





### Peel Agritourism Workshop

## Food Innovation Precinct WA 30 November 2022









### Welcome and Introductions

Michelle Sidebottom - PDC Board



#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The land upon the Peel Development Commission (PDC) operates, is on Mandjoogoordap Boodja, part of the Bindjareb Noongar Boodja and Wilman Noongar Boodja, which is part of the Noongar Nation. The Noongar Nation is part of the many different Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations in the Boodja we know as Australia. We acknowledge their 50 000 years of human existence on this boodja and acknowledge their continuing connection to the boodja (land), the gabi (waters), the worl (sky) and kaadadjan (knowledge).

We pay respect to their cultures and their Eldership – past, present and emerging.

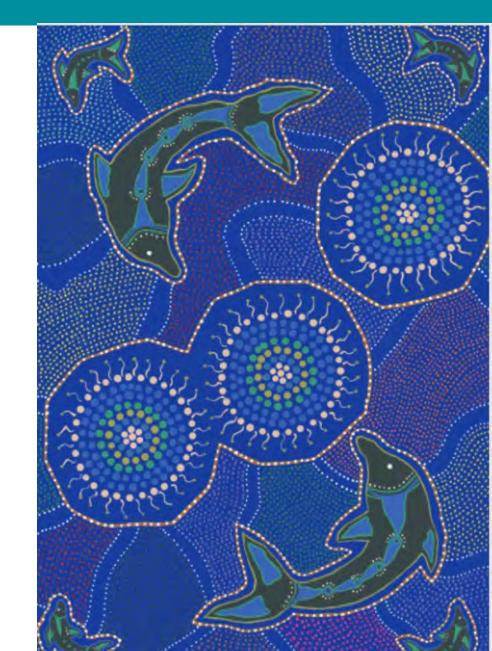


Image: Dolphins Dreaming provided by Yirra –Kurl aboriginal artist Deborah Newenham







### Introduction to Agritourism

John Stanley – John Stanley Associates



### Agri-Tourism Experience...Opportunities





# What Is Agri tourism?

"Agri tourism is "a commercial enterprise focused on tourists at a working farm or agricultural facility"

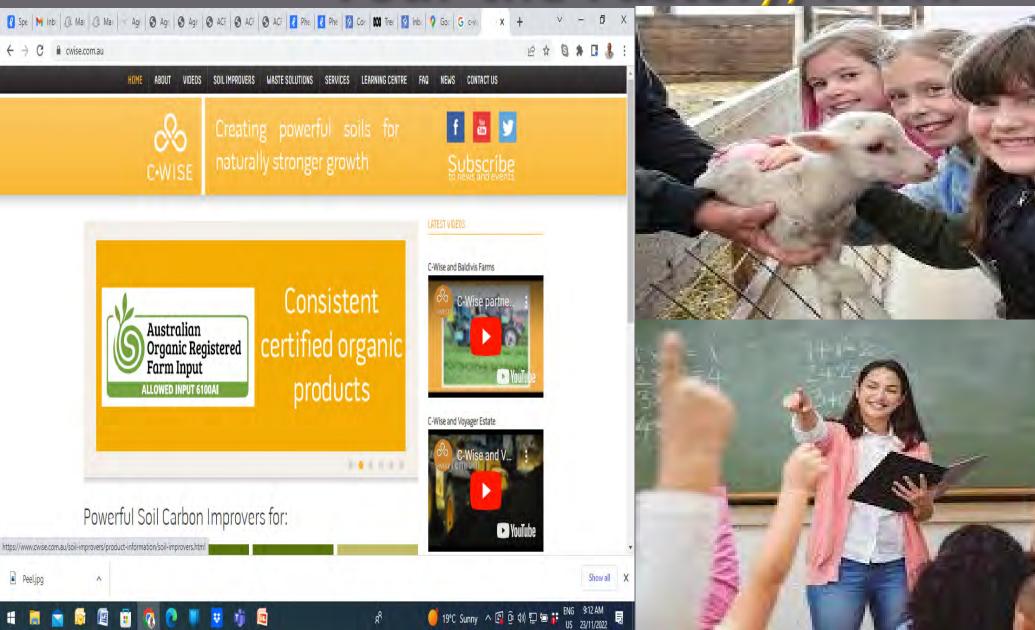




# Agri Tourism

- Pick Your Own
- **□** Farm Experience Tours/Events
- Foraging/Cooking Schools
- Farm Animal Petting
- Mazes, Sunflower etc
- Aboriginal Bush Experiences.

Tour the Factory/Farm







# Agri Tourism

- Retailing
- Restaurants
- -Coffee shops



### Accommodation on The Farm

- **□** Farm Stay
- Caravans
- Glamping
- □ Tiny Homes
- Sheds, train carriages etc



### Agritourism off Farm

- Events
- Farmers Markets
- Local food in Local retaurants

#### THE PEEL PRODUCE MARKET



EVERY SATURDAY 7AM-12PM LEPRECHAUN RESERVE, DAWESVILLE







## Wildflowers

- -Discovering them
- **Edibles**
- Education
- Conservation

# Dark Sky

- Meals under the stars
- Bush walks
- Spa's under the starts
- Studying the Night sky

## The Global Industry



- Pre COVID, globally ,it was the fastest growing tourism sector
- Targeted tourists that want to know where their food comes from
- □ These tourists were some of the highest spending travellers.
- During COVID we saw a 250% PLUS GROWTH IN THE SECTOR
- 16% growth a year for next decade
- of tourists believe local food adds value as to the vacation

Ref: NAFDMA

### What did COVID do?

Global trend to leave Urban behind and search out...

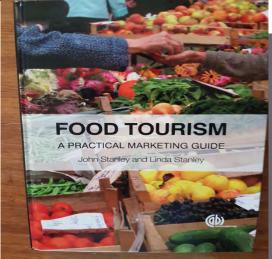
Rural Activities



#### WORLD FOODTRAVEL ASSOCIATION

# International Agritourism Association















# food love Stories



For more information about Tesco NI and local producers visit:

facebook.com/tastenorthernireland www.tasteni.com

# little farms











australian farmers' markets association





# The National Agri-Tourism Industry

- Pre COVID in Australia it was worth \$10.7 billion(2018)
   \$18.6 Billion by 2030
- □ It was estimated 1.8 mil tourists visited farms in 2015/16

6% day trippers,

42% domestic overnight

52% international

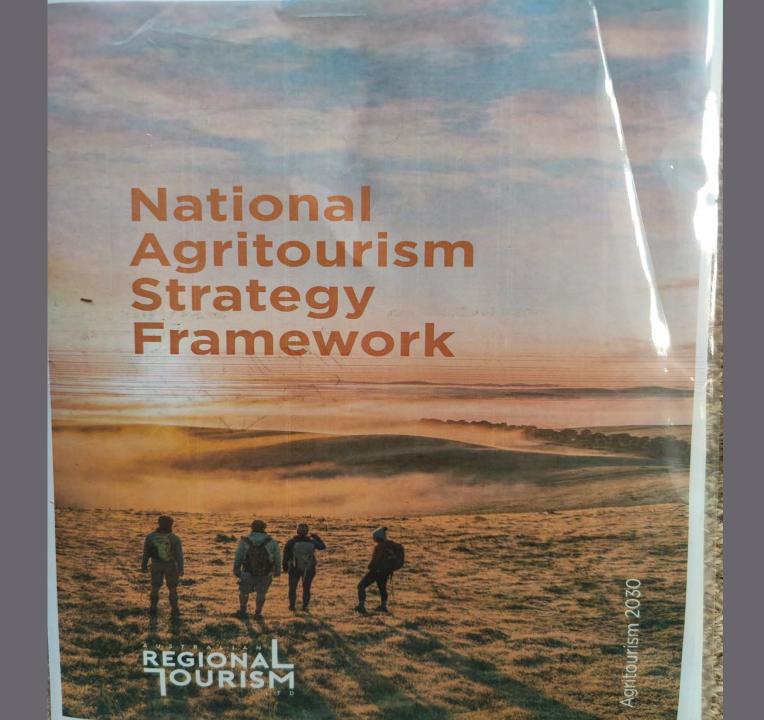
■ The sector was growing at 9% a year

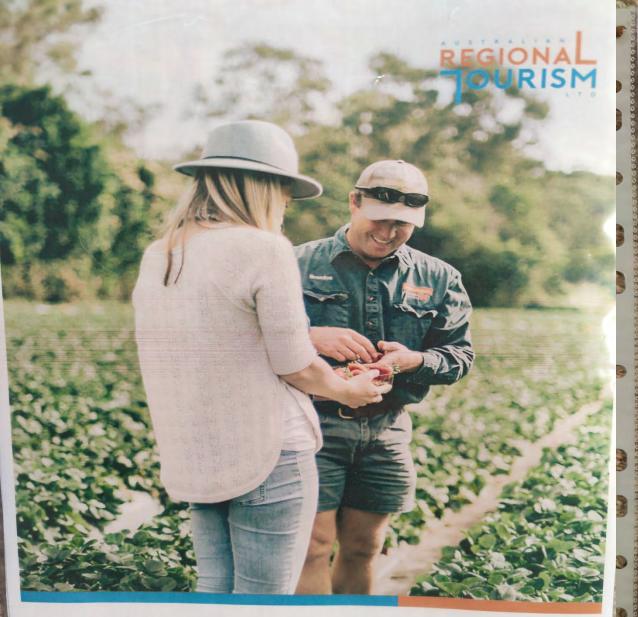
Ref: Australian Regional Tourism

AgricultureTourism

3<sup>rd</sup> Largest exporter 6<sup>th</sup> Largest exporter

Ref: Pilgrim Group Nov 2022





#### **Enabling Agritourism**

A Guide for Farmers Planning to Diversify



#### **Enabling Agritourism**

Paving the Way for Successful Development Applications









## Tourism in WA

\$2.47B

| Acco | mmodation | 30% |
|------|-----------|-----|
|      |           |     |

| Food | Services | 24% |
|------|----------|-----|
|      |          |     |

| Transport | 21%           |
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| Retail | 20% |
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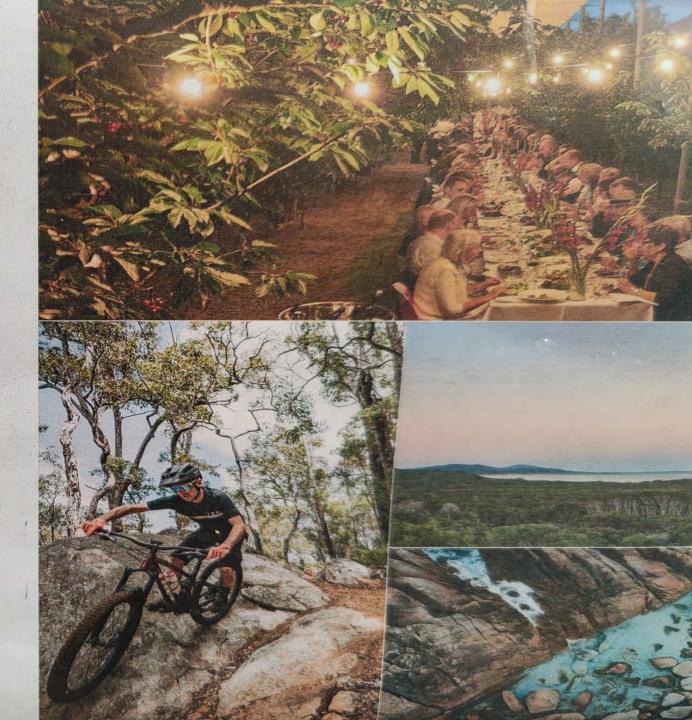




Australia's South West Tourism Destination Management Plan

### Framework for Stakeholder Consultation

August 2022













#### Agritourism Workshop

To build awareness, understanding and capacity for agritourism opportunities in the Peel.





30 November 2072

10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Food innovation Precinct WA Dollyup Street, Stake Hill





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#### The Tourism Industry

| <ul><li>Mandurah</li></ul> | \$170.7m | 852 Employment |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------|
|----------------------------|----------|----------------|

- Murray \$37.7 m
- Serpentine Jarrahdale \$21.6m
- Boddington \$5m 25
- Waroona \$14m 55

Total \$242 m 1,217

(\$198,000 per employee)

### Where does it go?

- Accommodation and Food
- Retail
- Transport
- Arts and recreation
- Agriculture ,Forestry and Fishing

Ref: Remplan

- \$95.5m
- \$43.6m
- \$20.6m
- \$18.4m
  - \$2.3m

# What is Agri tourism in the Peel Region?

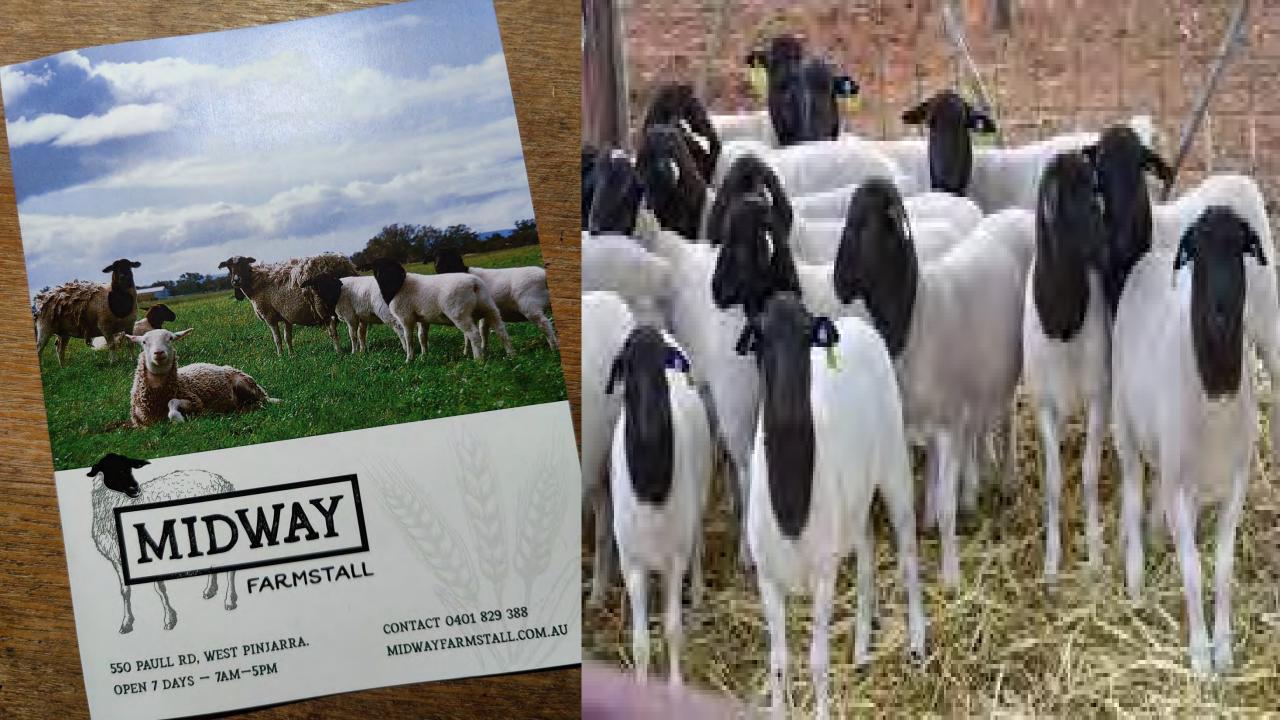
"Agri tourism involves any agricultural, food based or rural accommodation operation or activity that brings visitors to the region ".



## Agri tourism in the region

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What an Opportunity









#### **Farmers Market**

#### Food Trail



#### Discover Gascoyne Food



**EXMOUTH** 

the Gascovne. The tropical climate. fertile soil and underground water sources make for a lush horticultural region. A drive along Carnarvon's scenic North and South River Roads (affectionately known by locals as the 'Fruit Loop') reveals the heart of the horticultural industry lining the banks of the Gascoyne River. Despite the fact that the river flows irregularly and the town is surrounded by arid pastoral country (producing beef and meat sheep), this district plays an important role in providing fresh fruit and vegetables to the Perth market

Almost two hundred plantations covering an area of 1,500 hectares produce bananas, tomatoes, table grapes, capsicum, mango, melon, citrus, stone-fruit, asparagus, papaya... and the list continues - Carnarvon even has an egg-farm! The Carnarvon

Horticulture District is considered the best managed irrigation district in Australia. Crops are grown on a micro drip irrigation system using water from below ground aquifers yielding approximately twice the amount of produce per mega-litre of water than the Australian average. The district is well known as the home of the "Lunchbox Banana", and continues to build on its reputation as an innovative and 'clean and green'



Carnarvon is also home to a thriving seafood industry that incorporates fishing fleets and processing factories Commercial fishing and a growing aquaculture industry contribute significantly to the region's economic profile. A seafood lovers' paradise, Carnarvon delivers first-class prawns scallops and blue manna crab.



through to October, Carnarvon town centre comes alive with the Gascovne Growers Market (perhaps the most remote Farmers Market in the world!). The abundance of fresh produce gratifies visitors who travel through contrastingly arid areas to arrive here. The region celebrates its high quality food industry at the annual 'Taste of the Gascoyne' event, which attracts world class chefs keen to work with the wide array of gourmet produce.



We hope you enjoy exploring the gastronomic pleasures of our oasis at the edge of the world!











For more information visit www.gascoynefood.com.au

# Priorities

- Support sustainable and inclusive farm diversification
- Support community capacity building with a focus on regional employment
- Develop high quality, distinctly Australian agri tourism experiences

# Priorities

- Promote the sector responsibly, with an alignment to local food and drink
- Encourage genuine collaboration and enduring partnerships
- Provide sector leadership to support inclusive growth

### Why is Agri tourism Important?

- Connects farmers and consumers
- Supplement farm income
- Market produce in new channels
- Obtain a premium price (Price Maker not a Price Taker)
- Build the local economy

# Before you start..do your Research

- What is the catchment area?
- What is the size of the market?
   (this could be based on bed space)
- What will tourists be looking for?
- Can they get to the farm gate?

### e.g. Tourism Market Merredin

256 beds (plus caravans)

\$142 spend per day

\$13 mil potential tourist market

#### Firstly, I'm a Foodie Tourist....





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The further you get from the producer, the more it becomes... bullsh\*t.

Joel Elder Founder of Quinta Essentia Alchemy





# Experiences are based on your visitors Psychology

#### The basics

- Visitors are seeking happiness.
- They spend more on experience related services.
- Happiness is a state of wellbeing.

# Experience Strategy

 Everyone is different ..be clear what makes you happy and target visitors who share your vision

 Identify your touch points and evaluate the emotional value (Do an Empathy Map)

Consider the long term emotional impact of your experience







#### **Comfort Break**

Please come back in 10 minutes









# Case Study Chestnut Brae Farm

















#### We could not survive as a Price Taker

- Develop unique products that could only be sourced from Chestnut Brae.
- Developed Price Maker product range
- Promoted tours of the farm
- Work closely with celebrity chefs

# The Key to Success

Be famous for something







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GLUTEN FREE · ALL NATURAL · VEGAN · CHEMICAL FREE







# Lessons we have learned along the way

- Two night minimum stay
- You are not in the sheet cleaning industry
- Some guests want the Royal Treatment
- Be China friendly...chopsticks as well as knives and forks
- "Common sense" is "Rare sense"

## The Keys to Success

- A farm experience...they love to tour the farm
- Telling them the story
- Petting farm animals is a "Thrill"
- **■** The tranquillity of the farm
- It is unique to them

# Agri tourism Business Support

### Product Development

# On Farm

#### Before you start...consider

- Do you "love" visitors?
- Do you have the resources?
- How will you promote your destination?
- Do you have a budget?

#### How do you build Success?

- 1. Do your homework
- 2. Define your objectives
- 3. Develop themes and stories
- 4. Work with other farmers
- 5. Have a marketing strategy
- 6. Manage the project

#### Define your USP

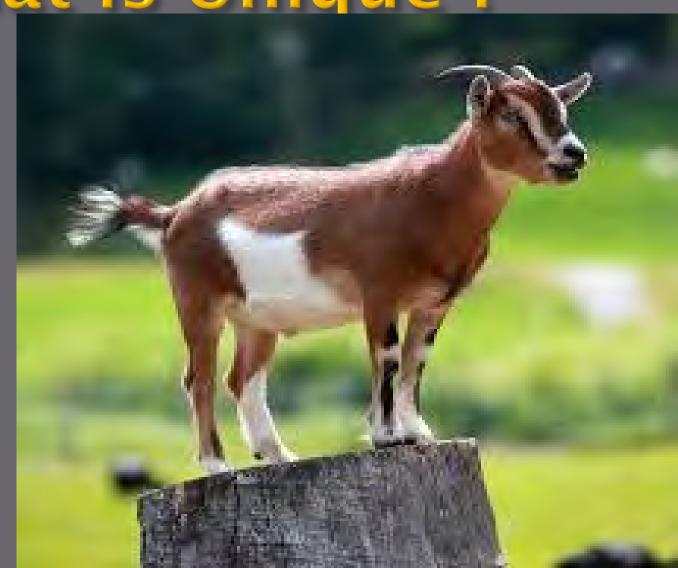
# A Key Secret to Success What Makes you Unique?





## What can we develop in our Business that is Unique?















### Product Development

# Off Farm

### Product Development

## Networking

# Demands of Tourism Industry

#### Who is Your Market?

Who is

NOT

your Market?

#### Four Reasons to Buy

1. Price 9%

2. Product 19%

3.Brand 19%

4. Experience 53%

Ref: John Kennedy

How much will Visitors pay for your Experience?

#### Define the Visitor Motivation

- Visitors are afraid of
- Visitors are short of
- Visitors are frustrated by

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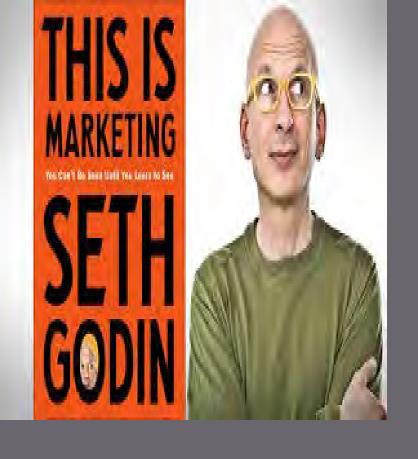
#### Demands of Tourists

Accommodation
Logical Trail
Consistency

### Marketing & Promotion

### What is YOUR Story?

- History of the farm/region?
- The Produce you grow on the farm and region?
- The People involved
- □ The Roller Coaster you have been on



# Get 1,000 true fans ..that is all you need

## Not Everyone wants to come to the Peel Region

1. Who are you true fans?
 Start small and the others will follow

## 2. What do you stand for and What do you NOT stand for

## 3. Design Creative Marketing that is LESS about you and MORE about them



#### Hit target customers between the eyes

 We successfully targeted XXXXX customers through XXXXX campaign using XXXXX tactics

#### Where are we now?

| Strengths we have     | Weaknesses we have |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Opportunities we have | Threats we have    |

#### Networking is the Key

- Zero Footprint Meals (New York)
- Working with local chefs
- Food hampers (Bridgetown)
- Food Trails
- Voucher sharing

#### Who are your Partners?

## Finance

## Grant Funding

### Sustainability

### What Support Exists

### Marketing Opportunity

- -We know our Doctor
- -We know our Kid's Teacher
- Do you know your Farmer?









## Lunch

Please come back in 30 minutes





Insurance | Risk Management | Consulting

# Demystifying Insurance



Duncan Kydd I 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022





#### Our business, locally

#### **Our Australian story ...**

Gallagher began trading in Australia in 1985 and now has more than 30 offices in all states and territories across the country, employing over 1,000 staff.

Our Australian operation is backed by the knowledge and expertise insurance professionals in more than 140 countries – and, of course, 90 years of stability and growth.

#### **Australia snapshot:**

**1,000+** People

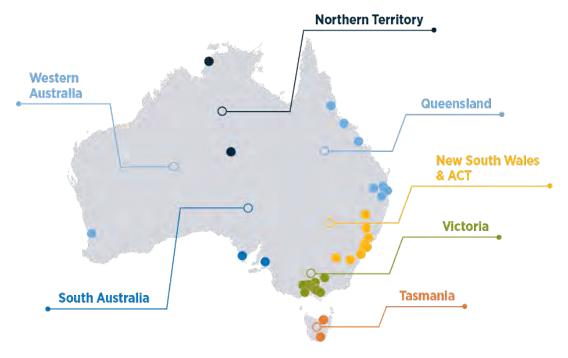
**115,000+** Clients

**25+** Acquisitions

**30+** Locations

**\$265m\*** in revenue

**\$1.9bn GWP** 



#### Presence in:

Adelaide | Alice Springs | Ballarat | Brisbane | Cairns | Canberra Caulfield | Darwin | Dubbo | Gold Coast | Hobart | Horsham Launceston | Liverpool | Mackay | Melbourne | Mulgrave | Newcastle North Sydney | Parramatta | Perth | Port Lincoln | Shepparton Sunshine Coast | Tamworth | Toowoomba | Torquay | Townsville Wagga Wagga | Wangaratta | Warragul | Wollongong

<sup>\*</sup> Brokerage and Risk Management revenue annualised for the previous 12 months ending 31 December 2021.



#### **Public Liability**

Public Liability insurance covers <u>legal liability to third parties for personal injury</u> or damage caused by an employee or by the business in the course of business activities. It also covers related legal fees, costs and expenses. There is no cover under the policy for injury or damage to the insured's own property or employees.

#### Personal Injury means:-

- (a) bodily injury, death, sickness, disease, disability, shock, fright, mental anguish and mental injury;
- (b) false arrest, wrongful detention or imprisonment, malicious prosecution;
- (c) wrongful entry or eviction;
- (d) assault and battery committed by or at the direction of the Insured while engaged in the Insured's Business and for the purpose of preventing Personal Injury and/or Property Damage or eliminating danger;
- (e) libel, slander, defamation of character or invasion of right of privacy;



Public Liability claims arise mainly under the law of torts, which is based on civil wrongs arising from negligence. Negligence occurs when there is lack of care resulting in an accident or loss

The general public has an ever-increasing awareness of their rights after sustaining an injury or loss caused by another party. This has led to an increase in litigation against individuals, corporations and small businesses.

The injured party usually sues the insured entity for financial restitution or compensation. In essence, to sustain an action in negligence the injured party must prove that the:

- The insured entity owes a duty of care;
- Is in breach of that duty;
- Injured party suffers a financially measurable loss or damage as a direct result of the breach, and
- It is a reasonably foreseeable consequence of the insured entity's action or inaction.

The duty of care is a very complex legal question which must be established on the facts of any given situation. However, in basic terms, the standard required is that which a reasonable person in the situation would do to keep the third party's property and person safe



#### **Professional Indemnity**

Breach of contract, for example not meeting the required level of service stated in the contract



#### Risk Management

#### **Insurer Information**

Insurers will apply considerable weight to risk management procedures in determining whether to accept a proposed risk. The list is not exhaustive but typically we need to provide or confirm:-

- Risk management assessment report and mitigation
- WH&S training and compliance
- Staff experience and training
- Emergency procedures
- General safety procedures
- First aid certification
- Incident / accident report form
- Summary of compulsory safety equipment (if applicable)
- Client medical declaration form (tours)
- Industry regulation / licence compliance
- Copies of Waivers (these should be reviewed by a licensed legal practitioner to include consideration of Australian Consumer Law and Section 5L of the Civil Liability Act (NSW), or similar state legislation.



# Questions?



Risk Management

Consulting

## Thank you!

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# What is Agritourism?



 Agritourism is a type of experiential travel which connects people to product or produce, delivered on farming land through a direct 'on farm' experience.



#### What makes it different?



- Usually originates as a 'value add'.
- Locations are predetermined.



#### What are the rules?

- Strategies
- Frameworks
- Schemes
- Regulations
- 145 potential guidance documents and rules



### What are the rules?



- 1. Is the **location suitable** for the concept?
- 2. How is my concept likely to impact on the **neighbours** and local community?

NOTE: Implementing and ongoing management is worth early consideration, particularly if there is a consequence to the planning.

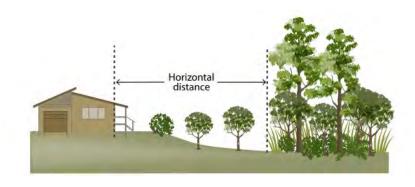
# Is the location suitable for the concept?



- Planning
  - Zoning
  - Scale
  - Cultural Heritage
- Access
  - Vehicles
  - Pedestrians
- Customer services
  - Parking
  - Toilets
  - Food safety

- Safety
  - Fire
  - Flood
  - Hazards
- Environment
  - Clearing
  - Waste disposal

#### Bushfire





- The Peel Region is challenging.
- Try and ensure that you have at least 100m from your concept to bush fire prone areas.
- Risk Assessment
  - A suitably qualified Bushfire Planning Practitioner should undertake the risk assessment.
  - Budget accordingly

# How is my concept likely to impact on the neighbours and local community?



- Noise and lighting
- Traffic
- Risks
- Biosecurity
  - Both to and from
- Visual amenity
  - Kerbside
  - Infrastructure
  - District
- General safety
- Economic

Early consultation



#### Where to start?

#### First contacts

 When you first have a concept – talk to your Planning Team at the local Shire.













#### Manage your expectations

• First time around, just about everything is new.

#### The Farmer to Agritourism Journey



# Thank you

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# **Comfort Break**

Please come back in 10 minutes









# **Break out Sessions**

With Shire of Murray, Shire of Waroona and Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Representatives









# Agritourism Panel and Q&A

Bernie Worthington – Drakesbrook Fine Wines Sarah James – Jacaranda Hill Farm Sarah Kristie – Armoin Nature Based park Jo Duffy – Fat Pig farm







# Closing remarks

John Stanley – John Stanley Associates



# Closing Remarks

# What does Success look like?

- 1. Business led/Shire Supported
- 2.A common understanding of the regulations
- 3. Success based approach.
- 4. Businesses can see growth and profit.
- 5. Provision of a Tool Kit to help farmers.

# We have done the work Now is the Time for Action

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Break Out sessions - Brett Flugge, Marcel Bridge, Craig Zanotti

Panel members - Bernie Worthington, Sarah James, Sarah Kristy, Jo Duffy









# **Networking and Afternoon Tea**

