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**XII INTERNATIONAL
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The International Rangeland Congress recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the Traditional Owners of Australia and thank them for their stewardship of Country – sea, water and land. The Congress respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Australian rangelands on which we live and work and we pay our respects to their cultural and customary practices, and acknowledge their Ancestors, Elders and future leaders.



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A Warm Welcome

The Australian Organising Committee of the XII International Rangeland Congress, on behalf of the Australian Rangeland Society and the International Rangeland Congress Continuing Committee, invites you to participate in the International Rangeland Congress to be held June 2-6, 2025 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia. It is our goal to provide a vibrant platform for scientific exchange and education on the contemporary challenges and opportunities facing the rangelands and its communities. We will ensure there are many opportunities to network and connect with fellow delegates and to celebrate achievements in our fields. We recognise not everyone will be able to attend in person so we will design an exciting program that promotes exchanges via social media, livestreaming, interactive Q&A sessions, and recording of select content. We look forward to seeing you in Adelaide in 2025!

On behalf of the XII International Rangeland Congress Organising Committee we are pleased to welcome delegates from around the world to Australia, the rangeland continent. We especially welcome First Nations peoples and pastoralists from Australia and internationally. This is the third occasion Australia will be hosting the International Rangeland Congress and by 2025 it will be nearly 10 years since the international rangeland community has physically met together. In addition to the networking at the congress, we will provide the opportunity for delegates to experience Australia's vast rangelands through a range of exciting pre-congress and mid-congress tours.

*Pieter Conradie, Nicole Spiegel, Andrew Ash
Co-Chairs, XII IRC Organising Committee*

VENUE



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Adelaide, with a population of 1.3 million has grown into a modern, vibrant multi-cultural city. Its ring of parkland on the River Torrens is home to renowned museums such as the Art Gallery of South Australia, displaying expansive collections including noted Indigenous art, and the South Australian Museum, devoted to natural history.

Nestled between the rangelands to the north, world famous wine regions and magnificent beaches of white sand, Adelaide and its surrounding regions offer a range of unique experiences that will enhance the congress experience for delegates.

The Adelaide Convention Centre is situated in the heart of Adelaide. Conveniently located 15 minutes from the airport and with over 3,500 accommodation rooms within five minutes' walk, it is the perfect location for the IRC in 2025. The Adelaide Convention Centre is newly redeveloped, having re-opened in September 2017. The hosting of the IRC in Adelaide is being generously sponsored by the South Australian government through the Adelaide Convention Bureau.



CONGRESS THEME

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SUB-THEMES

- Valuing rangelands and pastoral systems and their societal contribution
- Co-design, partnerships, and incorporating traditional knowledge for more enduring rangeland outcomes
- Monitoring, information systems, and big data to aid decision making
- Integrating rangeland ecology into management
- Managing risk – climate and other system shocks and trends
- Livestock production systems in a world of changing drivers
- Multi-functional land use in rangelands – moving beyond niche opportunities

CALL FOR PAPERS

- There will be a call for papers two years before the Congress with papers to be submitted 6 months before the Congress.



With the exciting prospect of 2026 being proclaimed the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists by the United Nations, the Australian Organising Committee will work closely with the IYRP secretariat to ensure the congress program and activities provide an important platform for discussing the challenges and opportunities facing rangelands and pastoralists.

CONGRESS TOURS



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Pre-congress tours

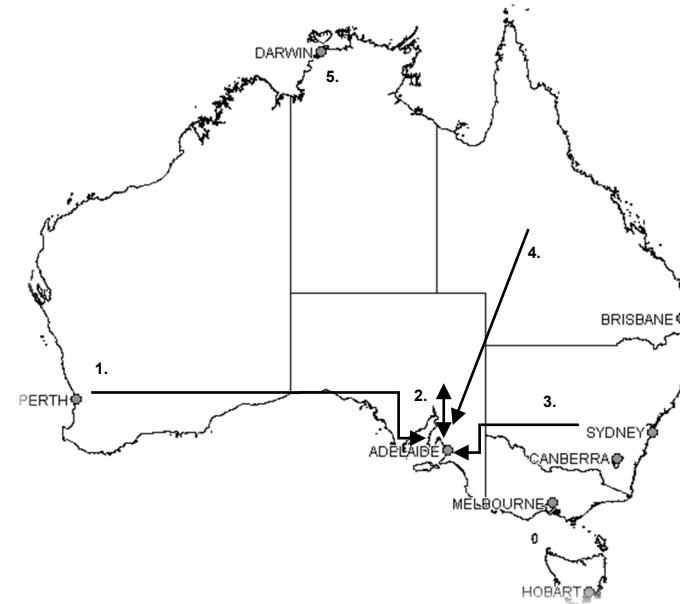
- A range of pre-congress tours have been scoped. These will commence in different parts of Australia and end up in Adelaide, as well as a Adelaide to Adelaide pre-congress tour. Tours will vary in length from 4 to 10 days. Some tours will commence with a full-day Forum engaging local communities.

Pre-congress workshops

- The congress will offer to host sponsored workshops in Adelaide on the week-end prior to the congress.

Mid-congress tours

- A range of mid-congress tours will be offered, including: Local research institutions, Barossa valley wineries, Burra and beyond (mining, pastoralism and Clare valley wineries), Local indigenous cultures, Kangaroo Island, Water management in the Murray River.



Inland tours:

1. **Perth to Adelaide:**
Wine, wool and woodlands
2. **Adelaide to Adelaide:**
Flinders Ranges tour
3. **Sydney to Adelaide:**
NSW and SA rangelands
4. **Longreach to Adelaide:**
Damper, dinosaurs and desert
5. **Darwin to Darwin:**
Tropical rangelands and indigenous land management



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