



## FACETS 2012

**Food Agriculture Climate Energy Topsoil Sustainability**

Skillset and Net Balance invite you to join us for FACETS 2012: Conversations Worth Having, being held on Friday 24 August in Horsham, Bathurst, Toowoomba the Barossa Valley and webcast across the country through our partnership with ABC Rural.

The Conversations Worth Having at FACETS 2012 focus on key issues for regional Australia: Food, Agriculture, Climate, Energy, Topsoil and Sustainability. The events provide a forum to share ideas that empower people, build useful connections and bring about positive change in our communities.

FACETS is a TEDx-styled event, consisting of presentations of no more than 18 minutes each, delivered by passionate and informed people. Each event will feature 16 speakers 'giving the presentation of their lives'.

The FACETS 2012 hub event will be held at Skillset's Flannery Centre in Bathurst, an exemplar of sustainable building design where Skillset delivers apprenticeships, training, workforce development and sustainability skills.

Simultaneously, satellite events in Horsham, Toowoomba and the Barossa Valley will feature live crosses to some of the 16 speakers at the Bathurst event alongside outstanding local speakers. This will ensure that FACETS can initiate national and local conversations worth having.



**Inspirational people presenting at FACETS 2012**



**Professor Kate Auty**  
Victorian Commissioner for  
Environmental Sustainability



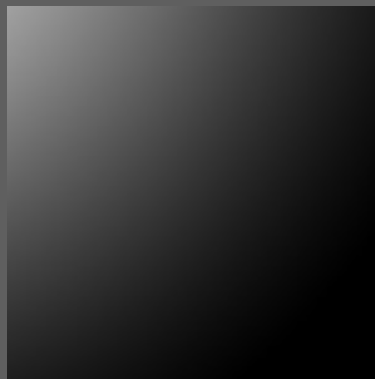
**Christine Forster**  
Board Member, VicSuper



**Jennifer Lauber Patterson**  
Frontier Carbon and Climate  
Market Investment Association



**Professor Tim Flannery**  
Climate Commissioner



**Steve Cork**  
The Crawford School of Public  
Policy, ANU



**Mark Wootton**  
Climate Institute and Jigsaw Farms



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**Graeme Anderson**  
Department of Primary Industries



**Rose Harris**  
Victoria's Rural Ambassador



**Jo Bourke**  
Wimmera Development Association



**Will McGoldrick**  
WWF Australia



**David Brennan**  
Wimmera Catchment Management Authority



**John Pettigrew**  
Environmental Farmers Network



## AGENDA FACETS 2012

TIME	LENGTH	SPEAKER/VIDEO LINK
<b>REGISTRATION</b>		
8:00	0:45	<b>Registration</b>
<b>CONFERENCE BEGINS</b>		
8:45	0:10	<b>Welcome to Country:</b> Barengi Gadjin Land Council
8:55	0:15	<b>Introduction by MC:</b> Ross Wyatt
<b>SESSION 1</b>		
9:10	0:18	<b>LIVE LINK FROM BATHURST</b> <b>Ian Kiernan AO:</b> TBC TBC
9:30	0:18	<b>Kate Auty: Reporting the inspirational in the Wimmera – Everything you need</b> My team visited the Wimmera in late 2011. We did so to locate examples of local sustainability practice for the Victorian State of the Environment report. We visited Barengi Gadjin first to talk culture and then we toured the region. We found inspiring environmental sustainability efforts everywhere. This talk is about the things we found and it shows how reporting is an exciting way of conveying the message.
9:50	0:18	<b>Christine Forster:</b> TBC Sustainable land management for an uncertain future, valuing ecosystem services provided by increasingly marginal agricultural land.
10:10	0:18	<b>Rose Harris: Positive communities supporting agriculture</b> It is time to empower rural communities to tell the good stories and break the rural stereotype, to raise their profile and attract services and facilities so we have strong, resilient communities ready to support the next generation in agriculture.
10:30	0:25	<b>MORNING TEA BREAK</b> <i>(provided)</i>



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<b>SESSION 2</b>		
10:55	0:05	<b>Introduction to Session 2:</b> Ross Wyatt
11:00	0:18	<b>LIVE LINK FROM BATHURST</b> <b>Professor Tim Flannery: Clean energy opportunities</b> The shift from centralised, carbon-intensive energy generation to distributed, low-carbon energy offers many opportunities for regions.
11:20	0:18	<b>Will McGoldrick: Delivering environmental co-benefits from the Carbon Farming Initiative</b> TBC
11:40	0:18	<b>Steve Cork: We need to talk – Why do we have so much trouble discussing complex environmental and social issues strategically and what can we do about it?</b> We need urgently to find ways to have meaningful and respectful ‘strategic conversations’ about the ways in which humans interact with the environment before our chance to take action passes. This presentation will draw on a number of topics that have arisen in TED talks over the past few years to explore what stops us having those conversations and how we might break through those constraints.
12:00	0:18	<b>Mark Wootton: Jigsaw Farms – A practical story about climate change adaptation</b> TBC
12:20	0:18	<b>Video: TED Talk</b>
12:40	1:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK (Available for purchase on campus)</b>
<b>SESSION 3</b>		
1:40	0:10	<b>Introduction to Session 3:</b> Ross Wyatt
1:50	0:18	<b>LIVE LINK FROM BATHURST</b> <b>Ian Dunlop: Energy, climate and sustainability – Reshaping democracy, economics and society for the 21<sup>st</sup> century</b>



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		We are in the midst of a global sustainability emergency, evidenced by deteriorating biophysical systems and escalating financial crisis. The challenge is far greater and more urgent than acknowledged officially, and demands nothing less than an emergency response. The shape of that response will fundamentally alter communities, government and business, but it is a unique opportunity to set humanity on a genuinely sustainable course.
2:10	0:18	<b>Jennifer Lauber Patterson: Energy and sustainability in Australia's regions</b> The new offset market presents opportunities – including new revenue streams – for farmers and landholders, and there is much to be learned from the international experience.
2:30	0:18	<b>LIVE LINK FROM BATHURST</b> <b>Ben Peacock: Are there lessons to be learnt for the planet from personal experience?</b> In 2005 Ben experienced a near death experience. Now he sees the world facing one too.
2:50	0:18	<b>Graeme Anderson: Climate and carbon smart agriculture</b> This session will help make sense of some key issues affecting farmers – the latest on the key climate drivers of our seasonal variability (the ClimateDogs), as well as what farmers need to know about the emerging focus on carbon in agriculture. We'll also hear how much farmers are already doing to improve their businesses.
3:10	0:25	<b>AFTERNOON TEA BREAK (provided)</b>
<b>SESSION 4</b>		
3:35	0:05	<b>Introduction to Session 4:</b> Ross Wyatt
3:40	0:18	<b>LIVE LINK FROM BATHURST</b> <b>Dr Brian Walker: Transforming Australia to remain resilient</b> For Australia to remain resilient to mounting global and regional shocks it needs to undergo transformational changes. Where and how to do that is the big challenge facing all sectors of Australian society.
4:00pm	0:18	<b>David Brennan: Integrated catchment management – Is it an art or a science?</b> Making sustainable decisions – sometimes you need to break a few eggs to make



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		an omelette.
4:20pm	0:18	<p><b>John Pettigrew: Farmers protecting the environment</b></p> <p>Farmers are playing a role in protecting the environment, but not just with traditional on-farm works. The Environmental Farmers Network actively advocate for improved policy and outcomes which are often at odds with traditional farming organisations. The current Murray Darling Basin Plan consultative process will be used as a case study to highlight the challenges the group face.</p>
4:40	0:18	<p><b>Jo Bourke: The Wimmera – Everything you need</b></p> <p>Australian rural communities have always been adaptive. Regional planning is now supporting communities to work towards their vision for the future – identifying priority actions and adapting to changing economic and environmental imperatives.</p>
<b>CLOSE</b>		
5:00	0:10	<b>Summary and close:</b> Ross Wyatt



### FACETS 2012 and Skillset

FACETS formed in May 2011 when brothers David and Andrew Ward organized TEDx Dubbo at Taronga Zoo in Dubbo, NSW. Out of the success of TEDx Dubbo, David and Andrew approached Skillset to “keep the ball rolling” given that the aims of FACETS align closely with those of Skillset Sustainability through The Flannery Centre.

The principle mission of FACETS is to share and spread great ideas from individuals, thought leaders and industry leaders with the aim of bringing our community together.

In 2012, the Year of the Farmer, we have a unique connection that can be made between urban and rural Australia. An opportunity to share ideas and create conversations about the ‘FACETS’ that cross urban and rural interests.







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