

# Event schedule

## regional tourism forum riverina murray



**Date**  
Apr 23, 2026



**Time**  
09:00 AM - 05:00 PM








**Location**  
Tocumwal War Memorial Hall, 50-54, Deniliquin Street

### Regional Tourism Forum Riverina Murray 2026

Event Host

Destination Riverina Murray

#### Apr 23, 2026

Time	Session details
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM	<p>Logistics</p> <p><b>Registrations Open</b></p> <p> Tocumwal War Memorial Hall</p>
09:00 AM - 09:10 AM	<p><b>Plenary</b></p> <p><b>Welcome to Country</b></p> <p> Tocumwal War Memorial Hall</p> <div data-bbox="508 1354 613 1451"></div> <p><b>Darren Atkinson</b> Founder/Director Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Education (ACHE)</p>
09:10 AM - 09:15 AM	<p><b>Plenary</b></p> <p><b>MC Welcome</b></p> <p> Main Hall</p> <div data-bbox="508 1711 613 1808"></div> <p><b>Dominic Mehling</b> Industry Relations Manager - ACT, NSW, NT &amp; QLD Tourism Australia</p>

09:15 AM - 09:25 AM

Plenary

Opening Address

📍 Main Hall



**Mitchell Gunn**  
Associate Director - Regional  
Destination NSW

09:25 AM - 09:45 AM

Keynote

Cultural Connection: Bullanginya Dreaming

📍 Main Hall



**Darren Atkinson**  
Founder/Director  
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Education  
(ACHE)



**Tony Tranter**  
CEO  
Barooga Sports Club

09:50 AM - 10:20 AM

Panel

Visitor Economy Data Deep-Dive

📍 Main Hall

10:25 AM - 10:40 AM

Break

Morning Tea

📍 Hall Foyer

10:40 AM - 10:50 AM

Logistics  
Delegate Transfer

10:50 AM - 11:20 AM

Breakout Groups

Product & Experience Development

📍 Main Hall



**Karen Oliver**  
Consultant  
KO Tourism

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**Breakout Groups**

**Data-Informed Decision Making**

📍 Tocumwal Brewing Co.



**Vicky Lowry**  
General Manager  
Deni Play On The Plains Festival Ltd. -  
Deni Ute Muster



**Yvette Myhill**  
General Manager  
Destination Riverina Murray

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**Breakout Groups**

**Planning and Development Applications**

📍 Tocumwal Hotel



**Kate O'Neill**  
Principal  
Acre Town Planning



**David Hunter**  
Director  
Habitat Planning

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11:20 AM - 11:40 AM

Logistics  
**Return to Main Hall**

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11:40 AM - 12:05 PM

**Keynote**  
**Brand & Storytelling**

📍 Main Hall



**Emma Scott**  
Creative Director  
Regional PR & Co.



**Madeleine Masarik (Balkwell)**  
Manager, Influencer & Media  
Engagement  
Destination NSW

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12:10 PM - 12:35 PM

**Panel**  
**Emerging Tourism Sectors**

📍 Main Hall



**Jenny Robb**  
Industry Development Manager -  
South Coast & Snowies  
Destination Southern NSW



**Shannon O'Brien**  
Managing Director  
Sydney Harbour Kayaks and Massive  
Murray Paddle

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12:35 PM - 12:45 PM

Logistics  
**Movement to Lunch**

📍 Tocumwal Hotel Motel

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12:45 PM - 01:40 PM

Break

### Lunch at Tocumwal Hotel

📍 Tocumwal Hotel Motel

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01:40 PM - 01:50 PM

Logistics

### Return to Main Hall

📍 Main Hall

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01:50 PM - 02:15 PM

Keynote

### Local Collaboration: The Canola Trail

📍 Main Hall



**Craig Sinclair**

Executive Manager - Economic & Community Development  
Temora Shire Council



**Emma Scott**

Creative Director  
Regional PR & Co.

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02:15 PM - 02:30 PM

Logistics

### Delegate Transfer

📍 Various

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02:30 PM - 03:00 PM

Breakout Groups

### Quick Fixes for your Tourism Business

📍 Tocumwal Brewing Co.



**Giovanna Lever**

Managing Director  
Sparrowly Group

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Breakout Groups

### Agritourism

📍 Main Hall



**Sam Brewer**

Director & Head Winemaker  
Yarran Wines



**Kate Shilling**

Managing Director  
Straightforward Tourism Solutions

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**Breakout Groups**

**Cross-Border Emergency Preparedness**

📍 Tocumwal Hotel



**Marc Sleeman**  
CEO  
Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism

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02:45 PM - 03:00 PM

**Logistics**  
**Return to Main Hall**

📍 Main Hall

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03:00 PM - 03:15 PM

**Refreshments**  
**Afternoon Tea**

📍 Main Hall

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03:20 PM - 04:00 PM

**Debate**  
**Agritourism: A sustainable diversification option or a risk to traditional agriculture?**

📍 Main Hall



**Kate Shilling**  
Managing Director  
Straightforward Tourism Solutions

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04:00 PM - 04:15 PM

**Plenary**  
**Closing Address**

📍 Main Hall

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04:30 PM - 06:00 PM

**Social**  
**Networking Event**

📍 Tocumwal Brewing Co.

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06:00 PM - 08:30 PM

**Add-On Tickets**  
**Forum Dinner at The Bend Restaurant**

📍 The Bend Restaurant, 2 Deniliquin Street, Tocumwal NSW 2714

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