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## XII IRC



### SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

## XII INTERNATIONAL RANGELAND CONGRESS

ADELAIDE | JUNE 2-6 | 2025

#### A WARM WELCOME

The Australian Organising Committee of the XII International Rangeland Congress, on behalf of the Australian Rangeland Society and the International Rangeland Congress Continuing Committee, invites you to participate in the International Rangeland Congress to be held June 2-6, 2025 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia. It is our goal to provide a vibrant platform for scientific exchange and education on the contemporary challenges and opportunities facing the rangelands and its communities. We will ensure there are many opportunities to network and connect with fellow delegates and to celebrate achievements in our fields. We recognise not everyone will be able to attend in person so we will design an exciting program that promotes exchanges via social media, livestreaming, interactive Q&A sessions, and recording of select content. We look forward to seeing you in Adelaide in 2025!

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The International Rangeland Congress recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the Traditional Owners of Australia and thank them for their stewardship of Country – sea, water and land. The Congress respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Australian rangelands and pays its respects to their cultural and customary practices, and acknowledges their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Adelaide plains, land of the Kaurna Aboriginal people. We also pay respect to and celebrate First Nations across the world, and their connection to rangelands.

*On behalf of the XII International Rangeland Congress Organising Committee we are pleased to welcome delegates from around the world to Australia, the rangeland continent. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Adelaide plains – land of the Kaurna Aboriginal people, and we welcome First Nations peoples and pastoralists from Australia and internationally. This is the third occasion Australia will be hosting the International Rangeland Congress and by 2025 it will be nearly 10 years since the international rangeland community has physically met together. In addition to the networking at the congress, we will provide the opportunity for delegates to experience Australia's vast rangelands through a range of exciting pre-congress and mid-congress tours.*

*Pieter Conradie, Nicole Spiegel, Andrew Ash  
Co-Chairs, XII IRC Organising Committee*

## VENUE

Adelaide, with a population of 1.3 million has grown into a modern, vibrant multi-cultural city. Nestled between the rangelands to the north, world famous wine regions and magnificent beaches of white sand, Adelaide and its surrounding regions offer a range of unique experiences that will enhance the congress experience for delegates.

The Adelaide Convention Centre is situated in the heart of Adelaide. Conveniently located 15 minutes from the airport and with over 3,500 accommodation rooms within five minutes' walk, it is the perfect location for the IRC in 2025. The Adelaide Convention Centre is newly redeveloped, having re-opened in September 2017. The hosting of the IRC in Adelaide is being generously sponsored by the South Australian Government through Business Events Adelaide.



Adelaide Convention Centre  
Photo: South Australian Tourism Commission



Adelaide City  
Photo: City of Adelaide

## PROGRAM SUB - THEMES

### 1. Valuing rangelands and pastoral systems and their societal contribution

International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists | Gender, indigenous and other intersectional perspectives for sustainable and resilient rangelands | Land use, land tenure and governance: emerging trends, competing interests and opportunities | Social license for rangelands.

### 2. Co-design, partnership and incorporating traditional knowledge for more enduring rangeland outcomes

Strengthening the science-policy interface | Integration of Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge and Western science | Extension and communication.

### 3. Monitoring, information systems, and big data to aid decision making

Data collection and data platforms | Remote sensing and land monitoring | Decision support tools for pastoralists, extensionists, and other institutions | from design, to adoption and positive impact | The role of technology to facilitate collaboration in rangelands research | Working towards an internationally harmonized set of definitions and SDG indicators.

### 4. Integrating rangeland ecology into management

Rangeland degradation and restoration | Wildlife, biodiversity, invasive species and pest management | Water management in rangelands | Fire ecology and plant management | Preserving and enhancing soil health | Social ecology.

### 5. Managing risk – climate and other system shocks and trends

Climate change impacts and opportunities for strengthened adaptive capacity in rangelands | Supporting rangelands under geo-political instability and extremism | Disaster risk management | Drought management for sustainable livestock production | Mobility, reciprocity and opportunism.

### 6. Livestock production systems in a world of changing drivers

Forage production and utilisation | Beef and dairy production systems | Carbon neutrality in the livestock sector- the role of rangelands | Intensification in rangelands: what opportunities? | Integrated crop, livestock and forestry systems for social, economic and environmental sustainability.

### 7. Multi-functional land use in rangelands - moving beyond niche opportunities

Showcasing alternative land use and income streams in rangeland enterprises and pastoral communities | Rangelands in a global carbon economy | Environmental services payments schemes and environmental offsets: opportunities and challenges | Market-based approaches for control of non-native and unwanted herbivores.

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#### PRINCIPAL PARTNERS







### INLAND TOURS

#### 1. Perth to Adelaide:

Woodlands, Shrublands and Wine

#### 2. Adelaide to Adelaide:

Flinders Ranges and multiple land use tour

#### 3. Sydney to Adelaide:

NSW and SA rangelands

#### 4. Longreach to Adelaide:

Damper, dinosaurs and desert

#### 5. Alice Springs to

**Adelaide:** Visiting Uluru and the northern SA rangelands



## CONGRESS TOURS

### PRE-CONGRESS TOURS

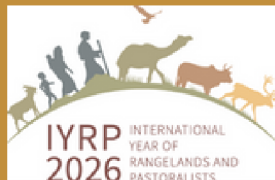
A range of pre-congress tours have been scoped. These will commence in different parts of Australia and end up in Adelaide, as well as a Adelaide to Adelaide pre-congress tour. Tours will vary in length from 4 to 10 days. Some tours will commence with a full-day Forum engaging local communities.

### PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOPS

The congress will offer to host sponsored workshops in Adelaide on the week-end prior to the congress.

### MID-CONGRESS TOURS

A range of mid-congress tours will be offered, including: Local research institutions, Barossa valley wineries, Burra and beyond (mining, pastoralism and Clare valley wineries), Local indigenous cultures, Kangaroo Island, Water management in the Murray River.



With 2026 being proclaimed the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists by the United Nations, the Australian Organising Committee is working closely with the IYRP secretariat to ensure the congress program and activities provide an important platform for discussing the challenges and opportunities facing rangelands and pastoralists.

## PROGRAM

**31**
**SATURDAY MAY 31**

Workshops in Adelaide

**1**
**SUNDAY JUNE 1**

Workshops in Adelaide  
Pre-congress tours return  
Evening welcome reception

**2**
**MONDAY JUNE 2**

Opening plenary  
Plenary and concurrent sessions  
First business meeting  
Poster viewing

**3**
**TUESDAY JUNE 3**

Plenary and concurrent sessions  
Australian Rangeland Society 50th anniversary celebration  
Poster viewing and networking refreshments and cheese function

**4**
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 4**

Mid-congress tours

**5**
**THURSDAY JUNE 5**

Plenary and concurrent sessions  
IYRP plenary forum  
Fun evening function

**6**
**FRIDAY JUNE 6**

Plenary and concurrent sessions  
Second business meeting  
Closing summary session  
Conference dinner

## PAPERS &amp; WORKSHOPS

## ABSTRACT AND PAPERS

The Congress Program Committee encourages submissions for volunteer oral and poster presentations and proposals for thematic sessions according to the dates listed below:

The call for Abstracts and proposals for Thematic Sessions will open on

**October 31, 2023**

Deadline for Abstracts is **June 2, 2024**

Deadline for Paper submission is **December 2, 2024**

## PRE- CONGRESS WORKSHOPS

Pre-Congress workshops will be held on Saturday May 31 and Sunday June 1 in Adelaide. A call to organisations wishing to hold a workshop will open on **October 31, 2023**

## VISIT US AND EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN ATTENDING THE CONGRESS

[www.irc2025.rangelandcongress.org](http://www.irc2025.rangelandcongress.org)

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## SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITORS

The XII International Rangeland Congress invites sponsors to support the Congress through a range of sponsorship packages. Sponsorship provides a great opportunity to support the Congress in its aim of bringing people together to drive a vibrant future for global rangelands and its peoples.

The SPONSORSHIP PROSPECTUS can be found at:  
<https://irc2025.rangelandcongress.org/>

Sponsorship money raised in Australia will be used to facilitate the effective running of the Congress and to support Australian delegates attending the congress with a focus on supporting Indigenous Australians and rangeland practitioners.

It is the intention to use all international sponsorship to support international invited speakers and delegates to attend the Congress. There will be an emphasis on supporting speakers, delegates from low- and middle-income countries, First Nation delegates, and fostering opportunities for early career rangeland scientists, practitioners and pastoralists.

There will be a large space available for Exhibitors that will be strategically located near the posters and close to where lunches and breaks will be served. This space will serve as the networking hub of the meeting and offer Exhibitors a great opportunity to showcase their organisation or company.

## REGISTRATION &amp; OTHER DETAILS

## REGISTRATION



Registration for the Congress will open on **DEC 2, 2023** and can be accessed by visiting the congress website at:  
<https://irc2025.rangelandcongress.org/>

## DELEGATE SUPPORT



Delegates may seek support to attend the Congress. Please register interest in receiving support at:  
<https://irc2025.rangelandcongress.org/>. Further details on how to apply for support will be provided in the Third Announcement.

## ACCOMMODATION



There are many options for accommodation within walking distance from the Adelaide Convention Centre. A range of accommodation options and price ranges will be provided in the Third Announcement.

## VISAS



**All international delegates will need to obtain a visa to enter Australia.** Details on visa requirements can be found at:  
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>  
Frequently asked questions about visitor visas can be found at:  
<https://www.australia.com/en/facts-and-planning/visa-and-customs/australia-visa-and-entry-requirements-faqs.html>