

# Lunchbox seminar series

Nathan

## Here's What Smart Cities do to Stay Ahead

### Abstract:

Colin's presentation Here's What Smart Cities do to Stay Ahead, is based on Colin's recent article in The Conversation. He will outline what cities are doing to stay ahead in light of recent political changes in the US and in the face of macroscopic global change. The talk will focus on innovations in technology, business and three tiers of Australian government to highlight current actions and innovations that are shaping our futures. Colin argues that long-term visioning is a necessary feature of our next 10–20 years of leading cities, as futures are no longer stable. However, legislation is needed to have government agencies continually create and update long-term future visions and strategies to 2040 and beyond.

### Biography:

Dr Colin Russo is managing Director of Engaging Futures, which specialises in facilitation, presentations and engagement strategies to help create community and stakeholder visions. Community engagement and futures visioning initiatives have occupied his working life in Queensland local and State government, for more than twenty years. Now with a PhD titled "Engaging Futures: how futures methods transform governance" from the University of the Sunshine Coast, Dr Russo has been engaging communities with the purpose of 'shaping tomorrow today'.



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**Willett Centre,**  
**Seminar Room**  
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**12.00–12:50pm**