

Anika Molesworth

Farmer, Scientist, Storyteller, Future Shaper

Dr Anika Molesworth is smashing the status-quo and inspiring change for a better future.

As a young, female farmer tackling the world's biggest challenges, Anika is inspiring thousands through engaging and empowering conversations. Her infectious optimism is shifting mindsets and behaviours, leaving audiences motivated and empowered to act.

It was the decade-long Millennium drought on Anika's family's farm that spurred her interest in climate change, and led her to ask, "How are we going to feed a rapidly growing global population well, in a climate challenged world?" With a passion for rural communities and healthy ecosystems, she is committed to help create sustainable and vibrant farming landscapes now and for the future.

Anika is a thought-leader of agro-ecological systems resilience, and has a PhD in international agricultural development.

Anika's dedication to raising awareness of climate change, and most importantly, what action can be taken to reduce emissions and adapt to changing conditions, has gained her widespread notability. Anika's career has taken her around the world to every continent (including Antarctica!), meeting with farmers, global leaders and royalty. She is a sought-after keynote speaker and educator, who brings heartfelt warmth, authenticity and optimism to complex global challenges.

She is the author of the book, *Our Sunburnt Country*, which won the Royal Societies of Australia and New Zealand Writer's Award for Outstanding Writing on Social Change.

Anika is passionate about inclusivity and community empowerment. Anika founded Climate Wise Agriculture in 2014 as a knowledge sharing platform for climate change in global food systems. She also helped established Farmers for Climate Action, a national network of nearly 8,000 Australian farmers championing climate change solutions.

Anika wholeheartedly believes that we can create an exciting, sustainable and regenerative future, by courageously facing our big challenges and collaboratively working together.

After being named the 2015 Young Farmer of the Year, Anika went on to be awarded the 2017 Young Australian of the Year NSW Finalist, and 2017 NSW Young Achiever Award for Environment and Sustainability. In 2018 she was awarded the Green Globe Awards Young Sustainability



Champion, the NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Award for Agricultural Innovation, and the 350.org Heroes of a Low-Carbon Economy Youth Champion. In 2019 she was recognised as a Future Shaper by InStyle and Audi, and a Women of Influence by the Australian Financial Review. In 2020, she was awarded the Emily Hensley Award for self-discipline, integrity, compassion and contribution to the wider community. In 2022, she was recognised in the Top 100 Green Power Players, and was named Young Conservationist of the Year by Australian Geographic.

Anika speaks about

- Sustainability
- Food systems
- Farming / agriculture
- Environment
- Climate change solutions
- Community engagement
- Movement building
- Courage
- Resilience
- Future creation
- Sustainable living

Testimonials

“ Anika is an incredible up-and-coming Australian leader. She bridges the gap, as no one else quite can, between women, farming, science and activism. She is able to speak in an insightful way about the challenges faced both at the personal and global levels, using storytelling, evidence and personal perspectives in a compelling way. She has a magnetic presence as a speaker and presenter and is able to simplify complex topics and inspire her audiences with clear takeaways. Anika is the face of our future.

- Homeward Bound

“ Having called on Anika to moderate or speak at a range of both our physical and online NextGen events around food and nutrition security, I did so with great confidence for our recent National Science Week event. Anika presents with knowledge, passion and purpose and is an accomplished communicator who is able to judge her audience to pitch her address accordingly. She is also very organised and quick to respond to requests for info, so is a delight to work with.

- Crawford Fund

“ Her presentation title aptly named 'Fighting for Love' was inspirational, passionate, educational and powerful!! Anika was a pleasure and a true professional to work with from

the time of initially contacting her.

- *Global Smart Energy Summit*

“ Anika was an absolute pleasure to have involved in the National Climate Emergency Summit. She was reliable and responsive in the leadup to the event. As a presenter, Anika was engaging and informative, easily linking her personal perspective and experience to the impacts of climate change on rural communities in Australia and more broadly. Her contribution to the panel discussion was insightful, uplifting, and important, and we had lots of positive feedback on the session with Anika being the stand out for many people in the audience.

- *National Climate Emergency Summit*

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