

International Women's Day

WOMEN IN WOOL

Speakers

Rebecca McErvale – Leroy Mac Designs



SPECIALISING in producing their own range of machine washable woollen clothing made using their own fleece, Leroy Mac Designs is owned by Rebecca McErvale and her husband, Rodney. Leroy Mac originally started by buying 'Australian' wool from a supplier, but the McErvale's became frustrated that as wool growers they couldn't find a single company that would help process their wool into yarn. Using their own Merino Wool, they are able to produce the exceptional feel of softness, comfort and quality that Leroy Mac Designs range of garments are known for. They are one of only a few 100% Australian owned businesses that produce quality wool products right here in country Victoria from wool off THEIR OWN farm.

Robyn Clubb AM – Australian Wool Exchange

Currently, Robyn Clubb occupies the position of Chairman for Australian Wool Exchange Ltd. and Chairman for ProTen Ltd.

She is also on the board of Craig Mostyn Group & Co. Pty Ltd., Elders Ltd., Craig Mostyn Holdings Pty Ltd. and Essential Energy Ltd. and Councilor at Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and Member of Australian Institute of Co. Directors.

In the past Robyn Clubb held the position of Chairman for Rice Marketing Board for the State of New South Wales and Chairman at V&V Walsh Pty Ltd.



In 2019, Robyn was recognised for her, “significant service to primary industry, agricultural societies, and to the community.” and was named in the 2019 Australia Day Honours List as a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

Kate McBride – Tolarno Station



As a fifth generation farmer there is no surprise from a very young age Kate has had a great interest in all things agriculture. She is currently completing a Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Adelaide as well as being a Healthy River Ambassador. Kate has strong views when it comes to water management and has done talks to schools and community events regarding the Darling River and Menindee lakes.

In 2017 Kate was elected by fellow landholders onto the Western Local Land Services (LLS) Board and is now the youngest board member since the organisation began. Since

then Kate has also become chair of the Western Regional Weeds Committee.

Kate is also a member of the newly formed WoolPoll committee.

Chantel McAlister – Truth About Wool Photographer

Growing up in Brisbane, Chantel fell in love with a country boy and moved to his family’s sheep property in her early twenties. Her affinity with animals and love affair with country life, soon found her throwing herself into a career in the woolsheds.

Her daily life in the woolsheds was always documented through her camera and Chantel soon turned her happy snapping hobby into a second profession in 2013. An advocate for the wool industry, her images provide an intimate look into to the shearing and wool industry.

Chantel launched her Truth About Wool Campaign in 2015 to dispel any misconceptions about the wool industry, the campaign grew into a national tour.

After becoming a parent in early 2018, she hung up her woolclassing stencil however her camera and passion still lie in rural Australia. Yearning for a way to still give back to the bush after leaving my woolclassing career, she started *Learn With Chantel*, a platform designed specifically for rural photographers to upskill their photography and document their lives around them with ease.

