



**AUSTRALIAN RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - COURSE 3 1996 - 97**

*This is a Directory of the  
participants in the third  
intake of the Australian Rural  
Leadership Program.*

Through the Program, they are developing their leadership skills, analysing key national and international issues, interacting with leaders in government, industry and the community, and developing a network of peers who share a purpose.

They are doing this through an intensive course of some 60 days duration in 8 sessions at various locations in Australia and overseas, followed by on-going involvement in The Australian Rural Leadership Network (the graduates association).

These men and women are committed to sharing a vision for and shaping the future of rural and regional Australia.



**Robert BERLIN**  
Age 40 - Pinnaroo, SA  
Rob is a mixed Primary Producer specialising in Pigs. He is Chairman of the South Australian Farmers' Federation Commercial Pig Section and is a delegate to the Pork Council of Australia.



**Gillian BROWN**  
Age 40 - Perth, WA  
Gillie is Manager, Trade & Market Development, Japan & Korea, with Agwest Trade & Development, Department of Agriculture, Western Australia. Gillie has a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Hons).



**Sue BRUMBY**  
Age 36 - Coleraine, VIC  
Sue produces beef cattle and fine wool, and writes for a leading Agricultural magazine. She is President of the Western District Hereford Group. Sue was a regional finalist in the Victorian Rural Woman of the Year Award, 1994. She has a Diploma in Farm Management and a Graduate Diploma in Women's Studies.



**Gavin CATOR**  
Age 36 - Barrigan, NSW  
Gavin is General Manager of the Barrigan Shire Council. He is a Committee Member of the Central Murray Regional Development Corporation and is Treasurer of the 'Hume Province' Regional Economic Development Organisation. Gavin has a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil).



**Stephen DILLEY**  
Age 33 - Donybrook, WA  
Steve is an apple and beef producer. He is Chairman of the WA Fruit Growers' Association Apple & Pear Council and a Member of the Australian Horticultural Corporation's Domestic Marketing Forum for apples. He is also a Member of the Australian Pink Lady Steering Committee.



**Michael CAMERON**  
Age 38 - Lewisham, TAS  
Michael is General Manager of Cameron of Tasmania Pty Ltd, which farms pacific oysters. He is a Member of the Tasmanian Marine Farmers' Association and alternate Director of Tasmanian Oyster Research Council. Michael sits on a Ministerial committee and on an Industry Executive committee.



**David CLARK**  
Age 32 - Waubra, VIC  
David is a beef producer. He is a Councillor in the Pyrenees Shire, Chairman of the Loddon Dryland Salinity Plan, Co-ordinator for the Lexton Landcare Group, and Board Member of the Victorian Catchment and Land Protection Council and the Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers. David is a Churchill Fellow.



**Peter FARRELL**  
Age 43 - Wangaratta, VIC  
Peter is Catchment Co-ordinator with the Department of Natural Resources & Environment. His interests are in sustainable management of land and water resources through community action. He is a Member of the Institute of Foresters Australia. Peter has a Bachelor of Forest Science (Hons) and a Masters in Forest Science.



**Peter FITZGERALD**  
Age 40 - Tongala, VIC  
Peter is a dairy farmer. He is a central councillor with the United Dairy Farmers of Victoria, and he is on the Central Goulburn Water Services Committee. Peter has completed the Agribusiness Program at Mt. Eliza.



**Rob JACOBS**  
Age 46 - Minbrie, SA  
Rob is a wool grower and mixed farmer. He is on the South Australian Farmers' Federation Wool and Meat Executive. Rob is Vice President of the Agricultural and Horticultural Training Council of SA, and a former Councillor with the Wool Council of Australia.



**Cam KNEEN**  
Age 44 - South Perth, WA  
Cam is the Executive Director of the Forest Industries Federation of Western Australia. He is active in Forest Industry affairs, Greening Western Australia and the Australian Society of Association Executives. Cam has a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil).



**Bernie GEORGE**  
Age 41 - Narrabri, NSW  
Bernie is Manager of National Mutuals' cotton operations in the Namoi Valley. He is a Member of the Namoi Valley Water Users' Association, Lower Namoi Cotton Growers' Association and the Australian Cotton Growers' Research Association. Bernie has a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics, Graduate Diploma in Natural Resources and is currently undertaking an MBA.



**Rosanne KAVA**  
Age 40 - O'Connor, ACT  
Rosanne is Manager, Rural Communities Policy Section with the Department of Primary Industries and Energy. She recently spent three years in Rome working closely with the United National Food and Agriculture Organisation. Rosanne has a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) and a Masters of Engineering.



**Charles LITCHFIELD**  
Age 33 - Cooma, NSW  
Charles produces beef cattle and wool. He is Chairman of the Monaro Angus Breeders' Association and the Monaro Regional Grasslands Group, and is Vice President of the Beef Improvement Association of Australia NSW Cattlecare Committee. Charles has a Bachelor of Education.



**Andrew McCARTNEY**  
Age 35 - Rockhampton, QLD  
Andrew produces beef cattle. He is a Branch Member of the Cattlemen's Union and the Beef Improvement Association, and is a Joint Leader of the Kunwarara Best Practice Group. Andrew is the former Branch President and a current Member of his Landcare Group.



**Paul MOXEY**  
Age 38 - Richmond, NSW  
Paul is a dairy farmer. He is on the Executive of the NSW Dairy Farmers' Association, a NSW Delegate to the Australian Dairy Farmers' Federation and Executive Member of the Australian Dairy Industry Conference.



**Paul McVEIGH**  
Age 41 - Dalby, QLD  
Paul grows cotton and grain. He is President of the South Queensland Cotton Growers' Association and is a Committee Member of Darling Downs Vision 2000 and the Queensland Cotton Industry Policy Council.



**Cathy McGOWAN**  
Age 42 - Wodonga, VIC  
Cathy is a Rural Community Project Worker and farmer. She is President of the Indigo Valley Land Care Group and the National Committee of Australian Women in Agriculture. Cathy is a Churchill Fellow. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Masters of Applied Science in Agriculture and Rural Development.



**Wendy MITCHELL**  
Age 39 - Devenish, VIC  
Wendy is the Economic and Tourism Development Manager of the Indigo Shire. She is also a Director in a wool value adding/export business. Wendy was the Wangaratta Business Woman of the Year in 1993 and Farm Entrepreneur of the Year in 1991. She is currently studying for a Bachelor of Business in Enterprise Development.



**Stanley NANGALA**  
Age 37 - Port Hedland, WA  
Stanley is the Regional Co-ordinator for Aboriginal Affairs in the Pilbara. He implements departmental programs and oversees planning processes for Aboriginal affairs. Stanley is a former policy adviser to Ministers at the Commonwealth and State levels. He holds qualifications in nursing and health administration.



**John PATERSON**  
Age 38 - Sanderson, NT  
John is an ATSI Commissionner who develops policies pertaining to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly in the areas of employment and rural development. John's national portfolio responsibility is land acquisition and management. John is involved on committees of Aboriginal organisations and has a Bachelor of Social Science in Human Services.



**Mark ROBERTSON**  
Age 39 - Finley, NSW  
Mark is a rice producer. He is Senior Vice President of the Rice Growers' Association, Director of the Rice Growers' Co-operative Ltd and Deputy Chairman of the Berrigan Irrigators Council.



**Mark ROWE**  
Age 39 - Coleambally, NSW  
Mark is creating an organic farm, researching and implementing ethical and ecologically sustainable methods of food & fibre production. He is a Member of the Western Riverina Natural Grasslands Management Committee and his local Landcare group. Mark has a Diploma of Applied Science in Agriculture and a Graduate Diploma of Agribusiness.



**Nev PERRYMAN**  
Age 31 - Margate, TAS  
Nev is a professional fisherman. He is a Director of the Tasmanian Rock Lobster Fisherman's Association and the Tasmanian Fishing Industry Council. Nev is a Member of the Rock Lobster Liaison Committee.



**Bob ROSSI**  
Age 46 - Aoomba, QLD  
Bob grows sugar cane. He is a Deputy Chairman of the Mulgrave Mill Suppliers' Committee. Bob is involved in state and national Parents' and Citizens' Associations and is a parent representative on the state Studies Management Forum and the Peninsula Regional Human Resources Forum. He has an Associate Diploma in Rural Management.



**Richard SHOOBRIDGE**  
Age 39 - Nubeena, TAS  
Richard is a poultry and beef producer. He is Secretary and Treasurer of the Tasmanian Chicken Growers' Association and a Delegate to the Australian Chicken Growers' Council. Richard has a Technical Foresters Certificate and is a Trainer in Farm Machinery operation.



**Hugh SUTHERLAND**  
Age 31 - Uralla, NSW  
Hugh is a wool grower. He is a NSW High Rainfall Zone Representative for the International Wool Secretariat and a Northern NSW Representative for Australian Wool Enhancers. Hugh has a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics.



**Glen THOMPSON**  
Age 45 - Footscray, VIC  
Glen is the Financial Controller and Export Manager of a horticultural wholesale and distribution company. He is responsible for the financial management, sales and marketing of the company's catering and export divisions. Glen is a Director of the Melbourne Markets Credit Service and has a Diploma of Business Studies.



**Peter WALSH**  
Age 42 - Boort, VIC  
Peter produces tomatoes. He is Deputy President of the Victorian Farmers' Federation, Chairman of the VFF Economics Committee and President of the Victorian Horticultural Growers' Council. Peter is a Director of Shepparton Preserving Company.



**Debbie THIELE**  
Age 41 - Loxton, SA  
Debbie produces grains and wool. She is Junior Vice President of the South Australian Farmers' Federation and is Deputy Chair of the Vocational Education and Training Board of SA, Chairman of the Agricultural and Horticultural Training Council of SA and Deputy Chairman of the Rural Training Council of Australia. Debbie was the 1994 SA and Australian ABC Rural Woman of the Year. She has a Bachelor of Education, Diploma of Teaching and Graduate Diploma of Agricultural Science.



**David TURNER**  
Age 44 - Goondiwindi, QLD  
David produces cotton. He is former Chairman of Namoi Cotton Co-operative, Chairman of the Australian Cotton Growers' Research Association and co-founder and Member of the Macintyre Valley Cotton Growers' Association. David has a Bachelor of Agricultural Science.



**Gavin WHITELEY**  
Age 33 - Mundaring, WA  
Gavin is Finance & Operations Manager of Heytesbury Pastoral Group. He is also a Director of Heytesbury Superannuation Fund Pty Ltd and a WA Committee Member of the Crawford Fund for International Agriculture Research. He has an Associate Diploma in Farm Management and a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics (Hons).



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