

NATURAL CAPITAL FORUM PROGRAM

Thursday 13 June



9am

Welcome MC Kerry Anderson
Welcome to Country DJAARA
Forum Welcome Brad Drust, CEO North Central Catchment Management Authority

9:15am

Session 1 - Foundations of Natural Capital

Discover the principles of natural capital, understand its role in agriculture and land management, and learn how it can enhance decision-making for sustainable practices.

ESG Insights: From Global Trends to On-Farm Practices

Katie McRobert, Executive Director Australian Farm Institute

Gain insight into environmental, social, and governance (ESG) perspectives, spanning global, national, regional, and on-farm contexts. Learn about ESG trends, regulations, and best practices, and discover how they are applied at various levels to drive sustainable practices and positive impacts in agriculture.

Farm-Scale Natural Capital Accounting

Jim Radford, Associate Professor Latrobe University

Develop a deeper understanding of natural capital accounting, what is it? how do you measure it? and what does it mean for you in understanding the costs and benefits of investing in your natural capital?

Enhancing Farm Profitability, Resilience and Sustainability

Angela Hawdon, Strategic Engagements Manager Farming for the Future

Hear about working together to enhance farm profitability, resilience and sustainability by embedding natural capital as a factor of production in farm business decision-making.

11am

Morning Tea

11:30am

Session 2 - Exploring Environmental Market Opportunities

Explore how your natural resources can create opportunities through environmental markets. Learn not only about the opportunities but also the risks, and key considerations before entering the market.

Navigating Environmental Markets in Agriculture

Kate Carmichael, Consultant Pinion Advisory

Discover the intricacies of environmental markets, exploring topics such as carbon trading, nature repair bill, landscape function, offsetting and insetting. Gain insights into how these mechanisms play a pivotal role in shaping sustainable agricultural practices.

Farmer Perspectives - Know, Understand and Act to Reduce On-Farm Emissions

Alison Kelly, Farm Emissions Specialist Agriculture Victoria and Jo Bear, Bear and Twigg

Carbon markets are a hot topic but for farmers often it can feel overwhelming and difficult to know where to start. Gain an insight into the first step into understanding your own emissions and offsetting needs before considering entering environmental markets.

12:45pm Lunch and Networking

1:30pm **Session 3 - Unlocking Potential with Natural Capital**
Explore the opportunities that natural capital presents for agricultural businesses. Hear about how to leverage natural assets to enhance productivity, profitability, and sustainability through marketing, green investments and industry projects.

Unpacking Market Implications and Opportunities

Laura Grubb, Sustainability and Engagement Specialist Greenham

What does natural capital mean in real terms for farmers? Explore the implications for marketing our products and delve into strategies for market opportunities through harnessing our natural capital.

Natural Capital Projects

Anthony Gallacher Victorian Landcare, Julian Cleary DJAARA Dhelkunya Dja Policy Officer and Liam Costello, A/Director Commercial and Plantations Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Gain insights into Landcare efforts to facilitate the involvement of the Landcare community in emerging green investment markets, Traditional Owner perspectives on Natural Capital and healing Country from DJAARA and Victorian Governments Carbon Farming Program.

2:50pm Afternoon Tea

3:20pm **Session 4 - Balancing Farmers Perspectives and Natural Capital Investment**
Discover how agricultural service providers and farmers navigate the complexities of investing in natural capital. Hear from farmers who have successfully integrated natural capital into their operations, striking a balance between environment and maintaining productivity and profitability on their farms.

Nature-Positive Outcomes

Josie Zilm, Agribusiness Executive NAB

Gain insight into why financial institutions are increasingly interested in natural capital and the advancement of environmental markets. Explore how banks drive on-ground investments in natural capital and how they are supporting farm businesses into the future.

On Farm Insights

Clare Cannon, Woomargama Station, Sarah Whinney, Chatsworth House and Graeme Maher, Marlu
Farmers share their firsthand experiences and insights on natural capital, offering valuable perspectives on how it impacts their operations, farming practices, and overall agricultural landscape. This engaging discussion will delve into practical strategies, challenges, and opportunities for leveraging natural capital on the farm.

4:45pm Reflect on the key takeaways from the day and consider where to from here?
The importance of understanding your emission numbers, understanding your current natural capital position, defining your goals and remaining informed about potential opportunities.

5:00pm Close
