

# BIOS

## FOUNDATION WEEK

### DUNLOP FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

# 2022



Yola Bakker

*Founder*

LANAH

Yola Bakker is the multidisciplinary practitioner who Founded LANAH a social enterprise based in Australia and Indonesia. LANAH drives people solutions to place problems from the ground up. Connecting communities across cultures through creative practice is Yola's passion. A proud Makassan Moluccan woman, Yola takes inspiration for her work from the shared storyline of the saltwater people – the Yolngu people of Northern Australia and the Makassan people of Eastern Indonesia, who nurtured long term mutual benefits for several hundred years pre-colonisation.

Yola combines creative approaches through language (poetry), imagery (photography) and movement (dance) into her methodology of working with place and people to drive meaningful change and connectedness throughout the regions she moves. Her vision for culture-to-culture learning is at her core, and benefits communities that otherwise don't have the opportunity for authentic exposure to cultural immersion. Her Giveback Getaway programs enable stronger connections that inherently support self-driven learning, altruism and sustainable change (socially and environmentally).

Yola was trained as a professional artist at the Jakarta Institute of Arts and was the first ever recipient of the Alumni Scholarship on the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation's program. She is also Governance, Strategic Communications and Membership Manager for the Ngadju Native Title Aboriginal Corporation.

Straddling these contrasting world's, she sees opportunities to engage more broadly with Asia across sectors.



Emilie Maclsaac

Dunlop Fellow

*Project Lead*

Regional Australia  
Institute

Emilie Maclsaac has spent the last nine years contributing professionally to international and community development initiatives around the globe. Working closely with local teams, she has led research and focus group discussions on the Bolivian high plateau, designed and led gender awareness programs in rural Mongolian towns, developed program strategies and policy papers on women's access to employment in regional areas of Jordan, and liaised with partners and government stakeholders as Program Officer for Jordan & Iraq.

After cycling across Canada to raise funds for ALS Quebec, Emilie moved to Canberra where she joined the Regional Australia Institute (RAI). With the mission of strengthening regional, rural and remote areas across Australia, Emilie leads the Horizons Leadership Program led in partnership with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which aims to improve the capability of regional leaders to facilitate local engagement with international markets.

Emilie has a master's degree in Management of International Development & Humanitarian Initiatives from Laval University (Quebec City) and an honours BA with distinction in International Development Studies from McGill University (Montreal).

She is fluent in English, French and Spanish, and loves studying languages, particularly Mandarin, Mongolian and Levantine Arabic. Having made Australia her new home, she looks forward to learning about Asia from a uniquely Australian perspective, and connecting with others passionate about including Asia into their future projects.