

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE4744

## Palu, Lisa

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**Occupation** Farmer, Journalist

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### Summary

The ABC Radio Rural Woman of the Year Award was the brain child of Lisa Palu. An Agricultural Science graduate and journalist for ABC Radio in Queensland, Lisa identified a lack of confidence amongst women on the land and decided that their achievements and contributions should be recognised and encouraged. With support from people in ABC Rural, she developed a program in the state of Queensland that went national.

Lisa has spent two and a half decades working in the agricultural industry, as a journalist and policy advisor to State and Federal Government ministers and farm organisations. In 2011 and she is the Manager, Public Affairs and Communication for CSIRO Livestock Industries. She remains involved in her own family's farm near Bundaberg, growing sugar cane and custard apples.

She is Vice president of the current board of the Rural Press Club.

### Events

**1990 - 2010**

**1994 - 1997**

### Published resources

#### Book

Women of The Land: Stories of Australia's Rural Women as told to Ros Bowden, Bowden, Ros, 1995

#### Resource Section

Committee Members, Rural Press Club, 2011,  
[http://www.ruralpressclub.com.au/item.cfm?page\\_id=10](http://www.ruralpressclub.com.au/item.cfm?page_id=10)

#### Site Exhibition

Brilliant Ideas and Huge Visions: ABC Radio Australian Rural Women of the Year - 1994-1997, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2011,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/rwya/rwya-home.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection

[Lisa Palu interviewed by Ros Bowden in the Women of the land oral history project \[sound recording\]](#)

[Women of the land oral history project](#)

#### National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Papers relating to "Women of the land: stories of Australian rural women", 1995 \[manuscript\]](#)

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