside our clients in a truly deep trusted adviser relationship.

Agribusiness Approach

We are industry leaders in providing legal services to the Agribusiness sector.

With over 25 years of experience exclusively dealing in matters regarding agricultural land and agribusinesses, our team has a deep understanding of the sector and the nuances likely to arise in agricultural transactions and the ongoing operations of an agribusiness. We use our experience for the benefit of our clients, which allows us to assist our clients in achieving their strategic business objectives.

K&L Gates brings a coordinated focus and global reach that is unique in the agribusiness industry. Our integrated cross-practice group agissummit.com.au



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Centuria Capital Group (ASX:CNI) is an Australian Securities Exchange (ASX200)-listed specialist funds manager with \$20.6 billion in assets under management (as at 30 June 2025)¹. For more than 25 years we have been helping investors grow their wealth through property investment and investment bonds.

We work relentlessly to understand opportunities in the market, and our years of experience and depth of industry contacts allows us to discover market value where others don't. We hold ourselves to the highest standards to ensure our investors' best interests are served.

Centuria Capital Group's vision is to be a leading Australasian funds manager.

The Centuria Agriculture Fund holds a specialised portfolio of high quality Australian agricultural properties leased to reputable operators that is well positioned to benefit from continued growing demand for fresh food and other essential agriculture products.

The Centuria Agriculture Fund is an unlisted, open-ended property investment fund. It seeks to acquire innovative Australian agricultural properties and lease them to reputable tenants (operators) who adopt high-tech modern farming practices to increase production and reduce climate risk. Long-term, triple-net leases with operators provide the potential for stable income streams to investors.

The Fund is currently focused on protected cropping assets such as glasshouses, that allow operators to control the growing environment for reliable year-round output whilst decreasing wastage, increasing water efficiency and mitigating the risks of extreme weather.



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¹ Assets under management (AUM) as at 30 June 2025. All figures above are in Australian dollars (currency exchange ratio of AU\$1.000:NZ\$1.0768 as at 30 June 2025). Numbers presented may not add up precisely to the totals provided due to rounding. AUM includes assets exchanged to be settled, cash and other assets and the impact of revaluations during the period.)

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2025 PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 29TH AUGUST

11:30am - 11:50am

Registration and Welcome Drinks

Start your Summit experience in the Upper Foyer. Collect your name badge, grab a welcome drink, and start connecting with fellow guests as we prepare for a day of ideas, insights, and industry-shaping discussions.

12:00pm – 12:15pm **Craig Zonca**, MC

Brendan Goulding, Bentleys Queensland

Stephen Bennett, MP, Member for Burnett

Welcome to the Summit

Craig Zonca, Stephen Bennett, and co-host Brendan Goulding from Bentleys Queensland will officially welcome you to the day

12:15pm – 12:20pm **Samantha Gallagher**, Foodbank Queensland

A Word from our Community Impact Partner: Foodbank Queensland

Hear about some of the amazing work that Foodbank Queensland is doing to reduce waste - helping feed 48,000 Queenslanders and 33,000 school kids every week through the power of community and compassion.

12:20pm - 12:25pm **Sean Cummings**, The Royal International Convention Centre

AGIS Summit Menu: The Delights that Await

Chef Sean will pre-empt your taste buds' amazing journey ahead with our 3-course lunch – all with a focus on the menu items being locally sourced and supporting Australian farmers.



12:25pm – 12:45pm Facilitated by: Brian Healey, K&L Gates

Keynote Guest: Bert Glover, Impact Ag Partners

Fireside Chat: An investor's journey working with Aussie Agriculture

A great opportunity to hear directly from one of Australia's most prominent Ag investors. They share their story on the challenges and shared achievements with the Ag industry and the communities they work in, and their views on the future of the industry going forward.

12:45pm – 12:50pm **Sam Elsom**, Sea Forest Foundation

A Word from our Natural Capital Impact Partner: Sea Forest Foundation

Hear about some of the amazing work that the Sea Forest Foundation is doing in our communities.





12:50pm - 1:40pm

Kristina Hermanson, Nuveen Natural Capital

Colin Rigg, Macquarie

Bradley Wheaton, Gunn Agri & Cunningham Cattle Co

Ben Cameron, Bentleys Queensland

Moderated by Pip Courtney

Panel Session 1: Headwinds & Tailwinds

Navigating the Forces Shaping Australian Agriculture

From shifting geopolitics to ongoing wars and the push to net-zero, Australian agriculture has seen many forces at play creating a business environment littered with opportunity and risk over the last 12 months. We unpack the headwinds and tailwinds from these new global forces with some of the most experienced industry operators and investors in Australian agriculture. Hear their perspectives on what these developments will have on the opportunities and challenges for the Australian agriculture industry, as well as the implications for investment into it.

1:40pm - 1:50pm

Table Networking

A brief break to enjoy lunch and network with your fellow guests.

1:50pm – 2:40pm **Nigel Pannett,** Compass Agri Australia

Sam Elsom, Sea Forest

Daniel Hough, Gunn Agri Partners & Wollemi Farms

Andrew Tout, Centuria

Moderated by Lucy Kinbacher

Panel Session 2: Regenerative Agriculture & ESG in Australian Ag

Good for the Environment, Good for People, and Good for Business.

Regenerative Agriculture and ESG practices are playing an increasingly important role in farming operations and have an important story to tell - to consumers and investors alike. We have assembled a panel of innovators across Australian farming and investment to share their story on why and how they have embedded Regenerative Agriculture and ESG practices into their businesses and how it has been good for the environment, good for people and good for business.

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2:40pm – 2:45pm **Heather Stott,** Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section)

A Word from our Social Impact Partner: Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section)

Hear about some of the amazing work that the RFDS is doing in our regional communities – truly angels with wings.

2:45pm - 3:35pm **Justin McGowan,** Trade and

> Troy Setter, Consolidated Pastoral Company

Investment Queensland

Su McCluskey, Australian Unity

Steve Jarrott, Warakirri Asset Management

Moderated by Kate Banville

Panel Session 3: Sustaining AgTrade

Navigating the New World of Food & Farming Trade

In 2025, Australian agriculture faces rising risks and opportunities from shifting global trade rules, climate legislation, geopolitical tensions, and extreme weather. The Sustaining AGtrade panel brings industry and government experts together to discuss current impacts, future trade relations, ESG influences, and their implications for agricultural investment.

3:35pm - 3:45pm

Craig Zonca, MC

Nigel Pannett, Compass Agri Australia

Closing Remarks

4:00pm – 5:30pm Jubilee Hotel, Fortitude Valley

Informal Networking Drinks

Join us for an informal networking session, where you can connect with fellow attendees, speakers, and industry leaders over drinks.





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2025 SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Bert Glover
Director,
Impact Ag Partners

Bert Glover is founder of Impact Ag Partners, an international agricultural asset management and investment firm, and CEO of its US expansion, Impact Ag Partners LLC.

Bert leads strategies deploying capital into nature-based solutions that enhance returns for investors. A pioneer of nature-positive agricultural management, Bert has secured and deployed \$1 billion in global capital to transform agricultural ecosystems at scale, positioning Australia as a go-to market for investors seeking both profitability and environmental stewardship.

Bert is also CEO of NASDAQ-listed ANSC, launched with Riverstone Holdings to invest in opportunities to decarbonise agriculture.

Bert's leadership has delivered some of the largest soil carbon projects in Australia and the US, creating value from real assets and fostering strong economic, environmental, and community outcomes.

FACILITATED BY



Brian HealeyGlobal Co-Lead Partner of Agriculture, K&L Gates

Brian is the Global Co-Lead Agribusiness Partner for K&L Gates and leads the team in Australia, with over 27 years of experience in agribusiness and primary industries.

Specialising in agricultural property, water rights, and investment, he has advised on major rural transactions across all Australian states in sectors like cattle, cotton, dairy, and vineyards.

Brian has expertise in agricultural property transactions, rural and irrigation water transactions, and leading mergers and acquisitions. He represents local and international agribusinesses and investors, with clients from the US, Canada, the UK, Singapore, and China.

By recognising agriculture as a distinct asset class, Brian helps match capital with expertise, unlocking opportunities for businesses and investors.

2025 SPEAKERS

PANEL ONE



Kristina Hermanson Head of APAC and Africa, Nuveen Natural Capital

Kristina Hermanson is Head of APAC and Africa at Nuveen Natural Capital, driving growth in farmland, timber, and nature-based investments. The Australian Farmland core business is central to APAC, with potential growth into regenerative agriculture.

Raised on a Wisconsin dairy farm, Kristina brings over 25 years of international leadership, including Managing Director ANZ & ASEAN at FMC Corporation, and senior roles in engineering, commercial, strategy, and M&A at Archer Daniels Midland across EMEA and APAC. She also served as Director of Growth and Collaboration at Coca-Cola Amatil. Kristina is a Non-Executive Board member at the Australian Farm Institute and has held directorships with AgSafe, CropLife Australia, and Business for Development.

Kristina holds an M.S.M.E. from the University of Wisconsin and an M.B.A. from UCLA, and champions Inclusion in Agriculture as a driver of innovation.



Colin Rigg
Head of Agriculture,
Macquarie Asset Management

Colin heads Agriculture and Natural Assets at Macquarie Asset Management (MAM), overseeing a team of 17 across a diverse portfolio of livestock and cropping businesses. Since joining MAM in 2018, he has managed the portfolio construction of the MAFCA Series.

Previously, Colin advised Macquarie Capital clients in sectors across real estate, healthcare, and agriculture, also making principal investments on behalf of Macquarie Group. He serves on the boards of MAM's agriculture businesses, including Viridis Ag, Cubbie Ag, Paraway Pastoral, and Cowal Agriculture.

Colin holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Science and a Master of Commerce from the University of Queensland and is a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.



Bradley Wheaton

Co-Managing Director, Gunn Agri Partners & Director, Cunningham Cattle Co

Brad is a co-founder and Managing Director of Gunn Agri Partners.

Gunn Agri has as investors and shareholders the Australian Government's Clean Energy Finance Corporation and CDPQ, a Canadian pension with \$434bn in net assets.

The Gunn Agri portfolio spans over 2.6m acres and \$800m in AUM including the mixed farming businesses Faulkner Farming & Wilga Farming, the pastoral company Cunningham Cattle Co and the horticulture platform, Wollemi Farms.

Brad's prior experience has included roles with Macquarie Agricultural Funds Management, Twynam Pastoral, and in the renewable energy industry.



Ben Cameron

Managing Partner, Bentleys Queensland

Ben Cameron is the Managing Partner of Bentleys Queensland. Over his 30+ years with Bentleys, Ben has been a driving force behind the firms' growth in both the rural advisory space and in the Queensland business market.

As a trusted advisor, he works with highly successful ASX listed entities, businesses and family groups across multiple sectors, including agribusinesses operating in beef, grain, horticulture, cotton and other primary production industries. He also advises property companies, manufacturers, professional services businesses and the finance sector.

Ben heads up the firm's team of specialist agribusiness advisors who work with a mix of agribusiness clients, financiers, corporate and family-owned industry participants and other rural industry operators. Ben is a thought leader in business advisory and solutions for the rural industry.

2025 SPEAKERS

PANEL TWO



Nigel Pannett
Owner & Managing Director,
Compass Agri Australia

From growing up on a dairy farm on New Zealand's South Island, to founding leading Australian agri-business investment firm Compass Agri Australia, Nigel Pannett's philosophy remains 'look after the people and the land, and they will look after you'.

As managing director of Compass, Nigel leads a portfolio of award-winning farm investments, including fund structures that hold seven dairy farms, across the water-rich Derwent Valley in Tasmania.

A former rural banker, farmer and agronomist, Nigel uses his extensive agriculture and business experience to build strong and sustainable rural partnerships between Australia's agri and finance sectors.

Together with a team of in-house specialists and high performing on farm teams, Nigel is committed to delivering strong financial returns for investors and positive environmental and social outcomes for communities.



Sam Elsom CEO & Founder, Sea Forest

Sam Elsom is a passionate environmentalist with over 15 years experience in sustainability. Having founded one of Australia's first sustainable apparel businesses to measuring social and environmental impact across supply chains as well as implementing a satellite factory in India to support poor communities with income, training, clean water and education.

Sam was drawn to explore seaweed cultivation for its impressive capacity to sequester CO2 as a potential solution to reverse Climate Change.



Daniel Hough

Co-Managing Director, Gunn Agri Partners and Director & Portfolio Manager, Wollemi Farms

Daniel Hough brings over two decades of experience in agriculture and real asset investment, underpinned by a personal connection to farming, where he was raised on a cattle property in NSW.

Daniel's career reflects both technical and hands-on expertise. Daniel has held senior roles across continents, including Associate Director at Macquarie Agricultural Funds Management in Europe and Head of Agriculture at Chayton Africa, an agribusiness investment platform. Daniel has led capital raising for farmland strategies in Africa, Brazil, and Australia.

A qualified accountant with a background in financial services, Daniel is Portfolio Manager for permanent crop and water investments at Gunn Agri Partners, overseeing high-value nut, stone fruit, and avocado operations and leading Investor Relations with institutional clients in Europe, North America, and Australia.



Andrew Tout
Head of Agriculture, C

Head of Agriculture, Centuria Capital Limited

Andrew Tout, Head of Agriculture at Centuria, oversees three unlisted agriculture funds in Australia, with a value of over \$0.65 billion. His expertise spans portfolio management, acquisition evaluation, credit and risk structuring, AI decision-making, and supply chain management.

A sixth-generation agriculturalist with 27 years in the field, Andrew joined Centuria in 2020 after senior roles at Westpac, ANZ, Commonwealth Bank, GrainCorp, and Elders. He has positioned Centuria with a first mover advantage as an institutional landlord within the protected cropping real estate sector, which has led Centuria to becoming Australia's biggest large-scale glasshouse/greenhouse landlord with more than 100 hectares of protected cropping.

Andrew studied Horticultural Science at the University of Western Sydney, is a licensed Stock and Station Agent, holds a rural valuation certificate, and chairs Protected Cropping Australia.

2025 SPEAKERS

PANEL THREE



Justin McGowan

CEO, Trade and Investment Queensland

With extensive international trade experience, Justin was appointed to drive Queensland's investment and export future.

Justin has held senior executive roles within the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and is an accomplished diplomat. Most recently, he led the Capability Taskforce, enhancing Australia's foreign and trade capabilities to meet future challenges and deliver economic potential.

From 2017 to 2021, he served as Australia's Commissioner General to the World Expo in Dubai, facilitating engagement opportunities for government, business, investors, and entrepreneurs across global markets.

Justin has also held senior leadership roles in the private sector, delivered major global programs with the Department of Defence, and served in the Royal Australian Navy, including enforcing UN sanctions in the Middle East.



Troy Setter

Chief Executive Officer, Consolidated Pastoral Company (CPC)

Troy joined Consolidated Pastoral Company (CPC) in 2014 and is a renowned agribusiness leader. He has held key management positions at the Australian Agricultural Company, Torrens Investments, North Australian Cattle Company, and Killara Feedlot. Troy has extensive experience in production, processing, and marketing for beef, sheep, grains, cotton, land development, and logistics. Outside CPC, he chairs the Board of Dolly's Dream, the Council of Research and Development Corporations, and LiveCorp and is a former Chair of the Australian Beef Industry Foundation.

CPC is a leading Australian-managed, UK-owned agribusiness with strong ESG values, owning nine station aggregations across 3.2 million hectares. CPC manages over 300,000 head of cattle and diverse crops, with an asset base over AUD\$1 billion, supplying various domestic and international customers.

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Su McCluskey
Director, Australian Unity

Su McCluskey has most recently served as the Special Representative for Australian Agriculture and is a Director of Australian Unity, LiveCorp, and the Australasian Pork Research Institute. She was a Commissioner for International Agricultural Research, served on the National COVID-19 Advisory Board, and contributed to the Charities Review and Small Business Digital Taskforce.

Su was on the Independent Review Panel for CPA Australia, the Harper Review of Competition Policy, and the NSW Review of the Regulatory Framework. She has been CEO of the Regional Australia Institute, the Council of Rural RDCs, and Executive Director of the Office of Best Practice Regulation. Su held senior roles at the Business Council of Australia, the National Farmers' Federation, and the Australian Taxation Office. A beef cattle farmer in Yass, NSW, she was named Westpac/AFR Regional Women of Influence in 2013 and won the 2014 Women in Agribusiness award.



Steve Jarrott
Portfolio Manager, Diversified
Agriculture, Warakirri Asset
Management

Steve joined Warakirri in 2019 and is one of Australia's leading Agricultural investment professionals with over a decade of high-quality experience as Portfolio Manager with Westchester, the agriculture investment arm of the US-based TIAA-Nuveen Group, the world's largest farmland investment manager.

Steve is highly skilled in investment strategy and asset allocation, deal origination and negotiations, valuation and analysis, portfolio management, governance, risk management and ESG programs. He holds a Bachelor of Agriculture and a Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance and Investment and maintains an active personal interest in agriculture via his family farm in New South Wales.



MC



Craig Zonca
MC & ABC Broadcaster

Craig Zonca co-hosts the popular Breakfast program on ABC Radio Brisbane and is one of Queensland's most recognised voices, with 20 years at the ABC. Throughout his career, Craig has presented the Queensland Country Hour, served as a weather presenter on ABC TV News, and anchored ABC's Anzac Day coverage in Brisbane.

A naturally curious storyteller, Craig has interviewed everyone from prime ministers and premiers to stars of stage, screen, and sports. He has covered political scandals and natural disasters, with a passion for the spontaneous, adrenaline-pumping moments of live radio.

Beyond his professional life, Craig is a proud father of two who enjoys spending time on his in-laws' cattle property. Craig is also a board director of the Red Rose Foundation, supporting important causes.

PANEL FACILITATORS



Pip Courtney
TV Presenter & reporter,
ABC Television

Pip Courtney has reported for the ABC's national rural affairs program Landline for 30 years and has hosted it since 2012.

She has won numerous awards for journalism across agriculture, business, sport, the environment, medicine, and education.

Highlights include being named Queensland Journalist of the Year in 2007, winning the International Star Prize for Agricultural Journalism in 2011, and being inducted into Queensland's Rural Journalism Hall of Fame in 2018.

In 2024, she won the National Star Prize for Rural Broadcasting. Born in Tasmania, Pip joined the ABC in Hobart in 1986, later working for the 7.30 Report in Melbourne before moving to Landline in 1993.

Pip's rural reporting has taken her across every Australian state and territory, and to China, Peru, Timor Leste, the USA, Cambodia, and Laos.



Lucy Kinbacher
Editor at Queensland Country Life and
North Queensland Register

Raised on a cattle property at Biggenden, Lucy Kinbacher has spent more than a decade working across metropolitan, regional and rural publications in both Queensland and NSW. Lucy has been the editor of the Queensland Country Life and North Queensland Register since 2021.



Kate Banville
MC, Facilitator and Internationally
Published Journalist

Kate Banville is a freelance journalist, emcee and former Australian Army soldier who looks to inform and engage audiences in critical conversations around agriculture, food security, national security, defence and Australia's place in the world.

As a former newspaper, radio, television and digital journalist, Kate is comfortable bringing her professional curiosity to any platform.

ESG INITIATIVES

Social Impact Partner: Royal Flying Doctor Service

The AGIS Summit is proud to partner with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) (RFDS) to support rural and regional communities across Australia. The RFDS provides essential medical services to some of the country's most remote areas, offering everything from emergency evacuations to regular health check-ups and specialist care. Their work ensures that those living in the bush have access to the same level of medical care as those in urban centers, reinforcing the Summit's dedication to creating a positive social impact.

Proceeds from the AGIS Summit will directly support the RFDS in its mission to deliver vital healthcare services. Attendees are encouraged to contribute further by donating through the QR code provided. Your support will enable the RFDS to continue its life-saving work and extend its reach to even more remote communities, ensuring that all Australians have access to quality healthcare.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who call the bush home.

Community Impact Partner: Foodbank Queensland

Every single day, Queenslanders are going hungry. For many, it only takes an emergency bill for necessities such as health care, home repayments or car, that results in going hungry. No matter who we are or where we come from, sometimes life gets tough. Now, the rising cost of living is making it harder for many Queenslanders living week to week and in vulnerable situations. Food stress and hunger negatively impact our physical and mental health. That's why we believe every Queenslander deserves access to good quality food all year round.

Foodbank Queensland sources millions of kilograms of food from farmers, manufacturers and retailers, and distributes this food to hundreds of Food Relief Charities and School Breakfast Programs state-wide from their warehouse in Brisbane.

Foodbank Queensland's Community Impact Includes:

- Feeding 150,000 Queenslanders in need, plus 49,900 school children per week
- Supporting more than 350 Food Relief Charities, and over 400 School Breakfast Programs each year
- Sourcing 13 million kilograms of food, distributed as 26 million meals equivalent each year
- Reducing landfill CO2-e emissions by 24 million kilograms each year.



Natural Capital Impact Partner: Sea Forest

This year, the AGIS Summit is proud to support the Sea Forest foundation, an arm of Sea Forest – a Tasmanian company cultivating Asparagopsis, a seaweed used in cattle feed.

Due to climate change - specifically, rising sea temperatures, low nutrient conditions and increasing numbers of sea urchins - over 95% of the giant kelp forests in Tasmania have perished. Without intervention, they won't recover.

The Sea Forest Foundation has teamed up with the University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) to restore these crucial marine ecosystems and protect them in the future.

The Sea Forest Foundation and IMAS are embarking on the first ever forest-scale kelp restoration project in the southern hemisphere. Together, their goal is to create a natural and self-supporting giant kelp forest in Tasmania.

Learn more about the Foundation's work here: www.seaforestfoundation.com.au



BrewDog: Carbon Negative Beer

This year, the AGIS Summit has chosen BrewDog as the beer of choice. More than great-tasting beer, BrewDog is leading the way in sustainability as the world's first carbon negative brewery. They remove twice as much carbon from the atmosphere as they emit, while investing in reforestation, renewable energy and sustainable brewing practices. It's proof that beer can be good for both people and the planet.

The Royal International Convention Centre

By choosing the Royal International Convention Centre for the AGIS Summit, we align our event with a partner that shares our vision for a sustainable future. The Centre, proudly holding a prestigious Green Globe certification, exemplifies a commitment to sustainable operations and environmental stewardship. This globally recognised certification underscores the Centre's dedication to operating sustainably through energy efficiency, waste reduction, and responsible resource management.

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Environmental Initiative to Reduce Our Carbon Footprint

In an effort to align this event with netzero principles to reduce the Summit's carbon footprint where direct action could not be taken by the co-hosts to minimise greenhouse gas emissions, such as emissions from transport and accommodation associated with attendees participation, the AGIS Summit has partnered with a local Queensland nature-based regeneration project to plant trees that will help remove some of the greenhouse gas emissions from the event.

Delivered by the Brisbane-based Reforest platform in partnership with Noosa and District Landcare, the AGIS Summit has aligned with the Cooroy Mountain Wildlife Corridor project.

This initiative is removing atmospheric CO2 by planting trees, which will help restore the land, foster greater biodiversity and improve water quality in local waterways.

Nestled in the shadow of Cooroy Mountain, this nature regeneration site is located in the rural outskirts of the township of Eumundi, on



Cooroy Mountain, Queensland

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the Sunshine Coast of Queensland, Australia.

Almost 10,000 trees are being planted across the 3.8 hectare site. This site was historically used for agriculture. Much of the landholding containing this site is now reserved for cattle, with the exiting owners deciding to reallocate a 3.8 Ha portion of it along a creek line and planting an area under a legal protection mechanism to ensure that it will be permanently restored to the original lowland subtropical rainforest ecosystem that was once present.

The site extends an existing area of riparian vegetation. A range of native species will be planted to restore the land to its original rainforest condition. The project will include the collection and propagation of vegetative material from populations of the rare Lenwebbia. Once planted, the trees will be regularly maintained until they are established enough to survive on their own.

This project is restoring a critically threatened type of subtropical rainforest ecosystem, which is identified as Gallery Rainforest (notophyll vine forest) on alluvial plains. This class of rainforest is recognised as habitat for several threatened plant species, including Xanthostemon oppositifolius (southern



penda) and Fontainea rostrata (Deep Creek fontainea).

It will also create habitat for threatened wildlife species including Cyclopsitta diophthalma coxeni (Coxen's fig parrot) and Ornithoptera richmondia (Richmond birdwing butterfly).

Planting around the creek will also improve water quality in this waterway, which is part of the Mary River catchment. The Mary River



Deep Creek Fontainea



Richmond Birdwing Butterfly

discharges into the Great Sandy Straight and the Southern Great Barrier Reef lagoon.

These trees will benefit the broader landscape through better water retention and quality, less erosion, and more shade for the cattle. They're also of course removing CO2 from the atmosphere and supporting local biodiversity.

This nature regeneration project expects that the biodiversity regeneration and improvements to the quality in the waterways over time will not only deliver environmental benefits to the landholders, but also will be to the benefit of other local landholders operating small scale farming operations and the local community.



Coxen's Fig Parrot



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