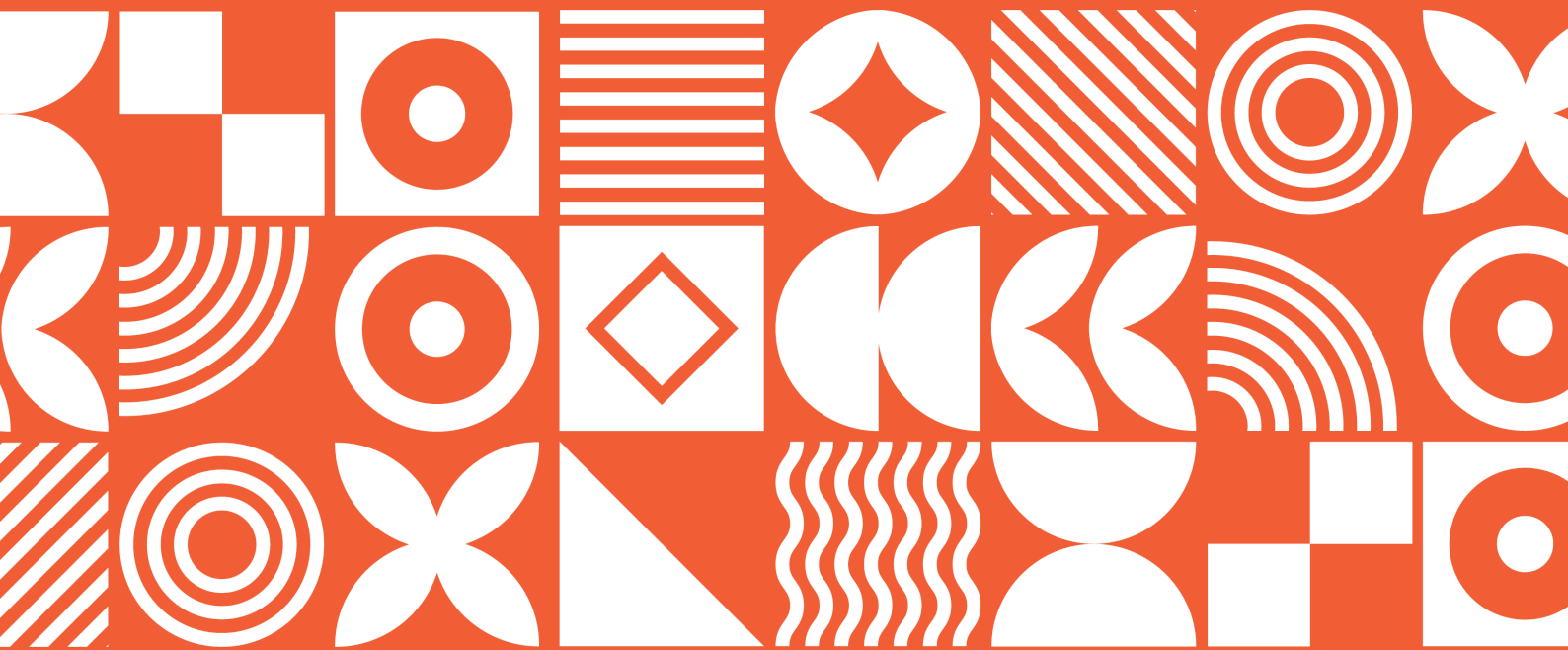


INLAND GROWTH SUMMIT

21-23 April 2026

DUBBO, NSW



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DUBBO
REGIONAL
COUNCIL

OPENING

TUESDAY 21ST APRIL
THE VAULT ORANA

COMMENCE - 5.00PM

MEET & GREET

WELCOME

Justine Campbell
Chief Executive Officer, RDA Orana

CONCLUDE - 7.00PM

DAY 1

WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL
LAZY RIVER ESTATE

SESSION 1 - 9.00AM

OFFICIAL OPENING

WELCOME TO COUNTRY Dubbo Local Aboriginal Lands Council

INTRODUCTION

Lisa Crothers
Master of Ceremonies

WELCOME

Justine Campbell
Chief Executive Officer, RDA Orana

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Kelly McJannett
Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Food Ladder

MORNING TEA - 10.30AM

SESSION 2 - 11.00AM

REGIONAL UPDATES

DAMA

Justine Campbell
Designated Area Representative, Orana DAMA

WORKFORCE

Liz Ritchie
Chief Executive Officer, Regional Australia Institute

EDUCATION

The Hon. Fiona Nash
Regional Education Commissioner

TRANSPORT

Ian Pedersen
Chair, RDA Hunter

PORT OF NEWCASTLE

Sheena Martin
Senior Manager of Government Relations, Port of Newcastle

UPDATE ON RDA ORANA ENERGY + CIRCULARITY ACTION PLAN

Megan Jones
Chief Executive Officer, Circular PV Alliance

LUNCH - 12.30PM

SESSION 3 - 1.30PM

WATER

FACILITATOR

David Kirby

General Manager, Brewarrina Shire Council

PANELLISTS

Shari Blumer

President, Murray Darling Association

Andrew McConville

Chief Executive Officer, Murray Darling Basin Authority

Leonie Brown

General Manager, Bourke Shire Council

Matthew Coulton

Associate Director, Ricardo

Bill Johnson

Director, Slattery and Johnson

AFTERNOON TEA - 3.00PM

SESSION 4 - 3.30PM

TOURISM

FACILITATOR

Emily Mann

Founder, Mann Power

PANELLISTS

Steve Hinks

Director, Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Beau Kassas

Chief Marketing Officer, Mudgee Region Tourism

Gerald Power

Owner/Manager, Indigenous Cultural Adventures

CONCLUSION OF SUMMIT DAY 1 - 5.00PM

NETWORKING DINNER

WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL
GOLDIE'S CAFE & BISTRO

COMMENCE - 6.00PM

WELCOME

Brad Cam

Chair, RDA Orana

CONCLUDE - 9.00PM

DAY 2

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL
LAZY RIVER ESTATE

INTRODUCTION

Lisa Crothers
Master of Ceremonies

SESSION 5 - 9.00AM

ENERGY

FACILITATOR

Sabiene Heindl
Chief Executive Officer, The Energy Charter

PANELLISTS

Tony Mahar
Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner

John Cleland
Chief Executive Officer, Essential Energy

Charlie Prell
Chair, Developer Rating Scheme Lived Experience Panel

Louise Johnson
Community & Stakeholder Engagement Lead, ACCIONA Energía

MORNING TEA-10.30AM

SESSION 6 - 11.00AM

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr Rolf Gomes
Founder, Heart of Australia

LUNCH 12.00PM

SESSION 7 - 1.00PM

AGRICULTURE

FACILITATOR

Brooke Watts
Operations Manager, Bralca

PANELLISTS

Ryan Robinson
General Manager Northern Region, Elders

Indiana Rhind
University of Newcastle PhD Candidate, and
2025 Evoke Ag Groundbreaker

Graham Lyon
Head of Meat Marketing, Co-Products & Development
Fletcher International Exports

CONCLUSION OF SUMMIT DAY 2 - 2.30PM