



# Regenerating country, culture, and communities in the Great Eastern Ranges, K2W link

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Goulburn Performing Arts Centre



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ON WHICH WE MEET TODAY. WE RECOGNISE FIRST NATIONS CONTINUING CONNECTION  
TO LAND, SEA AND COMMUNITY AND WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS PAST AND  
PRESENT AND EXTEND THAT RESPECT TO ALL.**

# PROGRAM

<b>9-9:30AM</b>	<i>Arrivals</i>	
<b>9:30-10:30</b>	Opening remarks	
	Acknowledgement of Country	<b>Dinawan's Connection</b>
	Introduction to K2W	<b>John Rankin and Mary Bonet</b>
<b>CONNECTIVITY CONSERVATION</b>		
Founder and President of the Center for Large Landscape Conservation, Chair IUCN WCPA Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group		<b>Keynote Speaker Gary Tabor</b>
<b>10:30-11AM</b>	<i>Morning break</i>	
<b>11-12:30PM</b>	<b>SESSION 1: CONNECTING PEOPLE AND CONNECTING NATURE</b>	
Topic: Regeneration: Retelling the story of humans and nature		<b>Keynote Speaker Damon Gameau</b>
Topic: Greenprints and Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA)		<b>Michelle Maloney</b>
Topic: Creating communities in a fractured society		<b>Urs Walterlin</b>
Topic: Regenerating human and planetary health through nature connection: An opportunity to transform green spaces into wellness places		<b>Waminda Parker</b>
Topic: Environmental storytelling		<b>Ian McColm</b>
	Connecting People and Connecting Nature	Panel discussion
<b>12:30-1:15PM</b>	<i>Lunch</i>	

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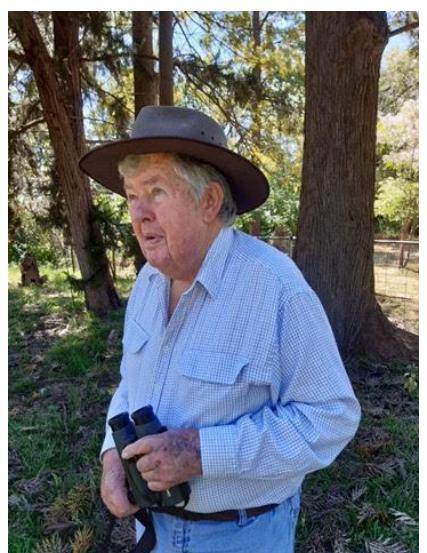
<b>1:15-2:15PM</b>	<b>SESSION 2: CULTURAL CONNECTIONS</b>	
Topic:		<b>Keynote Speaker Steve Taylor and Dinawan's Connection</b>
Topic: TEK Trainee program		<b>Cordellia Powell-Andrews and Michelle Hines</b>
Cultural Connections		<i>Panel discussion</i>
<b>2:15-3PM</b>	<b>SESSION 3: CONSERVATION IN ACTION: POST FIRE AND FLOOD RECOVERY</b>	
Topic: Connections for Gliders		<b>Mikayla Green</b>
Topic: Results from 2022 arboreal mammal surveys at Jenolan and Wombeyan		<b>Peter Smith and Judy Smith</b>
Topic: Working together to recover after fire and flood		<b>Wendy Simpson and James Fitzgerald</b>
<b>3-3:30PM</b>	<i>Afternoon break</i>	
<b>3:30-4:30PM</b>	<b>SESSION 4: REGENERATING FARMSCAPES</b>	
Topic: Landholder outreach - engaging and motivating landholders		<b>Lori Gould</b>
Topic: LandLife and large-scale restoration linking to environmental markets in EU		<b>Jeroen Van Veen</b>
Topic: Stewardship		<b>Garry Kadwell</b>
Topic: Empowering young people to solve tomorrow's problems today		<b>Lynne Strong</b>
Topic: Community resilience and recovery		<b>Carolyn Suggate</b>
Regenerating Farmscapes		<i>Panel discussion</i>



## A MESSAGE FROM K2W LINK INC COORDINATOR MARY BONET

"We hope the forum will improve awareness of the conservation work carried out by local communities, and provide practical knowledge to landholders about their role in managing biodiversity. This forum is about bringing people together, and we hope it will inspire and motivate groups and people within the region, as well as provide opportunities for connecting and community building.

"As a community, we share our landscapes, face the same challenges, and it is through community-led conservation and a shared vision that we can improve our planet. There are many people who are making significant contributions to develop projects and solutions to restore the country and shift the conversation towards protecting the earth's resources for a better future for all. We have invited some of the best minds from around the region, and the country to share their solutions leading to impactful change."



**Photo: Chair of the K2W Link Inc John Rankin**



## ABOUT K2W LINK INC

K2W supports wildlife conservation in a natural highway following the line of the Abercrombie River between the Blue Mountains and Wyangala. We work on projects with local communities, landholders and organisations to conserve gliders and their habitat. Since 2012, we have been working to protect our wildlife and natural resources by creating connections across the landscape. Read more at [k2wglideways.org.au](http://k2wglideways.org.au)



## ABOUT GREAT EASTERN RANGES

The Great Eastern Ranges (GER) brings people together to protect, connect and restore healthy landscapes across 3,600km of eastern Australia. Since 2007, GER have been working with our partners to stem the loss of native wildlife and their habitats, provide integrated natural solutions to the climate and biodiversity

crisis, protect precious resources, and ensure thriving, resilient landscapes and ecosystems for nature and people. By working together and supporting efforts in the highest priority places, we are achieving something far greater than the sum of our parts – securing the future of one of the world's great landscapes and the wildlife and communities that live within. Learn more at [www.ger.org.au](http://www.ger.org.au)



## ABOUT WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE-AUSTRALIA

WWF is one of the world's largest and most respected independent conservation organisations, with more than 5 million supporters and a global network active in over 100 countries. WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the earth's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by conserving the world's biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption. Visit [www.wwf.org.au](http://www.wwf.org.au) for the latest news and media resources.

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## MASTER OF CEREMONIES - MICK CALLAN

Mick is the director and principal terrestrial ecologist of Habitat Innovation and Management and is recognised as one of Australia's leading experts in hollow dependent fauna. Mick is also one half of the technical design team who have developed Habitech Nest Boxes.

Mick has worked in private consulting, as well as with both state and local government agencies, and has a history of implementing award winning environmental projects including: 'Racing to Save the Mount Panorama Woodlands' and 'Protecting and Connecting Bathurst Copper Butterfly Habitat'.

Mick has specialist skills in Ornithology and is a recipient of Birdlife Australia's Gavin Jackson Memorial Prize for his academic achievements in ornithological studies, as well as his dedication to the field of ornithology. Additionally, he was the recipient of the Jo Ross Memorial Prize for his contribution to the environment of the Bathurst region.

Mick completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours) through Charles Sturt University, researching tree hollows and artificial habitat solutions for hollow obligate species which complement his Forestry, Management, and Ornithology credentials.

Mick's additional qualifications include: General Induction for Construction Work in NSW (White Card) | Tree Faller | Operate 4x4 vehicle in off-road conditions | Perform water crossing and recovery of 4x4 vehicle | Licensed tree climber | Bush firefighter accreditation

## CONNECTIVITY CONSERVATION



### GARY TABOR

Founder and President of the Center for Large Landscape Conservation, Chair IUCN WCPA Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group.

Gary has more than 30 years of experience working on behalf of large-scale conservation efforts in Africa, South America, Australia, and Canada, and 12 years within the US environmental philanthropic community.

His conservation achievements include the establishment of Kibale National Park in Uganda; establishment of the World Bank's Mgahinga/Bwindi/Impenetrable Mountain Gorilla Conservation Trust; co-founding the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative; pioneering the field of Conservation Medicine; co-founding Patagonia Company's Freedom to Roam wildlife corridor campaign; and co-founding the Network for Landscape Conservation.

Gary has three academic affiliations as Senior Conservation Fellow at the University of Montana, as Board of Advisor for the Global Health Initiative at the University of Wisconsin, and as Adjunct Associate Professor, Division of Biological Sciences at the University of Queensland, Australia. Gary is a recipient of the Australian American Fulbright Professional Scholar award in Climate Change and was also awarded a Henry Luce Scholar. Gary also serves as Chair of IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas' Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group.

## SESSION 1: CONNECTING PEOPLE AND CONNECTING NATURE



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DAMON GAMEAU

As a director, Damon's recent films, '2040' and 'Regenerating Australia' take an in depth look at solutions to help improve our planet.

Released in April 2019, '2040', is an innovative feature documentary that explores what the future would look like by the year 2040 if we embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet. It now sits in the top four highest-grossing documentaries of all time in Australia at the cinema.

Damon's next film, 'Regenerating Australia' is his most recent project launched in March 2022, with a national tour of Australia. The film is accompanied by an impact campaign that includes a significant financial fund to develop and scale community solutions

As a director, Damon wrote, directed and performed vocals for the 2011 winning Tropfest short film, 'Animal Beatbox'. 'That Sugar Film' was Damon's first feature-length film as a director and won Best Documentary at the Australian AACTA awards and became the highest-grossing Australian documentary of all time at the cinema. 'That Sugar Book' is his first published book and was published in nine languages.

He was nominated for NSW Australian of the Year in 2020.



## **Michelle Maloney (BA/LLB(Hons),PhD)**

Michelle is the co-founder and national convenor of the Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA), adjunct senior fellow, Law Futures Centre, Griffith University; and the director of the New Economy Network Australia (NENA) and Future Dreaming Australia.

Michelle's work focuses on creating systems change across law, economics, education and ethics to shift industrialised societies towards regenerative, earth-centred governance.

➤ Topic: Greenprints and Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA)



## **Urs Walterlin**

Swiss-Australian Urs has been living on a farm outside Goulburn for two decades. He is a journalist by trade and works as the South-Pacific-correspondent for a variety of European broadcast and print media.

A passionate believer in the opportunities rural and regional Australia can offer - despite challenges such as global heating - he started The Goulburn Group (TGG) in 2007. Since then, this small but vocal community action group has achieved remarkable outcomes, such as kickstarting the mass uptake of rooftop solar in Goulburn, the establishment of a massive wetlands area, and the installation of the first Tesla charging station in rural Australia. TGG was the initiator of the highly acclaimed Community Energy For Goulburn - solar project.

➤ Topic: Creating communities in a fractured society



## Ian McColm

Ian is the operational manager at Eaton Gorge Theatre Company (EGTC). He has been involved in the entertainment industry for the past 25 years as a performer, administrator, director and writer. He completed several short courses at NIDA and was trained in Theatresports by Lyn Pierce competing in the Cranston Cup at the Belvoir Street Theatre for three seasons. Ian has taught theatre sports and improvisation classes. His directing credits include Shakespeare in the Gardens *Twelfth Night*, *So Here I Am* at the Wollongong Workshop Theatre and *As You Like It* EGTC's first touring outdoor Shakespeare.

Ian has directed, written and performed in dozens of children's plays which have toured festivals, schools and major events including *It's Cat's Play*, *Tapstar Saves Water* and *The King & Queen of Green's Realm of Rubbish Show*. Ian's other acting credits include *Small Poppies*, *Hedda Gabler* (SPAT), *Merry Wives of Windsor* (EGTC) and television appearances, as well as numerous national and international commercials and short films.

➤ Topic: Educational storytelling



## Waminda Parker

With over 20 years of strategic planning, operations and project management experience across conservation and applied research, Waminda is accustomed to and enjoys building multidisciplinary programs that translate innovative concepts into executable plans. Having successfully established a range of long-term projects, alliances, networks and consortiums that integrate holistic models of sustainability and community resilience.

As the co-founder and co-director of NatureFix, Waminda is passionate about cultivating the benefits of nature connection as a critical process that underpins human and planetary health. NatureFix uses proven tools to increase levels of nature connectedness to significantly amplify the health benefits of nature whilst also improving actions of care and commitment towards planetary health. Waminda is also an advisory member of the Living Future Biophilic Design Panel, which seeks to progress regenerative design approaches across the places we live, work and play.

➤ Topic: Regenerating human and planetary health through nature connection: An opportunity to transform green spaces into wellness places

## SESSION 2: CULTURAL CONNECTIONS



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: STEVE TAYLOR AND DINAWAN'S CONNECTION

Their mission is to share traditional Aboriginal dance and culture with everyone and empower the youth through mentoring. They share the old ways, connecting to Country with respect through dance and stories.

Dancing has been part of Aboriginal storytelling for thousands of years. Dance is more than an art form, and storytelling is more than entertainment. The stories of the Dreaming are the stories of the lore, teaching people how to live in harmony with each other and the world around them, and instructing people on their individual and collective natural and social responsibilities.

Culture is alive and thriving. Cultural teachings are just as relevant today as they have always been, and stories and teachings have continued to be handed down through the generations. These traditions teach many lessons relevant to contemporary Australian society.



## **Cordellia Powell-Andrews and Michelle Hines**

Cordellia Powell-Andrews is a proud Wiradjuri woman who had a passion for land management. Cordellia is currently studying a certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management and has been involved in cultural burning for two years now and is currently involved in a trainee fire practitioner program.

Michelle Hines is a Senior Land Services Officer at the Central Tablelands Local Land Services based in Cowra. For the last 11 years, Michelle has been involved in facilitating, supporting and managing cultural fire programs with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities across the Lachlan and Central Tablelands regions of central-west NSW. In this capacity she works alongside colleagues and community to strengthen the role cultural burning has in improving land management, healing country and repatriating cultural knowledge and practices.



*“It is truly remarkable what a small group of people can achieve once they have decided that they want to be on the right side of history”*

- Urs Walterlin

## SESSION 3: CONSERVATION IN ACTION: POST-FIRE AND FLOOD RECOVERY



### Mikayla Green

Mikayla recently started work as an ecologist with Habitat Innovation and Management after successfully completing her Honours at Charles Sturt University. Her Honours project assessed the abundance of Greater Gliders in relation to the severity of the Black Summer bushfires of 2019-20 in Woomargama National Park. Mikayla specialises in Australia's gliding mammals but brings a broad ecological skill base including flora and fauna surveying as well as wildlife rescue.

A volunteer with WIRES, Mikayla's passion for native fauna is shown in her commitment to her work and volunteering.

➤ Topic: Connections for Gliders



### Peter and Judy Smith

Peter and Judy have been consultant ecologists since 1985. They have carried out many surveys and studies on both fauna and flora. Most of their work has been in NSW, including studies on alpine flora and fauna, marine mammals, coastal and inland waterbirds, arid zone birds and many studies on the fauna and flora of eucalypt forests and woodlands. Studies further afield have included a survey of floodplain vegetation along the length of the River Murray, and studies for indigenous communities in Torres Strait and the Kimberleys.

They have had a long interest in gliders and other arboreal mammals, dating back to when they were involved in fauna studies for the Australian Museum and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service before establishing their consulting business.

Since 2015, they have been studying arboreal mammals in the Blue Mountains and Southern Tablelands, particularly in relation to the impact on Greater Gliders of climate change and the severe drought, heatwaves and Black Summer bushfires of 2019-20.

➤ Topic: Results from 2022 arboreal mammal surveys at Jenolan and Wombeyan



## Wendy Simpson

Growing up in Australia, Wendy has always been happiest outdoors. She spent time travelling around Australia and the world and was struck by the planet's diversity and beauty. It was during her travels that Wendy felt a great need to take better care of it all – our natural environment, its wildlife and people. This inspired Wendy to study a Bachelor of Environmental Management with honours in Sustainable Development at the University of Queensland.

Wendy is motivated to find practical solutions to the complex problems we face in conservation, which in 2020 led to her current role with IFAW as Landscape Conservation Program Officer. Wendy collaborates with partners on projects across Australia to restore habitat, connect corridors and undertake community conservation actions on-ground. At the core of her work is the determination to deliver IFAW's core mission – for animals and people to thrive together.

➤ Topic: Working together to recover after fire and flood



## James Fitzgerald

James is the trustee of Two Thumbs Wildlife Trust Sanctuary — a wildlife sanctuary and rehabilitation centre, covering 740 hectares in NSW's sub-alpine region. James has been rescuing animals since he was a child. He started Two Thumbs (named after the two thumbs of a koala's paw) to ensure the sanctuaries remain safe for wildlife, provide enclosures and other facilities for wildlife rehabilitation, and as a base for scientific research.

Tragically, Two Thumbs was devastated by the Black Summer bushfires. Since then, James has been working to restore the sanctuary, with help from IFAW and others

## SESSION 4: REGENERATING FARMSCAPES



### Carolyn Suggate

Carolyn is an ambitious, driven, collaborative, community minded, action orientated rural woman from north-east Victoria. Carolyn founded ORICoop in 2017 out of frustration of the lack of aligned capital investment and collaboration across the organic food and farming sector. Having grown up on her family's farm in South Gippsland, she has explored meaningful ways to enact long term and powerful grass roots change. Now as a proud mum of three passionate young adults while managing an organic farm and building ORICoop, there is much to do in this world of disproportion across food, people and agriculture.

Her ambitions include farmer owned solutions, that include Australia's first ecological credit that connects sustainability within its own supply chain. ORCA enables producers to share in the co-benefits of more transparency, shorter supply chains and knowing the farm stories that connect producers across commodities, states and countries, production systems and supply chains for a better world.

She is excited to share some of her story and to see more collaboration across the regenerative agriculture sector

➤ Topic: Community resilience and recovery and a collaborative community-based investment vehicle into the organic & biodynamic farming & food industry, plus developing a farmer owned ecological credit that brings value back to the farm gate.



## Jeroen Van Veen

A long-term resident of Australia, Jeroen spent 13 years as the Victorian Reserve manager for Bush Heritage Australia (BHA). In that role, he managed this NGO's private conservation land in north and western Victoria and expanded BHA's portfolio in that state.

In 2019, he facilitated the first European investment in landscape restoration on BHA land and he has since moved across to LandLife, a global tree planting firm based in Amsterdam.

This company now has seven large-scale revegetation projects established in three states, with seven more scheduled for 2023. Jeroen is the operations manager in Australia and New Zealand for LandLife and is looking forward to starting tree planting projects in the K2W area.

➤ Topic: LandLife and large-scale restoration linking to environmental markets in EU



## Lori Gould

Lori Gould runs an environmental consulting business – GrassRoots Environmental and specialises in natural resource management, particularly riparian rehabilitation, landscape planning and community engagement. She is the Program Manager for the large-scale river restoration program 'Rivers of Carbon', a partnership with the Australian River Restoration Centre.

Prior to this Lori developed community programs at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands for five years, was a Senior Project Manager for 16 years with Greening Australia, specialising in riparian and catchment management programs to improve water quality and biodiversity in rural Australia and before this a Park Ranger with ACT Parks and Conservation Service for 6 years. Lori is a PhD candidate studying migratory birds, holds a Master's Degree in Integrated Water Management, a Post Graduate Certificate in River Restoration and Management, an Environmental Science Degree and Associate Diploma in Animal Science. Lori is also a Fellow of the Peter Cullen Trust.

➤ Topic: Landholder outreach - engaging and motivating landholders



## Garry Kadwell

Garry is a fourth generation potato farmer at Fairholt, near Crookwell and is recognised as a leader in integrating nature conservation into agricultural planning and farm management. Garry is also an active member of Landcare and has a conservation agreement with Land for Wildlife.

The highly productive property produces Australian certified seed potatoes and prime lambs while operating as a leading sustainable farm. Garry has integrated conservation into his property management and 32% of the 700-hectare property is dedicated to conservation areas or ecological zones.

His innovative practices has dramatically reduced the need for chemical applications through integrated pest management; drought-proofing the property by securing a consistent water supply through recreating an extensive natural wetland; fencing off remnants, adding shelter belts and reconnecting habitat. This has helped moderate extreme weather events on crops and livestock and greatly enhanced the biodiversity and social values of the property.

➤ Topic: Stewardship



## Lynne Strong

Lynne is an internationally recognised expert in designing and delivering business/industry action learning youth engagement applied research programs that put young people at the centre of the learning experience.

The winner of the inaugural Bob Hawke Landcare Award, Lynne believes leadership is the process of influence to effect change. Personal experience has shown her, we can't do it alone and we can't do it in silos. Success happens when we join forces, share resources, knowledge and skills. Then together we can foster collaboration and transform lives.

Lynne is harnessing her lived experience and personal fire to ignite and uplift emerging leaders to create an agricultural sector that is prosperous, vibrant and climate resilient underpinning the health and happiness of Australia's landscape and people.

Visit Action4Agriculture to see the programs empowering young people to act on issues that matter to them and their communities and amplifying young voices in public life.

➤ Topic: Empowering young people to solve tomorrow's problems today

# ABOUT GPAC



Goulburn Performing Arts Centre is located on land known as Mulwaree by local First Nations. Creatively reactivating the McDermott Centre – Goulburn’s historic town hall, it houses a funky café and Box Office, with the Council Chambers converted into ‘the Meeting Place’ – a wine bar and boutique performance space.

A glass atrium connects to the 400 seat state of the art proscenium arch auditorium, which includes wheelchair seating and hearing loop.

There is a fly tower, counterweight fly system, lighting bridges, opera pit and a 15k lumen projector, with 4 dressing rooms, band room, green room, workshops and a loading dock.

The building was designed by Brewster Hjorth Architects and includes a suite of commissioned plaques tracing the site’s history from Traditional Owners to the present day.

GPAC was officially opened on 25 March 2022 with the first season launch on Friday 1 April 2022.

## Parking

The GPAC is located at 163 Auburn Street, Goulburn. There is parking available on Auburn Street and Montague Street. This is timed parking, so please take note of signage. You will find long stay parking on Cartwright Place and Bourke Street.

## Accessibility

There are eight wheelchair spaces in row A of the Theatre that are able to be used by patrons using a wheelchair. Please inform K2W of your requirements when booking.

# TICKETS

General admission - **\$50**

Landcare, Bushcare or Community Group members - **\$20**

Student - **\$15**

K2W committee members - **Free**

Land for Wildlife property owners (or property owners with conservation agreement) - **Free**

Tickets available via Humanitix [www.events.humanitix.com](http://www.events.humanitix.com)

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