

Friday 11th July full day program

9:00 **Third Plenary - Aunite Josie Windsor - Torquay Room**

9:40 **Concurrent Workshops**

**Collaboration in Practice Part 1:
Effective collaboration and interdisciplinary
work in drought resilience - insights for
impactful research practices**
Torquay Room

**Understanding farming systems
to design effective research on
climate resilience**
Anglesea Room

10:40 **Morning Tea - Foyer**

Concurrent Sessions 7

Resilient technologies & practices 2
Torquay Room

Resilient communities 4
Anglesea Room

11:10 **Joe Finneran**
Enabling farmers' drought resilience through the adoption of biofertilisers to increase water holding capacity, fertiliser efficiency, yields and build economic, environmental and social resilience

Alec Zuo, Ying Xu and Sarah Wheeler
Quantifying the impact of drought on children's testing scores in Australia

11:25 **Helen Suter, Thushari Wijesinghe, Rumesh Kombuge, Hang Wei Hu and Brendan Cullen**
Pasture sward species diversity can provide drought resilience benefits for the grazing based dairy industry

Alexis Pang, Dorin Gupta, Vili Iese and Ruth Nettle
Far From Dry: Why Drought is ideal for Authentic Learning

11:40 **Julian Hill**
Advanced soil moisture sensing in vegetable production systems

Paul Flatau and Leanne Lester
The social impact of drought: resilient community responses

11:55 **Sajitha Biju and Dorin Gupta**
Optimising nodule metabolism for drought resilience through silicon supplementation in lentil plants

Rachel Fetherston
Seeking greener pages: An analysis of reader response to the representation of drought in Australian ecofiction

12:10 **Wendy Timms, Sirjana Adhikari, Zibo Zhou, Pavithri Madhubashani, Russell Burnett, Negar Omidvar, Shahia Hosseini Bai and Stephen Joseph**
Biochar for drought resilience - harvesting tonnes of water per hectare

Sally Cunningham, Cecilia Fitzgerald, Alison Kennedy and Sarah Crosthwaite
Tackling the Tough Topics - empowering safe and effective conversations about farmer mental health (NCFH presentation 4/4)

12:25 **Thushari Wijesinghe, Rumesh Kombuge, Hang-Wei Hu, Brendan Cullen and Helen Suter**
Sward diversity in dairy pastures enhances soil water use during summer in rainfed systems

12:40 **Lunch - Foyer**

1:40 **Concurrent Workshops**

**Collaboration in Practice (Part 2):
A new model to guide your
collaboration strategy**
Torquay Room

**Parched: Cultures of Drought
in Regional Victoria**
Anglesea Room

2:45 **Fourth Plenary - Jacki Schirmer - Torquay Room**

3:15 **Awards and Close - Torquay Room**

3:45 **Afternoon Tea - Foyer**