



Textile Beat

slow clothing

natural fibres

with conscience

Jane Milburn

Jane Milburn is an agricultural scientist, founder of purpose-driven business Textile Beat and author of *Slow Clothing: finding meaning in what we wear*. As a trained permaculture teacher and lifelong slow fashion practitioner, Jane is invested in the sustainable production, use and reuse of natural fibres. Fast fashion and the global garment industry is a significant environmental polluter and contributor to escalating mountains of non-recycled waste worldwide. It manufactures 100 billion garments and accessories worth \$3 trillion a year, yet more than 60 percent of what is manufactured and purchased is thrown out within one year.

After an extensive career as a rural journalist and strategic communicator, Jane did leadership study and created Textile Beat in 2013 as an innovative platform committed to slow clothing and regenerative living. In 2014, Jane ran the 365-day Sew It Again upcycling project to speak out about slow fashion choices and actions then in 2016 led The Slow Clothing Project showcasing makers using sustainable practices. She trained with Al Gore's Climate Reality Leadership Project and has been awarded a Churchill Fellowship.

Jane's book, *Slow Clothing*, is informed by independent research dedicated to educating and informing wearers about slow fashion practices to curb excessive consumption, conserve precious resources and contribute to sustainable living. Jane's work is a call to action. She is inspiring social change by demonstrating we are all accountable and can make a difference by restoring our fundamental connection with nature, reducing waste and living simply through regenerative practices for the betterment of planetary health.

What Jane offers

Jane Milburn has presented more than 600 talks, workshops and interviews during the past decade after being sought out by businesses, schools, councils and community groups. She is a talented and intelligent communicator unafraid to challenge the need for social and behaviour changes for more sustainable ways of living in a climate-changed world. Her interactive sessions offer practical advice and hands-on collaboration on a range of topics.

She combines skills as an issues-based communications consultant, sustainability and natural-fibre champion advocating and influencing change. Based in Brisbane, Jane has travelled extensively throughout Australia (in-person and online) and overseas, to speak and facilitate workshops. Jane's Churchill Fellowship will take her to the United States and Europe in 2022. In addition to her pro-bono work, Jane is available as a keynote speaker or workshop facilitator at fees by negotiation.

What people say

'A joy to be involved in your wonderful work' **Costa Georgiadis, ABC Gardening Australia**

'This beautiful quote from Jane Milburn represents one of the reasons we created the @makesmthg campaign'

Make Something campaign, Germany

'This is so awesome! You are an amazing influencer and educator' **Fashion Revolution Day Aus NZ**

'Jane Milburn's book Slow Clothing is a great read about ditching fast fashion to help cure influenza' **Richard Denniss, author and chief economist with The Australia Institute**

'Been looking forward to meeting slow fashion practitioner Jane Milburn for some time, glad it has finally happened'

Dr Sass Brown, fashion academic

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