

# Meet the team









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## Dr Gordon Rogers AHR

Gordon has overseen the delivery of the Soil Wealth ICP project for AHR, alongside RMCG, since 2014. He has 30 years' experience in research, development and extension in Australia and internationally, with an interest in translating technical research into practical information for growers. Gordon's areas of expertise include soil management and nutrition, sustainable production systems and protected cropping.

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# Dr Anne-Maree Boland RMCG

Since 2014, Anne-Maree (pictured left) has overseen the delivery of the project alongside AHR. She has a wealth of experience in water and natural resource management in agricultural industries. Anne-Maree's areas of expertise include water use efficiency and sustainable management practices, including managing waste on farms.

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### Stephanie Tabone AHR

Stephanie has extensive experience in post-harvest vegetable production managing produce quality, production efficiencies and food safety. She has also managed stewardship and a sales territory for a crop protection and seed supplier. Stephanie is passionate about helping the agriculture industry find and implement solutions to the challenges faced through crop production and the supply chain.

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# Jedidiah Clark RMCG

Jedidiah manages the day-to-day operation of the Soil Wealth ICP project for RMCG. He has a broad range of experience across agriculture and community engagement including research, development and extension, with people-focused skills to excel in any planning and goal-driven environment. Email: jedidiahc@rmcg.com.au

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### Dr Kelvin Montagu AHR

If you've got a question about cover crops or tillage, look no further than Kelvin. An inaugural member of the team, Kelvin studied and worked in New Zealand's horticulture industry before moving across the ditch. Kelvin works closely with growers to trial cover crops and biofumigants and examine their impacts on soil health; he also has extensive knowledge of soil biology and how growers can improve their irrigation and water management. **Email: kelvin.montagu@gmail.com** 

### Carl Larsen RMCG

If there's new technology on a farm, you can be sure that Carl knows about it – and how it can work for growers. A team member since 2014, Carl is a socio-environmental scientist with over 10 years of experience in agricultural extension. He understands grower issues and makes sure our project resources and communications are clear and informative. Carl also coordinates our demonstration sites and delivers training events. **Email: carll@rmcg.com.au** 

## Umberto Calvo AHR

After graduating from Italy's Università di Torino in 2018, Umberto moved to Australia to explore ag sciences in a completely different environment. With experience in precision viticulture in Spanish wine regions, he is interested in precision and data-driven agriculture, remote sensing and horticulture crops. Umberto develops resources and coordinates demonstration sites for the vegetable and melon components of the Soil Wealth ICP project. **Email: umberto.calvo@ahr.com.au** 

## Dr Doris Blaesing RMCG

Many of you will be familiar with Doris (pictured right at an APAL Future Orchards Walk), our resident soil expert and Tasmanian-based representative of the team. Doris has extensive experience working in the horticulture industry, and has a good understanding of production systems and supply chains. She specialises in soil health, sustainable land management and resource use efficiency.

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## Dimi Kyriakou RMCG

Dimi has 13 years of experience in writing and editing for traditional and online publications, particularly for growers. Given her experience in producing industry publications at AUSVEG and delivering R&D extension services to Victoria's vegetable industry, Dimi (pictured left) ensures the project's communications outputs and resources are clear, practical, informative and easily understood by the industry.

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## Paulette Baumgartl AHR

Paulette is a science communicator with over 25 years of experience in the research, education and commercial sectors in Australia and Germany. She is passionate about distilling technical work into clear messages and engaging narratives that are meaningful to growers and industry. Paulette believes that science communication provides an avenue for business and science to collaborate and works with growers, researchers and their supporting agencies to facilitate this communication. **Email: paulette.baumgartl@ahr.com.au** 

# Clinton Muller RMCG

Originally from Bundaberg, Queensland, Clinton joined the Soil Wealth ICP team to provide monitoring and evaluation (M&E) support and ensure the project continues to deliver value to growers and the industry. Clinton has extensive experience working with vegetable growers and the wider agriculture industry, with a focus on building sustainable production systems. **Email: clintonm@rmcg.com.au** 

# Ryan Hall

# AHR

Ryan provides monitoring and evaluation support for the project for AHR. Ryan joined the team in 2021 as a graduate of the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with Honours. He specialises in horticulture and has a keen interest in development agriculture and protected cropping. Ryan has been involved in projects on capsicum disease, including internal rot of capsicum, and is working on pathology and post-harvest projects. **Email: ryan.hall@ahr.com.au** 











## Camilla Humphries RMCG

Camilla is an agricultural scientist with a broad skillset across horticulture, including vegetables and perennial tree crops. She has a history of applied research in plant nutrition, physiology and integrated pest and disease management (IPDM) and has worked on the stewardship of agricultural protection products for grower adoption. Camilla provides her technical expertise to the Soil Wealth ICP project to communicate research to growers. **Email: camillah@rmcg.com.au** 

# Sophia Thach AHR

Sophia is a graduate from Western Sydney University and has experience in sustainable agriculture and food security, as well as marketing and communications for not-for-profits and hospitality organisations. At AHR, Sophia is working on research, extension and communications projects including Soil Wealth ICP and PotatoLink.

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### Morag Anderson RMCG

Morag has a science background with a broad understanding of environmental disciplines. She works with the Soil Wealth ICP team to develop resources including fact sheets, case studies and global scans, and coordinates training events such as the popular masterclasses (as pictured).

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### Kim Saville AHR

Kim (pictured right on a farm in Benin, Africa) is a communications specialist who helps to effectively communicate the results of research to the vegetable industry both nationally and internationally. She has extensive experience in business communications and brings excellent writing, editing and interpersonal skills to her role.

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