



## Agenda: 2024 Online AgCareers Expo

Please log on 10 minutes before the start time to ensure your set up is working correctly.  
The expo will start promptly at 11am AEST.

TIME	PRESENTER INFO
11.00am	Welcome - RuralBiz Training
11.05am	Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia (PIEFA) - Luciano Mesiti - CEO
11.20am	Elders - Melanie Rowse - HR Business Partner
11.35am	AgCareer Start - Haylee Murrell - Outbound Project Officer
11.50am	Agriculture Jobs Auswide - Zoe Carter – Founder
12.05pm	Dairy Australia – Mick Fuller – National People Lead
12.20pm	RuralBiz Training - Education and training pathways Shannah Kanny: Student Experience Melanie Moeller: Business Development Manager
12.50pm	Summary and final questions





## Speakers for the 2024 Online Agricultural Careers Expo



**Luciano Mesiti**

Chief Executive Officer

Luciano Mesiti has over 30 years' experience as an agriculture educator in various University and high school settings. His work in NSW with agriculture high school teachers as past president of the NSW Agriculture Teachers Association and within his high school roles highlights the high level of passion and knowledge he has about the agricultural education curriculum in Australia. He grew up on a farm and has worked in research locally and internationally in agriculture and rural sociology. He has a strong focus to contribute primary industries resources that meet the needs of teachers across Australia

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**Melanie Rowse**

HR Business Partner

Since 1839, Elders has been a leading agribusiness and iconic brand throughout rural and regional Australia. For 180 years, Elders has expertly combined agribusiness knowledge and technical expertise to create specialised products and services, tailor-made to meet the needs of our varied clients. Elders has links to markets, production expertise, national network, and access to leading farm supply brands.

Growing up on a farm in the South-East of South Australia, Melanie jumped at an opportunity to join such a reputable organisation in the agricultural industry. Having previously worked in local government, mining, casinos and natural gas, Melanie has a diverse and well-rounded HR generalist background with a current focus on working with livestock trainees.

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## Haylee Murrell

Outbound Project Officer

Haylee has a Bachelor of Agriculture from the University of New England. She is the outbound project Officer for the AgCAREERSTART program.

AgCAREERSTART is a 10-12 month gap-year program designed to kick-start your career in farming. If you're under 25 and at the start of your career, it's a great way to learn new skills, apply your knowledge, and build your confidence. Preference your industry and preferred location in your application and have the gap-year of your dream. Full-time hours and salary and receive a \$4,500 training bursary to upskill yourself while on your placement.

[www.agcareerstart.com.au](http://www.agcareerstart.com.au)



Zoe Carter

Founder, Agriculture Jobs Auswide

Zoe created Agriculture Jobs Auswide in May 2024, an online job search portal and 'one-stop shop' for jobseekers, employees and employers in the agricultural industry.

Other new initiatives and businesses Zoe has created include "Young Aussie Farmers", "Rugged Country", and the hugely popular "Females in Agriculture Australia" Facebook group, all while working as a livestock contractor across the country. Agriculture Jobs Auswide is her latest project - one that Zoe says was born out of necessity.

<https://agriculturejobsauswide.com/>



## Mick Fuller

National People Lead

Mick Fuller is a specialist People & Culture professional. He grew up on a dairy farm in South Gippsland and has a practical appreciation for the opportunities and rewards the dairy industry holds. Mick is passionate about promoting careers in Agriculture. He brings a broad workforce perspective, having worked across a range of industries including Health, Wholesale/Retail, Financial Services, Insurance, Manufacturing, and most recently Agriculture.

[www.dairyaustralia.com.au](http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au)







## Shannah Kanny

RuralBiz Training graduate

Shannah grew up between her families' farming operations in Walkaway and pastoral property. She is not new to the area, working in Irwin for multiple years, and started her career right out of school at MIG in 2018. You will see Shannah out and about in the paddock, working in both trials and projects.

***"My favourite thing about agriculture is that it is constantly changing and adapting, and the passion in this industry is hard to find anywhere else."***

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## Melanie Moeller

Melanie's early years were spent on a dairy farm, but she grew up to follow her interest in visual arts. With a degree in Fine Arts and extensive experience in stakeholder engagement and marketing, she is our Business Development Manager and has been with RuralBiz since 2016. Melanie is passionate about education and agriculture and loves helping students find the perfect training path.

Founded in 2002 RuralBiz Training has become a leading provider of accredited training for agriculture, agribusiness, horticulture, and agronomy across Australia. RuralBiz has designed a training model that means you can study from your farm – wherever in Australia that is. As part of Academies Australasia, this training is now available to international students in Armidale NSW.

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