

AUSTRALASIAN AGRI-FOOD RESEARCH NETWORK CONFERENCE 2024



PROGRAMME

GLOBAL CHALLENGES: LOCAL ACTIONS

Hosted by the University of Sydney

2 - 6 December 2024

Twin Towns Conference and Function Centre

Tweed Heads, NSW Australia

Bundjalung Country

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Agri-Food 2024 takes place in Tweed Heads on Bundjalung Country. We acknowledge that we are learning and listening on the Country of the Ngandowal and Minyungbal speaking people. We pay our respects to all elders past and present, and to the Aboriginal people who continue to care for Country.

Dear Agri-Food researcher,

Welcome to Agri-Food XXVIII, the 2024 conference for the Australian and New Zealand Agri-Food Research Network (AFRN). We hope that you enjoy the conference as well as the opportunity to explore some of the natural beauty that Tweed Heads has to offer.

A special welcome to those of you who are first timers to an Agri-Food conference. The AFRN is an inter-disciplinary group committed to creating a space for critical engagement over agriculture and food issues. Please feel free to get involved, listen, talk, and socialise with our wide community of participants.

Bill Pritchard and the Conference Organising Committee:
Rebecca Cross, Zoe de Castro, Camille Freeman, Jeff Neilson,
Emma Sharp and Kiah Smith



TIME ZONES: READ THIS NOW!



THE TWIN TOWNS CONFERENCE AND FUNCTION CENTRE IS IN NSW, BUT IS DIRECTLY ON THE BORDER WITH QLD.

This creates a set of time zone problems for us. During the southern hemisphere summer months New South Wales (NSW) has daylight saving time, but Queensland (QLD) does not. This means that QLD is an hour behind NSW. So when it's 10:00am in NSW, it's 9:00am in QLD

To eliminate this potentially confusing situation, we have made the decision that **all conference activities (including side-events) will run on QLD time**. We have made this decision because most participants will (probably) be staying on the QLD side of the border (note that the recommended conference hotels, the Twin Towns, Mantra and Sebel run on QLD time), the Gold Coast Airport runs on QLD time, and the agri-trivia night and conference dinner are both in QLD.

For those of us who rely on our phones to keep check of the time, this creates a further problem. Depending on whether your phone is picking up a signal from a tower in NSW or QLD, your phone might give you NSW or QLD time. An easy workaround will fix this, ensuring your phone remains on QLD time.

For iPhones, go to Settings -> General -> Date and Time. Turn off 'Set Automatically' and nominate a QLD time zone (for example, enter 'Brisbane').

For Samsung, go to Settings -> General management -> Date and Time -> Select time zone -> nominate a QLD time zone (for example, enter 'Brisbane').

(By the way, if you're interested, the location of the Twin Towns conference centre right on the border dates to when gambling laws were more liberal in NSW than in Qld, and so the venue – which has a handy stock of poker machines - was sited to optimise its ability to attract Qld gamblers.)



AGRI-FOOD XXVIII

SOCIAL PROGRAMME



MONDAY 2 DECEMBER

PRE-CONFERENCE POSTGRAD CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

- 12:15pm – 5:00pm (QLD time)
- Twin Towns Conference and Function Centre, River Room
- Lunch and afternoon tea are included.

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER

PRE-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP

- 10:00am - 3:30pm (QLD time)
- Depart from 4 River Terrace, Tweed Heads. This is a 20 minute walk from the Twin Towns Conference Centre. Walk south along Wharf St, past Tweed Mall shopping centre. Ensure you are there by 9:50am at the latest so we can depart on time.
- The field trip involves a cruise up the Tweed River to the village of Tumbulgum. You will be able to view the rural landscapes of the Tweed Valley, and at Tumbulgum, the Sustainable Agriculture Program Leader for Tweed Shire Council will discuss the key agricultural and environmental issues facing the region.
- A morning tea and lunch of locally-sourced foods is included.

WELCOME RECEPTION

- 6:00pm - 8:00pm (QLD time),
- Twin Towns Conference and Function Centre, Horizons Room
- Canapes and an open bar are included.

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

AGRI-FOOD TRIVIA NIGHT

- 6:00pm to 8:30pm (QLD time)
- Tank Beer Bar, 1166 Gold Coast Highway, Palm Beach.
- There is no cost to attend this event. Snacks will be provided on arrival, with dinner and drinks available to purchase at the venue.

 *Start of conference sessions*

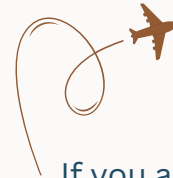
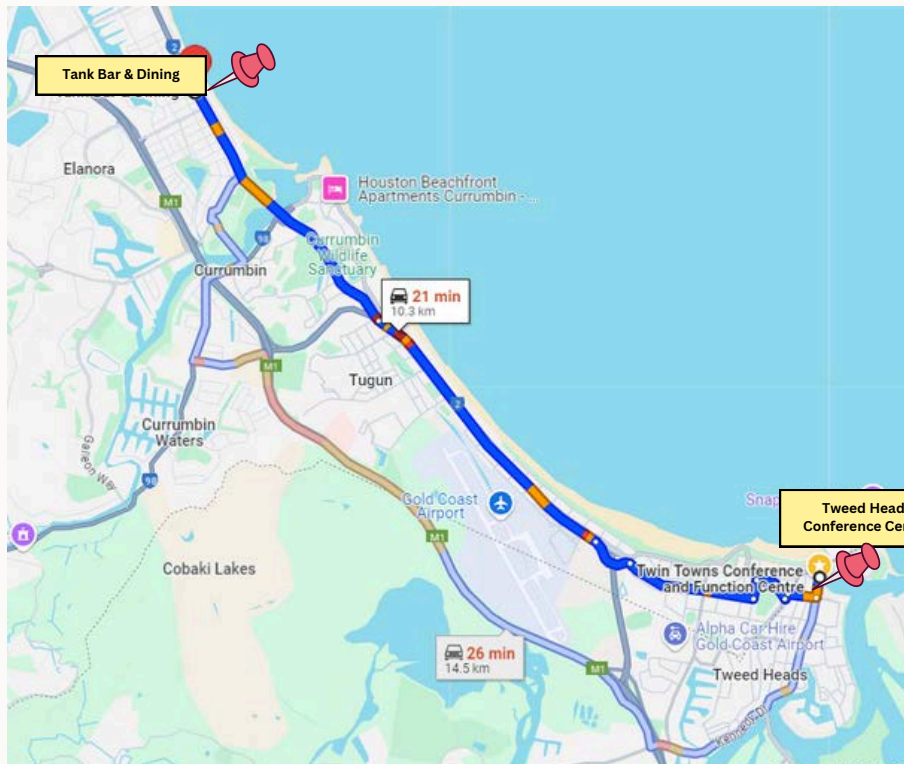
THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

CONFERENCE DINNER

- 6:00pm (QLD time)
- Greenmount Surf Club
- The dinner includes a three-course meal (seafood, vegetarian and vegan options available), drinks (soft drinks, beer and wine), and a balcony with spectacular views along the beach all the way up to Surfers Paradise.



VENUE LOCATIONS



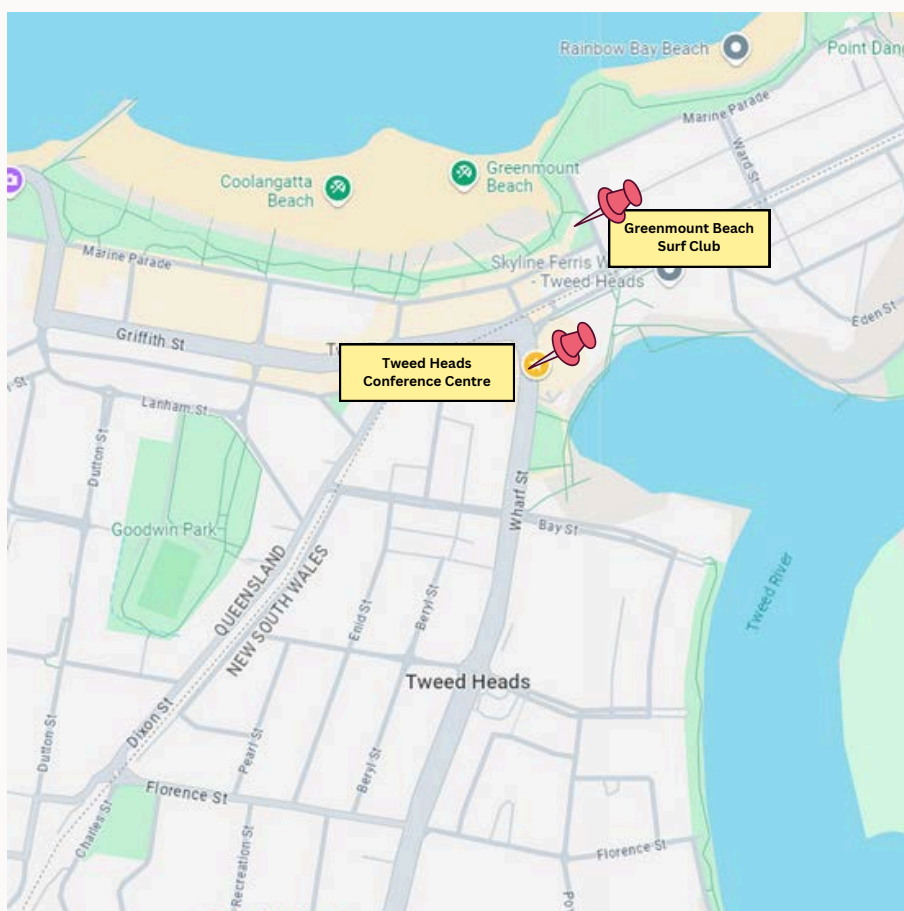
If you are flying in to Gold Coast Airport, getting to hotels surrounding the Conference Centre involves either a:

- 10 minute taxi/Uber
- 25 minute bus and walk

TANK BAR & DINING

Getting from the Conference Centre to Tank Bar & Dining involves either a:

- 20 minute taxi/Uber
- 30 minute bus. Catch the number 700 bus from Griffith St (outside of the Mantra Hotel), which departs every 10 minutes. Alight at the “Gold Coast Hwy at Eighth Ave” bus stop.



GREENMOUNT BEACH SURF CLUB

Getting from the Conference Centre to Greenmount Beach Surf Club involves a:

- 5 minute walk!



KEYNOTE SPEAKER ABSTRACTS

MELISSA BOLT AND AUNTY TRACEY KING

Namabunda Farm

Acts of Successional Regeneration as Bundjalung Resistance to the Dominant Food System

Namabunda Farm is a property owned and operated by Bundjalung Tribal Society under freehold tenure. This land is part of the Big Scrub rainforest, but was cleared for monocrop agriculture many decades ago. Now, and over the last 8 years, this land is being re-vegetated into the Big Scrub foodbowl of Bundjalung peoples' memories through a successional agroecological approach.

STEFAN OUMA

Professor and Chair of Economic Geography, Department of Geography

University of Bayreuth, Germany

Present Absence: Centering “Race” in the Global Land Rush

In this talk, Stefan will tackle a present absence in the global land rush, especially its finance-driven version: the spectre of “race”. The epistemological move of racing the global land rush sheds light on a number of empirical phenomena that are interconnected, but have hitherto received little to no systematic attention in the global land rush debate: Colonially imbued notions of scarcity and frontiers; racial regimes of property; the whiteness of the global asset management industry; a racialized logic of agricultural improvement; how the asset form supports the imperial lifestyles of the more privileged parts of the minority world.

ANNE MARIE THOW

Professor of Health Policy, Menzies Centre for Health Policy

University of Sydney

Global policies shaping agri-food systems

This plenary presentation will focus on the role of policies in shaping food systems through creating (dis)incentives for businesses, farmers, communities and others – and behind this the often invisible influence of global policy agendas. It will explore opportunities and barriers to policy change to support food systems that deliver nourishing food for all, support environmental sustainability and provide decent livelihoods, and reflect on opportunities to strengthen global policy with reference to local priorities, including through ongoing learning, innovation and responsive governance.



8:30	REGISTRATION OPEN Twin Towns Conference & Function Centre Foyer	
9:00	INTRODUCTIONS: Bill Pritchard WELCOME TO COUNTRY: Ernie Williams, Bundjalung man and representative of the Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council River Room	
9:30	SESSION A: PLENARY 1 River Room Melissa Bolt and Aunty Tracey King from Namabunda Farm 'Acts of Successional Regeneration as Bundjalung Resistance to the Dominant Food System' <i>Chair: Rebecca Cross</i>	
10:00	MORNING TEA : Foyer	
10:30	SESSION B River Room Re-thinking food insecurity <i>Chair: Emma Sharp</i> What's the problem with Australian food security? An analysis of submissions to the Australian Food Security Inquiry Hope Johnson, Bree Hurst, Rudi Messner and Carol Richards Rights on the table: Exploring food relief governance in Australia through a Human Rights lens. Katherine Keane and Hope Johnson Rights-based approaches for land, agriculture, and trade policy – a frame-critical document analysis of country reports from the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. Ellen Johnson, Nicholas Nisbett, Jody Harris, Anne Marie Thow Q&A	SESSION C Bay Room Climate mal/adaptions in a global context <i>Chair: Alana Mann</i> Adaptation from the bottom up: building an alternative narrative for a just climate adaptation and action Angga Dwiartama Do climate adaptation programs potentially exacerbate rural inequality? Identifying beneficiaries of a drought mitigation scheme in Maharashtra, India Madhushree Sekher, Bill Pritchard, Chandana Maitra and Vicky Nandgaye The Chilean Case: Rethinking water governance in extreme climate scenarios, from private property to public good Pablo Aranda Valenzuela Q&A

11:30	SESSION D River Room Re-thinking regenerative agriculture. <i>Chair: Rebecca Cross</i> What is regenerative agriculture, and how do we know it's working? Hanabeth Luke Off-farm stakeholder motivations and barriers to adoption of regenerative agriculture: Systematic findings and theoretical suggestions Haley Jones, Joya Kemper, Denise Conroy and Samantha White Digital skills for regenerative farming: A practice-based approach Amber Marshall and Rob Arcidiacono Q&A	SESSION E Bay Room Building participatory food systems <i>Chair: Hugh Campbell</i> How do school gardens facilitate social, psychological, and behavioural wellbeing of primary school children in Aotearoa, New Zealand? Yimei Chuah, Annette M. E. Henderson and Emma Sharp Primary school students' food gardening in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand Emma Sharp, Sophia Tsang and Victoria Egli Exploring food citizenship in alternative agri-food initiatives: A comparative study in Japan. Tamami Matsuoka Q&A
12:30	LUNCH : Foyer	
1:45	SESSION F River Room Agriculture in multi-functional landscapes <i>Chair: Bruce Muirhead</i> Large-scale investment in Australia's macadamia industry and the disruption of farmer-controlled global production networks Bill Pritchard, Jeff Neilson, Rafael Azeredo and Seren Heyman-Griffiths From Sugarpolitan to Food Bowl: Contested multifunctionality and landscape governance in the Bundaberg region Jeff Neilson A pathway for multifunctional agriculture in Timor-Leste Sandy Fritz Q&A	SESSION G Bay Room New tech and agri-food dynamics <i>Chair: Carolyn Morris</i> Gene edited foods and nation branding: Perspectives from stakeholders in New Zealand Katie Henderson, Joya Kemper, Bodo Lang and Denise Conroy CRISPR Foods? Gene editing for the agrifood industries Geoffrey Lawrence Understanding intermediaries in agrifood transitions: Insights from case studies developing digital technologies Gillian Cornish, Simon Fielke and Zelalem Moti Q&A

2:45	AFTERNOON TEA : Foyer	
3:00	SESSION H River Room Smallholders in a global context <i>Chair: Niels Fold</i> Maintaining the way of living: Persistence of smallholder farmers in rural Java Linda Susilowati Give a farmer a cash? On the politics of distribution, cash transfer, and the critics of productivism Angga Dwiartama Semi-feudalism, land monopoly, and collective farmers resistance: Primitive accumulation and anti-feudal peasant movements in the Philippines. Vianca de la Cruz Q&A	SESSION I Bay Room Strategies for place-based and interconnected food systems. <i>Chair: Geoffrey Lawrence</i> Future agri-food systems, Aotearoa New Zealand: Understanding diverse values, narratives and relationships with ‘place’ Daniellé A. du Plooy Consumer participation and the shape of our food systems: pathways to increased sustainability and resilience David Reynolds Understanding trading practices impacting food loss and waste in Australia Bree Hurst, Hope Johnson and Rowena Maguire Q&A
4:00	CLOSE DAY 1	
6:00 - 8:00	AGRI TRIVIA! Join us for the legendary tradition of Agri Trivia at the Tank Bar & Dining! 	



DAY 2

Thursday 5
December

9:00	SESSION J: PLENARY 2 River Room Stefan Ouma Present Absence: Centering “Race” in the Global Land Rush <i>Chair: Neil Coe</i> <i>Discussant: Zannie Langford</i>	
10:00	MORNING TEA Foyer	
10:30	SESSION K River Room Australian agri-food policy <i>Chair: Kiah Smith</i> A fork in the road? Australian dairy deregulation, 1997-2024 Jodey Nurse and Bruce Muirhead How are environmental sustainability issues framed in Australian food policies? Kim Anastasiou, Diana Bogueva, Matt Fisher, Amanda Hayes, H. Miller, Dora Marinova and Fran Baum Think globally, act globally: Australian agricultural policy Amy Carrad, Ashley Schram, Belinda Townsend, Libby Salmon, Sharon Friel Q&A	SESSION L Bay Room Food systems governance <i>Chair: Carol Richards</i> The divergence and convergence of agricultural paradigms in high-income countries: The rise of financialised multifunctionalism Jeremy Farr, Andy Hall, Pradeepa Korale Gedara, Yuba Subedi, Selina Fyfe and Damien Hine Devolved responsibility for on-farm biosecurity: Unpacking the relations between persuasion and enforcement Vaughan Higgins, Melanie Bryant, Marta Hernández-Jover and Russell Warman ‘They’re not very good at that beyond the farm gate stuff’: Justice and juxtapositions in regenerative agriculture Anja Bless Q&A

11:30	SESSION M River Room Local, care-full actions <i>Chair: Hope Johnson</i> Community meal provisioning: Contributions to human and planetary health Nicolette Larder, Jennifer Mae Hamilton and Zoe de Castro Mapping civil society action on Zero Hunger and interconnected SDGs in Australia: preliminary findings from Qld Kiah Smith Food as repair and care? Making sense of diverse motivations of the Ōtepoti Edible Garden Project Sean Connelly and Ellie Axton Q&A	SESSION N Bay Room Markets and producers in the global South <i>Chair: Angga Dwiartama</i> Producing for global markets: Contested agricultural development in Vietnam's Central Highlands Jeff Neilson Local actions for global challenges: The convergence of Indonesia Sustainable Palm Oil (ISPO) for European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) Bustanul Arifin Agrarian change and global markets in Indonesia's rural coastal regions Yunie Nurhayati Rahmat Q&A
12:30	LUNCH : Foyer	
1:30	SESSION O: PLENARY PANEL 3 River Room The resilience of food systems in the Northern Rivers - local challenges and solutions <i>Chair: Jean Renouf (Plan C)</i> Panel members: Fiona Berry (UTS Institute of Sustainable Futures), Hanabeth Luke (Southern Cross University), Sophie Boyle and Mack Dixon (local farmers).	
2:45	AFTERNOON TEA: Foyer	
3:00	SESSION P: PANEL SESSION River Room Rural land futures in the Northern Rivers. <i>Chair: Bill Pritchard</i> Panellists: Claire Baker (NSW Dept Primary Industries), Andrew Cameron (Byron Shire Council), Selina Stilman (NSW Dept Primary Industries)	SESSION Q Bay Room More-than-human spaces in agri-food <i>Chair: Sean Connelly</i> Biodynamic winegrowing as multispecies becoming: patchy lessons for farming in the Capitalocene Nikolai Siimes Deliberating animal welfare Hilde Bjørkhaug Borderlands – (Re)negotiating food in the interstices Vanessa Clarkson Q&A

4:00	SESSION R River Room Food futures in the Northern Rivers <i>Chair: Jeff Neilson</i> Co-designing digital solutions for area-wide IPM in the Northern Rivers: a stakeholder-centred rapid appraisal of agricultural innovation systems. Zelalem Lema (CSIRO) and others. Hunger in Australia’s food bowl: Perspectives on local food security in high-value exporting horticultural regions in Australia’s NECS. Kiah Smith Seeking fairness and justice for small-scale farmers in South-East Queensland and Northern New South Wales: Solutions from the incremental to the radical. Grace O’Connor, Kimberley Reis, Ingrid Burkett and Cheryl Desha Q&A	SESSION S Bay Room Navigating corporate interest in food systems <i>Chair: Zoe Wang</i> The big four in agrifood: Imagineering futures or stabilising business as usual? Nick Lewis Assembling social and environmental investment value in the trpoical seaweed industry Zannie Langford Exploring social finance in alternative food networks: a financial ecologies approach Denise Gibran Nogueira Q&A
5:00	CLOSE DAY 2	
6:00	CONFERENCE DINNER Greenmount Surf Club 	



SESSION T: PLENARY 4

River Room

9:00

Anne Marie Thow

Global policies shaping agri-food systems

Chair: Emma Sharp

Discussant: Bill Pritchard

10:00

MORNING TEA : Foyer

10:15

SESSION U

River Room

De-colonising foodways

Chair: Nick Lewis

Beyond boundaries: Territory, property and sustainability in a colonised space

Paula Herrera

Critical family history and the de-colonial project in Agrifood Studies

Carolyn Morris and Hugh Campbell

Restoring rural places: decolonisation and the farming sub-culture

Rebecca Cross

Q&A

SESSION V

Bay Room

Food systems governance

Chair: Rafael Azeredo

Big ambitions, modest beginnings: civil society participation in food system governance in Australia

Nick Rose, Bethany Ciesielski, Amy Carrad, Rebecca Smits, Belinda Reeve and Karen Charlton

Relationship between industry involvement in research and outcomes among scientific articles investigating meat and health: A systematic review

Navid Teimouri, Adam Hannah, Katherine Sievert and Katherine Cullerton

Healthy digital food environments and the challenge of social media regulation

Christine Parker and Tanita Northcott

Q&A

11:15	SESSION W River Room Alternative values and paradigms <i>Chair: Amber Marshall</i> Producer perspectives of climate shocks and adaptation across extensive grazing and intensive land-based farming systems Rudi Messner and Carol Richards Making pests: The politics of managing native animals in food production zones Seren Heyman-Griffiths Thinking through the skin of the Earth Emma Sharp Q&A	SESSION X Bay Room Ethical economies of food <i>Chair: Vaughan Higgins</i> Ethics of care in diverse food economies: A relational approach Alana Mann Horticulture and migrant labour in Coastal Australia Rafael Azeredo and Zoe Wang To certify or not to certify?: Exploring opportunities and constraints of a certification scheme for regenerative agricultural practices Will Elrick Q&A
12:15	LUNCH: Foyer	
12:30	AFRN BUSINESS MEETING: River Room	
1:00	SESSION Y River Room Leading sustainable agri-food futures <i>Chair: Camille Freeman</i> WithWild – an experiment in just food futures Ingrid Petersen, Nick Lewis and Emma Sharp The ultra-processed foodscape in context: situating dietary transitions within processes of neoliberal urbanism Aisha Ismail Q&A	SESSION Z Bay Room On-farm just transitions <i>Chair: Amy Carrad</i> The socio-cultural and ethical dimensions of carbon farming in NSW Rebecca Cross and Alex Baumber Framing the problem of dairy farming in Aotearoa New Zealand Elizabeth Elliot Noe, Anita Wreford, Otilie Stolte and Chris Rosin Q&A

1:45	SESSION AB River Room Local imaginings of just food <i>Chair: Grace O'Connor</i> How agroecology is constrained in Australia – the case of market gardeners Lynda Hoare Priming new food lifestyles in the city: The case of vegan restaurants in Fukuoka, Japan Jesse Hsu (Fukuoka University, Japan) Q&A	SESSION AC Bay Room Re-negotiating, re-framing and re-imagining in agri-food <i>Chair: Christine Parker</i> What do we talk about when we talk about transformation? Disrupting and de-stabilising grand narratives in agri-food studies Camille Freeman Women in farming? An examination of Australian agricultural websites Linda Wirf Q&A
2:30	AFTERNOON TEA : Foyer	
2:45	Awards Presentation David Burch Prize Jane Dixon Award Agribagries	
3:45	END AFRN CONFERENCE 2024	





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