



**INAUGURAL
CLIMATE READY AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL SUMMIT**

Accelerating and Amplifying Climate Action

Acknowledgment of Country

The Griffith University Climate Ready Australia National Summit takes place on the unceded lands of the Turrbal and Jagerra people.

We acknowledge with respect and gratitude First Nations Elders, past and present and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present and online.

We celebrate the expertise and wisdom of First Nations people and their relations with the land, rivers, forests, mountains and sea, all the animals and plants – and each other, that is continuous over 65000 years to this very day.

We reflect on how we have arrived here at a climate crisis and importantly, the impacts on First Nations people in Australia and internationally.

We look to our First Nations people and communities, here in Meanjin and across this vast continent for guidance to find ways of living that will sustain and heal people and planet.

Always Was, Always Will Be.



It is time to come together for a Climate Ready Australia.

We recognise that this is the critical decade for global climate action. Australia must accelerate its transition towards a low carbon and climate resilient future.

Together, we will identify opportunities to accelerate and amplify climate action towards a climate ready Australia. Together, we can collaborate and lever our collective capacities to achieve novel solutions at scale.

Griffith University extends a heartfelt welcome to all participants, delegates, and distinguished speakers attending the 2-day Climate Ready Australia National Summit 2023.

Our summit is focussed on sharing knowledge and building capacity for climate action, across all levels of government, business and NGOs—with an agenda driven by the industry peak bodies collaborating together for a Climate Ready Australia 2030.

Day 1 will include the “must-have conversations” affecting organisations that are serious about advancing climate action and enabling a just transition. It will open with strategic thought leadership and discourse to accelerate climate action, with a range of curated and challenging keynotes, discussions and panels. Be inspired by the exhibition space, connect with new partners over lunch and join our official reception and networking event later in the day.

Day 2 will focus on capability building and includes bespoke two-hour learning labs, co-designed and delivered by Griffith University and industry experts. Following on from the first day’s discussions, day two is themed around getting to the “how” of climate action—developing knowledge, leadership, capability and responses to empower effective and just climate action across Australian society. This event has been organised by Griffith University’s Climate Action Beacon, and the Climate Ready Initiative’s flagship project, Climate Ready Australia 2030, which is supported by the Griffith Business School.



Professor Caitlin Byrne
Pro Vice Chancellor (Business)
Griffith University



Professor Brendan Mackey
Director, Climate Action Beacon
Griffith University





The Advisory Board for the Climate Ready Initiative welcomes you to this significant event.

Climate change is a complex global problem and everyone shares the responsibility for the response and for preparing for what's to come. Through CRI's flagship project, Climate Ready Australia 2030, peak bodies have come together to produce a shared agenda for climate readiness. That shared agenda traverses areas for action: the need for enabling policy, capacity building, accelerating decarbonisation and adaptive resilience. Our partners are working together to support projects that give effect to this agenda. And these action areas form the basis of the wide

and deep discussions that will be underway throughout this national summit. We're grateful to the event's sponsors, our many expert and engaging speakers, the leadership and staff of both the Climate Action Beacon and the Climate Ready Initiative who have put this summit together, and to everyone who is taking the time to participate. Ultimately, we all want to accelerate climate action, and these two days of thought leadership and capacity building will serve as an invitation for further collaboration and contribute to shaping and accelerating the action needed in this critical decade.

Professor Rosemary Addis AM, Professor Brendan Mackey, Professor John Hewson AM, Leona Murphy, Tony McAvoy SC, Terri Butler, Sam Mackay, Sophia Hamblin Wang, and Brian Doolan.



Professor Rosemary Addis AM
Chair, Climate Ready Initiative Advisory Board

The Alliance of Peaks & Climate Ready Australia 2030

The **Alliance of Peaks** is a partnership of peak organisations in Australia convened around the **Climate Ready Initiative's (CRI) flagship project – Climate Ready Australia 2030.**

Join the Movement

Be a part of the pioneering CRA2030 Alliance of Peaks. Contribute to a climate-ready Australia by 2030.

Learn more and get involved

 [visit the website](#)

 [contact us via email](#)

Working together to shape a sustainable development pathway, CRI and the Alliance have identified shared challenges and opportunities in the Australian context to develop the Climate Ready Australia 2030 **Shared Agenda**. This strategic framework guides the CRA2030 project and the work of the Alliance in advancing transformative cross-sectoral climate action in Australia towards a climate-ready 2030. We aim to develop different collaborations through the Alliance to advance the Shared Agenda. Our strength lies in our diversity, and together, we're accelerating climate action.



Sponsors



RACQ is proud to be the major sponsor of the inaugural Climate Ready Australia National Summit and recognises the importance of coming together at this event to empower and advance climate action. The summit provides an opportunity to exchange knowledge, insights and experiences with the goal of forming a shared vision for creating transformative change. RACQ firmly believes in a future where Queenslanders, Australians and the global community can thrive, live and work in a sustainable world that's resilient to climate change and adapts to increasing climate risk. Our Club has increased its climate commitments, and we are holding ourselves accountable to targets that improve how we operate, contribute to Queensland's economy and support our members in the transition to decarbonise transport and energy. At this event, we can share and test ideas, embrace fresh perspectives, solve together, and commit to enduring partnerships that drive climate action. It's a big challenge ahead of us, but it's a journey we must undertake together.



A force for good

On the road and in communities, we see resourceful, resilient people who care for today, and for the future.

As Queenslanders, when we all come together, we're a force for good.

That's how RACQ membership makes all the difference.

See how at racq.com.au/membership



The Queensland Climate Action Plan is making a difference.



Learn more here



The Queensland Government recognises climate change is a complex, global issue and is actively preparing the environment, communities, businesses and industries for its impacts.

We are committed to addressing the urgent challenges posed by climate change and believe that collective action is key to creating a sustainable and resilient future.

The initiatives and projects in our [Queensland Climate Action Plan](#) are helping reach our goal of zero net emissions by 2050, and we are proud to continue working alongside industry partners and stakeholders to help our state transition to a decarbonised economy.

By supporting and participating in important events like this Summit, we recognise we must continue to work together to take strong climate action.

The Queensland Government is proud to support the 2023 Climate Ready Australia National Summit and congratulates Griffith University for hosting such an important event.



About the Climate Ready Australia National Summit

The Climate Ready Australia National Summit brings together a unique group of climate action leaders, experts, decision makers, and actors from across Australian society to interweave multiple sectoral and societal threads, share knowledge and thought leadership, and build capability and networks in the transition towards a low carbon and climate resilient future.

The event presents an opportunity to energise, engage, and learn from each other; to ask hard questions and gain clarity around complicated issues, building confidence in taking the next impactful steps.

The summit addresses critical topics at the heart of climate action for organisations in Australia. The 2-day program is informed by industry engagement through the [Climate Ready Australia 2030](#) project with the [Alliance of Peaks](#). It is designed to meet the needs of industry, policy makers and civil society as identified through their industry bodies in the Climate Ready Australia 2030 [Shared Agenda](#).

Day 1 will deliver high-level business and policy discussions, thought-provoking keynotes, and strategic conversations on transitioning Australia to a zero-carbon and climate resilient future that realises climate justice. It features perspectives from

senior business and industry leaders, climate experts and practitioners, advocates, government Ministers and officials. Our Day 1 exhibition showcases and shares on-the-ground climate programs, initiatives, activities, and research outcomes from Griffith, our partners, and sponsors. The exhibition is designed in and around a daytime networking space and an evening networking reception to foster connection, discussion, and network building. On the side lines of this engaging day, pathways towards resolution of specific national climate issues will be discussed in a series of closed-door roundtable discussions held in conjunction with our sponsors and partners.

Day 2 will focus on hands-on capability building, offering bespoke learning labs that further develop skills and knowledge bases to accelerate and amplify effective and just climate action across Australian society. These sessions are co-designed and facilitated by experts from Griffith University and industry leaders, getting to the "how" behind climate action, targeting emerging and difficult issues, and providing currency in the fast-changing climate action landscape. Together, our summit promises to support attendees from diverse backgrounds with knowledge and tools to drive positive change toward a Climate Ready Australia 2030.

Day 1

Plenary Sessions

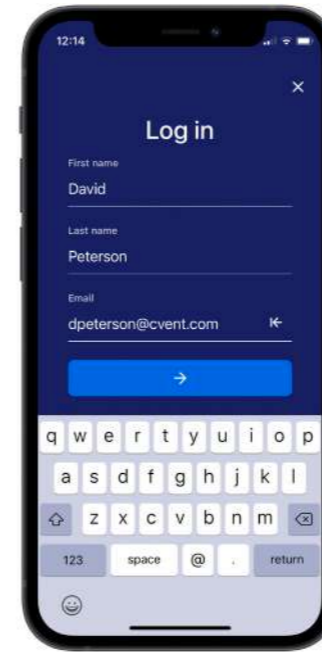
Day 2

Learning Labs

Prepare yourself for a thrilling day 2 with three distinct learning paths to choose from. To guarantee your spot, pre-registration is required, as capacity is limited.

Start	Finish	Session	Room
8:00am	8:45am	Arrivals and registration	
8:45am	9:20am	Welcome and opening remarks Songwoman Maroochy, Dr Caroline Riot, The Hon Andrew Fraser, David Carter, Professor Brendan Mackey	
9:20am	9:50am	Ministerial Address and Keynote Hon Chris Bowen MP; Professor Rosemary Addis AM, The Hon Dianne Farmer	Boulevard Auditorium
9:55am	10:15am	Morning tea	Boulevard Auditorium Foyer
10:20am	11:20am	Raising the bar of ambition, action, and accountability Adjunct Professor Rod Welford, Professor Mark Howden, Andrew Petersen, Kate Donnelly, Andrew Wilson, Gobind Kalsi	Boulevard Auditorium
11:25am	12:15pm	Enabling a just transition: distributing the burdens of climate change Professor Susan Harris Rimmer, Linda Ryle, Angus Brawley, MJ Bellotti, Dave Copeman	Boulevard Auditorium
12:20 PM	1:20pm	Lunch	Boulevard Auditorium Foyer
1:25pm	1:55pm	Integrity matters: net zero and nature-positive accounting and markets Terri Butler, Professor Andrew Macintosh, Suzanne Thompson, Christian Nielsen	Boulevard Auditorium
2:00pm	2:40pm	Climate greenwashing liability risks and the scope 3 challenge Georgine Roodenrys, Virginia Young, Amir Ghandar FCA, Professor Christoph Nedopil Wang	Boulevard Auditorium
2:45pm	3:05pm	Afternoon tea	Boulevard Auditorium Foyer
3:10pm	3:50pm	Creating and transforming critical infrastructure Joshua Cooney, Patrick Hastings, Professor Iain MacKenzie	Boulevard Auditorium
3:55pm	4:45pm	A skilled society: equipping a workforce for just transition Professor Stephen Billet, Andeli Zuzic, Michael Wright, Professor John Hewson AM, Dr Kimberly Camrass	Boulevard Auditorium
4:40pm	5:00pm	Closing remarks Professor Caitlin Byrne, and Queensland Government	
5:00pm	7:00pm	Networking reception	

Start	Finish	Lab	Room
8:00am	8:40am	Registration	
8:40am	9:00am	Welcome and opening Professor Brendan Mackey, Professor Rosemary Addis AM	
9:00am	11:00am	Advancing climate and disaster risk management in practice Facilitators: David Rissik, Professor Cheryl Desha, Professor Iain MacKenzie, Jeremy Mansfield OAM	B1
9:00am	11:00am	Climate finance, climate-related risks, disclosure and governance Facilitators: Professor Ivan Diaz-Rainey, Brett Spicer	B2
9:00am	11:00am	Place-based and nature-based solutions and decision making Facilitator: Professor Brendan Mackey, Laura Harkins-Small, Emily Low, Christian Neilsen	B3
11:00am	11:20am	Morning tea	
11:20am	2:20pm	ESG - catalyst for change or just a buzzword? (Includes lunch) Facilitators: Professor Nick Barter, Dr Akihiro Omura, Andrew Petersen, Cameron Balch	B1
11:20am	2:20pm	Climate finance, climate related risks, disclosure and governance (Includes lunch) Facilitators: Professor Ivan Diaz-Rainey, Brett Spicer	B2
11:20am	2:20pm	Interpreting and using climate data and climate scenarios for decision making (Includes lunch) Facilitators: John Clarke, David Putland	B3
2:20pm	2:40pm	Afternoon tea	
2:40pm	4:40pm	Insights into director responsibilities and climate governance at board level Facilitators: Professor Rosemary Addis AM, Professor Susan Harris Rimmer and Dr Jacqui Robertson	B1
2:40pm	4:40pm	Tracking and reporting of emissions in practice Facilitators: Professor Andrew Macintosh, Paul Dobson	B2
2:40pm	4:40pm	Creative solutions for climate conversations: supporting communication and community engagement Facilitators: Associate Professor Kerrie Foxwell-Norton, Dr Melissa Jackson, Seán Kennedy	B3



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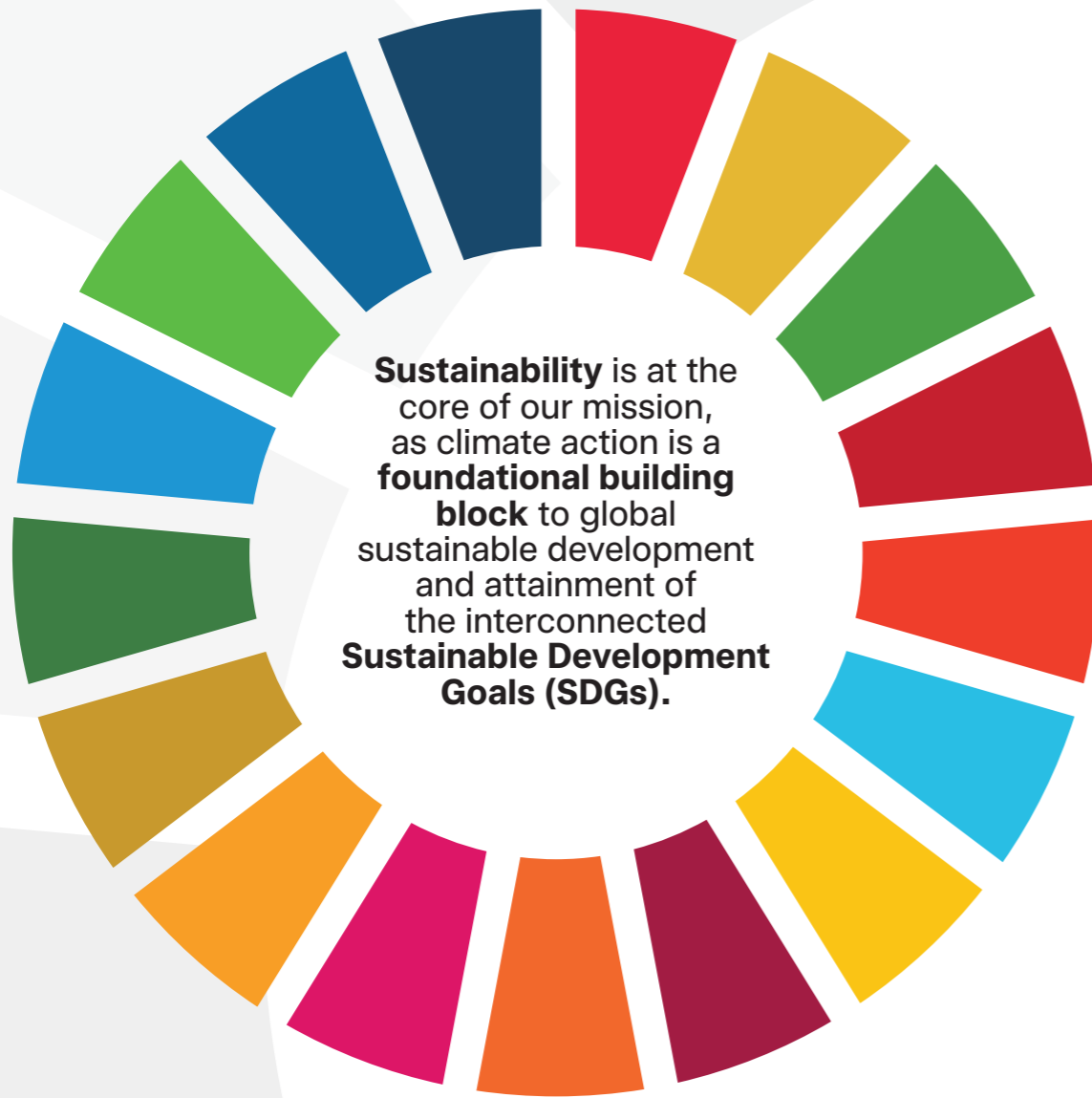
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connecting, networking, and accessing all the information you need to fully participate from the comfort of your own space.

The Cvent App serves as your central hub for accessing resources and reports related to the Climate Ready Australia National Summit. Whether you're joining in person or virtually, this app is your gateway to a wealth of event materials, ensuring you stay informed and engaged. The app is an indispensable tool for discovering resources, reports, and information about virtual exhibitors, providing a virtual showroom experience at your fingertips. The app also facilitates your participation in surveys, allowing you to contribute your insights and opinions to enhance the collective discourse on climate readiness.





Climate Action Connecting all SDGs

The pursuit of climate action underpins progress across the entire spectrum of global development objectives. Without effective climate action, achieving the other goals becomes an unworkable challenge. Goal 13 is not just about tackling climate change; it's about building a sustainable future where all SDGs are realised. By taking a leading role in Goal 13, we create a ripple effect that positively impacts energy security (Goal 7), access to clean air and water (Goal 6), the promotion of decent work (Goal 8), the creation of liveable and sustainable cities (Goal 11), food security

(Goal 2), and climate action even contributes to enhanced national security (Goal 16). Our collective efforts in climate action resonate far beyond this one goal; they are the blueprint for driving positive change across the entire spectrum of the SDGs. Griffith University is signatory to the United Nations (UN) Global Compact and in 2017, signed up to the Sustainable Development Solutions Network—Universities' Commitment to the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).

In this spirit, we invite you to explore and reflect on
How are the SDGs reflected in your organisation's day-to-day values?



Day 1

Discover What's Inside: Session Details



Songwoman Maroochy

Songwoman Maroochy from Turrbal Dippil will provide a Welcome to Country. Founded by members of the Turrbal Tribe, Turrbal Dippil is committed to ensuring the survival and continuous sharing of Turrbal culture, and to developing self-sustaining communities. Songwoman Maroochy is the Songwoman and Law-woman of the Turrbal People, the original inhabitants of Brisbane, and the Dippil people of the Sunshine Coast area. She is a direct descendant of Daki Yakka – Chief of the Old Brisbane tribe. Songwoman Maroochy is a graduate of the Victorian College of the Arts in Melbourne and is an internationally renowned opera singer.



**The Hon Andrew Fraser
Chancellor, Griffith University
Welcome and opening remarks**

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The Hon Andrew Fraser is the University's sixth Chancellor, and the first alumnus to hold the position. He is a professional director with a wide range of roles across the private, public and charitable sectors. Currently he serves on the boards of the major construction firm BESIX Watpac Ltd and is the Chair of the Australian Retirement Trust, the \$240b fund which is the result of the merger of QSuper and Sunsuper, which Mr Fraser led as Chair of Sunsuper. He is the Chair of the charity Orange Sky Australia, and serves on two other charities, Hear and Say and Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Ltd.



**David Carter
RACQ
Welcome and opening remarks**

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RACQ Group CEO since 2020 following a long career in financial services with Suncorp and ANZ. David is a director of the Australian Automobile Association, Australian Motoring Services and several RACQ group entities.



**Dr Caroline Riot
Griffith University
Master of Ceremonies**

[LinkedIn](#)

Dr Riot is the Director, Games Partnerships and Engagement at Griffith University, and is leading the engagement strategy for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Caroline is coordinating partnerships with key external organisations and acting as the conduit for Olympic and Paralympic related activities.



**Professor Brendan Mackey
Griffith University
Setting the scene: the science and data**

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Professor Brendan Mackey is Director of the Griffith Climate Action Beacon, Griffith University. He was Coordinating Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 6th Assessment Report. He has a PhD in Ecology from The Australian National University and has authored over 300 publications in the fields of environmental science and policy.

Opening video

Calling on bright minds to come together and deliver transformative climate action in this critical decade.

Featuring:

Professor Brendan Mackey (Director, Climate Action Beacon, Griffith University) [LinkedIn](#)

Leona Murphy (President and Chair, RACQ) [LinkedIn](#)

Sam Mackay (CRI Advisory Board) [LinkedIn](#)

Michelle Hobbs (Griffith University Researcher and descendent of the Bidjara people of Central Queensland) [LinkedIn](#)

Assoc Professor Kerrie Foxwel-Norton (Griffith University) [LinkedIn](#)

Andrew Petersen (CEO, Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia) [LinkedIn](#)

Filmmaker, **Salvador Cantellano** (Griffith University PhD Candidate) [LinkedIn](#)

Assisted by **Helen Elliott** (Project Manager for Climate Ready Australia 2030, Climate Ready Initiative) [LinkedIn](#)

Ministerial Address and Keynote.

Australia now has the Climate Change Act 2022 and is rapidly approaching its second Annual Climate Change Statement to Parliament. This session explores the Australian Government's policy, regulation and standards to advance climate action—and what it means for Australian communities and businesses. It will highlight key national levers and opportunities to accelerate climate risk management, increase resilience and rapidly reduce Australia's emissions in the near term.



The Hon Chris Bowen MP (pre-recorded)
Minister for Climate Change and Energy,
Member for McMahon,
Australian Labor Party



The Hon Dianne Farmer
Minister for Employment and Small
Business, Minister for Training and Skills
Development and Minister for Youth
Justice, Queensland Government



Facilitator: Professor Rosemary Addis AM
CRI Advisory Board
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Rosemary is a globally recognised leader and strategist at the forefront of innovation and investment for impact. She has an international portfolio anchored around her role as Founding Managing Partner of Mondiale Impact; appointments as Enterprise Professor Impact, Sustainability & Innovation at University of Melbourne and Industry Professor, Finance at University College London. Her 35+ year track record spans sectors, disciplines and geographies and shaping and growing impact markets, social innovations, innovative investment vehicles and global standards. Rosemary is widely published, her work is the subject of international case studies and she has advised and collaborated with leaders from the World Banking Group, United Nations Development Programme, OECD Social Impact Investing Initiative, the World Economic Forum, Australian Government, major banks, institutional investors, corporations, foundations and governments and leading institutions including Oxford University, Duke University and Harvard Kennedy School.

Raising the bar of ambition, action and accountability.

What if the net zero target had to come forward to 2040? There are seven years left to cut emissions at the scale required to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C by the end of the century. A rapid downward trend in emissions is necessary this decade, yet climate plans remain insufficient. More ambitious action is needed now. So, what are the steps, measures and interventions that accelerate achievement of net zero targets? This session examines how we raise ambition. What is missing, or is needed, to accelerate and facilitate the necessary systems and behavioural change? Where should responsibilities and accountabilities sit?

Session framed and coordinated by Adjunct Professor Rod Welford ([LinkedIn](#))



Adjunct Professor Rod Welford
Griffith University
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Adjunct Professor Rod Welford is an Honorary Professor in Griffith's Department of Business Strategy and Innovation. Rod is a leader and strategist in energy, sustainability, and strategic policy. Originally trained as a lawyer, he practised as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland and a barrister of the High Court of Australia. He is a former Queensland Government Attorney General, Minister for Environment and Heritage, and Minister for Natural Resources.



Professor Mark Howden
The Australian National University/IPCC
[LinkedIn](#)

Professor Mark Howden is the Director of the Institute for Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions at The Australian National University. He is also an Honorary Professor at Melbourne University, a Vice Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and is the Chair of the ACT Climate Change Council. He has been a major contributor to the IPCC since 1991, with roles in the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and now Seventh Assessment Reports, sharing the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with other IPCC participants and Al Gore.



Andrew Petersen
Business Council for Sustainable
Development Australia
[LinkedIn](#)

Andrew Petersen is the Chief Executive Officer, Director and Company Secretary of Sustainable Business Australia (SBA). He secured its partnership with the world's largest global CEO-led organisation on business sustainability, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development in 2014. Andrew is a Board Director of the Banksia Foundation, and appointed to the Board of Advice of the University of Sydney Business School.



Kate Donnelly
Investor Group on Climate Change
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Kate is a Manager of Corporate Engagement and Policy at the Investor Group on Climate Change, where she works with institutional investors through the Climate Action 100+ initiative to drive Paris-aligned decarbonisation at some of the largest corporate emitters in Australia. Kate also leads IGCC's just transition work, and has previously worked on international climate policy under the UNFCCC and women's rights programs across the South Pacific region.



Andrew Wilson
CS Energy
[LinkedIn](#)

Andrew is passionate about solving the complex challenges of the energy transition. He is currently a Future Energy Development Lead at CS Energy, and was previously a Director with KPMG, helping lead the energy infrastructure team and providing strategic and commercial advice to government and corporate clients across all aspects of the energy market and energy infrastructure lifecycle. He was Head of Energy & Sustainability for UQ and Project Director of the \$125m Warwick Solar Farm.



Gobind Kalsi
Queensland Government, Department of
Environment and Science
[LinkedIn](#)

Gobind is the Director, Climate Change Strategy & Accountability at the Queensland Department of Environment and Science. Gobind drives whole-of-government policy development, implementation and accountability for the Queensland Climate Action Plan. Prior to this role, Gobind specialised in environment and planning approvals for energy, resource, infrastructure and renewable projects.

Enabling a just transition: Distributing the burdens of climate change.

The climate transition provides an opportunity to rethink our conventional structures and systems—including energy, economics, infrastructure, social policy, and insurance. The concept of “just transition” is rooted in justice and equity. This session will explore climate action through a social justice lens, examining common imperatives and diverging realities for Australian communities and neighbouring nations.

Session framed and coordinated by Professor Susan Harris Rimmer ([LinkedIn](#))



Professor Susan Harris Rimmer
Griffith University
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Professor Susan Harris Rimmer is the Director of the Griffith University Policy Innovation Hub and leads the Climate Justice theme of the Griffith Climate Action Beacon. Sue was previously the Director of Studies at the ANU Asia Pacific College for Diplomacy, and advocacy lead at the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID).



Linda Ryle
Women's Environmental
Leadership Australia
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Linda M. Ryle is a Kamilaroi and Birrigubba Lawyer and Nationally Accredited Mediator. Linda has been professionally engaged in First Nation's Justice Affairs for 35 years and is the Executive and Managing Director of CALM Australia – Cultural Advocacy & Legal Mediation. As an academic in the Griffith Law School, Linda teaches the Culturally Principled Practice methodology to enhance law student employability and to ensure their ethics are both professionally and culturally aligned.



Angus Brawley
Griffith University
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Angus Brawley is an aspiring engineer, currently pursuing a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) at Griffith University. In 2022, Angus was one of four young Australians selected to attend the UNFCCC COP27 negotiations in Sharm El-Sheikh with Global Voices. Additionally, he served as a delegate at the Inaugural Humanitarian Affairs Asia Green Summit and was recently chosen to participate in the Climate Entrepreneurship Program at New York University as part of the 28th Annual Youth Assembly.



MJ Bellotti
RACQ
[LinkedIn](#)

MJ is the Chief Purpose Officer at RACQ, Australia's most trusted brand. Her experience includes highly regulated and competitive industries – financial services, mining, construction, and industrial manufacturing. MJ studied International Marketing at Stanford University, completed an MBA from the University of Queensland and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Dave Copeman
Qld Conservation Council
[LinkedIn](#)

Dave is an experienced campaigner and community organiser who has spent 20+ years organising for social change in Queensland. He has been the Director of Queensland Conservation Council since 2021, and loves to push Queensland to be a climate and biodiversity leader, not a laggard. He was the founding lead organiser of the Queensland Community Alliance, and before that has worked as a union, human rights and pro-democracy campaigner and a political advisor.

Integrity Matters: Net zero and nature-positive accounting and markets.

Do carbon markets and nature-based solutions answer the climate challenge, or do they risk adverse climate outcomes? This conversation explores the challenges and opportunities within Australia's burgeoning carbon- and nature-based markets and asks how and where resources are best invested for impact.

Session framed and coordinated by Professor Brendan Mackey ([LinkedIn](#))



Terri Butler
CRI Advisory Board
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Terri Butler is on the advisory board of the Climate Ready Initiative. She is the President of the Smart Energy Council, the independent body for the Australian smart energy industry, and Chair of the Sustainable Aviation Fuels Alliance of Australia and New Zealand, working to decarbonise aviation. She is on the board of the MTA Institute, a private provider of apprenticeships and training in a sector undergoing transformation due to decarbonisation. Terri was shadow environment minister in the Albanese opposition, was previously a lawyer in private practice. She has a private consultancy practice in policy and advocacy.



Professor Andrew Macintosh
The Australian National University
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Professor Andrew Macintosh is a regulatory and environmental markets expert based at the the Australian National University (ANU) Law School, where he is Director of Research. He is a previous Chair of the Australian Government's Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee and Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee and Associate Member of the Climate Change Authority. In 2020, he served as one of the three Commissioners on the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements (otherwise known as the 'Bushfires Royal Commission'). He is currently a program lead for the Australian Government's Agriculture Biodiversity Stewardship Package and National Biodiversity Trading Platform.



Suzanne Thompson
YACHATDAC
[LinkedIn](#)

Suzanne Thompson is very proud of her ancestral bloodlines, and brimming with knowledge of her culture, Australian history, and innovative ways to share her passions with others in a respectful and contemporary way. She is Founder and Managing Director of Yambangku Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Tourism Development Aboriginal Corporation (YACHATDAC) which manages a 22,000 Acre Property in Outback Central Western Queensland. She is currently fostering support and investment for nature-based economies, including Indigenous Land Management, Carbon Farming and First Foods & Medicines, and the recognition, protection, and remuneration of indigenous intellectual knowledge by industry, the vision to establish the Turraburra Research Institute with YACHATDAC's university partners and key stakeholders.



Christian Nielsen
Live & Learn Pacific Network
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Christian is the Executive Director of Live & Learn International based in Melbourne, Australia, with over 30 years of experience in the spheres of climate change program leadership and design. Throughout his career Christian has consulted for the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the World Bank, the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) New Zealand Aid, the European Union, the United National Development Program, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and numerous government departments in developing countries most of these Pacific Islands Countries.

Climate Greenwashing, transition risk, and the scope 3 challenge.

Carbon and nature-based accounting systems do not add up. They require more precision, validation, accountability and measurability to ensure efforts and credibility are not increasingly compromised, posing climate greenwashing and transition risks. This session explores the challenges and opportunities for improved transparency, data quality, disclosure and confidence, as well as how these issues are managed up and down the supply chain.

Session framed and coordinated by Professor Ivan Diaz-Rainey ([LinkedIn](#))



Georgine Roodenrys
Deloitte
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Georgine Roodenrys is an industry expert in energy and climate change policy. She is a Partner with Deloitte leading their national Circular Economy practise. She has over 20 years' experience working in energy and climate projects in Australia, NZ and the Middle East including Hydrogen Power Abu Dhabi, the Queensland Land Restoration Fund and the Adelaide Solar City. Up until recently she was the Executive Director of Climate Change & Sustainable Futures at the Qld Department of Environment and Science and responsible for delivering the Queensland Climate Action Plan 2020-2030.



Virginia Young
Australian Rainforest
Conservation Society

For the past 5 years, Virginia contributed through the Australian Rainforest Conservation Society, to an international research project on primary forests lead by Griffith University to understand forest ecosystem dynamics and the importance of ecosystem integrity and stability for carbon retention, climate mitigation and adaptation. Her work is focused on the nexus between biodiversity and climate change and its relevance to international policy arenas, notably the UNFCCC, CBD and SDG's. Her voluntary roles include, Chair of Gondwanalink Ltd, Board member of the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative, Wilderness Australia and the US based Partnership for Policy Integrity. She is a member of IUCN's Climate Specialist Group of the World Commission on Protected Areas and is a member of the IUCN Task Force on 'Primary Forests including Intact Forest Landscapes'.



Amir Ghandar FCA
Chartered Accountants Australia
& New Zealand
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Amir engages with Chartered Accountants and stakeholders to help shape the profession's vision on key policy decisions, represent the profession in major forums and reimagine how reporting and auditing can deliver on society's evolving needs. He is a member of the B20 ESG in Business Action Council and -chairs the Chartered Accountants Worldwide Trust Initiative among other key forums. Amir trained at top tier professional services firms internationally, with experience in corporate reporting, assurance and regulation.



Professor Christoph Nedopil Wang
Griffith University
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Professor Christoph Nedopil is the Director of the Griffith Asia Institute. He is the lead author of the UNDP SDG Finance Taxonomy, the Innovative Climate Finance Solutions report for the G20 in Indonesia, and the Green Development Guidance of the BRI Green Development Coalition under the Chinese Ministry of Ecology and Environment. Christoph served as Founding Director of the Green Finance & Development Center and previously as Founding Director for the Green BRI Center at the Central University of Economics in Beijing. He worked with the World Bank in over 15 countries and was a Director in the German development agency GIZ.

Creating and transforming critical infrastructure.

Poorly designed or ageing infrastructure can increase GHG emissions and vulnerability to the impacts of climate change. Rethinking, redesigning and upgrading infrastructure can help communities adapt, mitigate and build resilience. The question is how to bring about such transformative change while still meeting the needs of communities.

Session framed and coordinated by Assoc Professor Michael Howes ([LinkedIn](#))



Joshua Cooney
RACQ
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Josh has more than 20 years' experience working in many areas of public policy across different levels of Government as well as financial services. He values the insurance sector for the financial security it brings to individuals and the broader economy but believes climate change coupled with a long legacy of poor development and poor construction present major threats to the industry's sustainability. As such, he is a big believer in greater adaptation and resilience. Josh's current role of General Manager Advocacy supports RACQ's multiple lines of business including insurance, banking, motoring and energy. He believes all sectors have a critical role to play in supporting Queensland and Australia's transition to net zero.



Patrick Hastings
Infrastructure Sustainability Council
[LinkedIn](#)

Patrick Hastings is an accomplished and results-driven sustainability executive with expertise in stakeholder engagement, ESG strategy and reporting, and award-winning partnerships. Currently serving as the Chief Delivery and Capability Officer at the Infrastructure Sustainability Council (ISC), Patrick leads the IS Ratings Delivery, Sustainability, and Training functions, driving and assuring social, cultural, environmental, and economic outcomes in infrastructure projects across Australia and New Zealand. With a passion for creating a future where organisations, Government and communities assess and manage assets through a more holistic lens.



Professor Iain MacKenzie
Griffith University
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Iain is a Professor of Practice in disaster management at Griffith University. Drawing on his experiences as Deputy Commissioner of Fire & Rescue Services, Queensland's inaugural Inspector-General Emergency Management, and having led reviews into some of the Nation's largest natural disasters, Iain is passionate about improving outcomes for people and their communities through improved research, education, and policy. Recognised for expertise in disaster management, disaster risk reduction and resilience building, he chairs the Boards of both Natural Hazard Research Australia and GIVIT and is a fellow of The Queensland Academy of Arts and Sciences.

A Skilled Society: equipping a workforce for just transition.

There is a climate capability and capacity gap across Australia's sectors and communities. While jobs and skills have been used as an excuse to avoid transformation in the energy sector and beyond, skills enhancement forms a key lever for responding to the effects of climate change and in generating solutions. Long-term and immediate upskilling of professions and trades alike depends on adapting educational institutions and processes as well as just-in-time professional development. Innovation, integrative thinking, ingenuity and social value must coalesce to build the purposeful workforce required to support people and places into the future.

Session framed and coordinated by Assoc Professor Kate Galloway ([LinkedIn](#))



Michael Wright
Electrical Trades Union
[LinkedIn](#)

Michael Wright is the National Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union. Since joining the Union in 2007, Michael has represented electrical workers across Australia and the region. He is committed to advancing members' rights and ending the scourge of asbestos. Michael is passionate about vocational education and the transformative effect it can have on workers' lives.



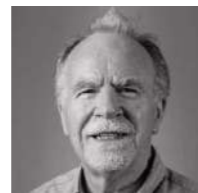
Dr Kimberly Camrass
Queensland Government Department of Environment and Science
[LinkedIn](#)

Dr Kimberly Camrass is a sustainability professional with a PhD in Regenerative Futures for Urban Precincts. As Director, Climate Positive Brisbane 2032 and Climate Futures, Kimberly leads a team delivering on the carbon and procurement sustainability commitments made for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Her team also implements a range of policies, programs and partnerships to drive Queensland's transition to a net zero, climate resilient economy.



Andeli Zuzic
Australian Youth Affairs Coalition
[LinkedIn](#)

Andeli is a youth advocate whose work has primarily focused on climate and disability justice, and the intersections between these two fights. They have advocated for the rights of young people in Victoria in multiple government advisory groups. Additionally, they have dedicated a large segment of their life to activism with groups such as SS4C and the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, where they have been at the forefront of transforming the climate justice movement to be accessible and reflective of the intersections of the climate crisis with disability justice.



Professor Stephen Billett
Griffith University
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Dr Stephen Billett is Professor of Adult and Vocational Education at Griffith University, and an Australian Research Council Future Fellow. He has worked as a vocational educator, educational administrator, teacher educator, professional development practitioner and in policy development in the Australian vocational education system and as a teacher/researcher at Griffith. He was awarded a Fulbright scholar, National Teaching Fellow, recipient of honorary doctorates from Jyväskylä University (Finland) and University of Geneva, and elected Fellow Academy of Social Sciences of Australia.



Professor John Hewson AM
CRI Board Member

Professor John Hewson is a member of Griffith University's Climate Ready Initiative Advisory Board, Patron of the Smart Energy Council, and Chair on the Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia, BioEnergy Australia, and the Commission for the Human Future. He was a Founder of Macquarie Bank and Chairman ABN Amro Australia. John also served as Advisor/Chief of Staff to two Federal Treasurers and Prime Minister, and as Leader of the Liberal Party, and of the Federal Coalition, in Opposition.



Professor Caitlin Byrne
Griffith University
[LinkedIn](#)

Caitlin is the Pro Vice Chancellor (Business), Griffith University, where she provides strategic oversight to the Griffith Business School - an institution globally recognised for the responsible business and public policy leadership in education, research and engagement. A former diplomat, and more recently, having led the Griffith Asia Institute, she is recognised as one of Australia's leading academic-practitioners with a focus on diplomatic practice. Caitlin holds a range of advisory board roles including to the Australian Government's Sports Diplomacy Advisory Council. In 2020, Caitlin was made Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (FAIIA) for her contribution to international education and Australia's engagement in the Asia-Pacific.

Closing remarks.



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RACQ Foundation

Since 2011, RACQ Foundation has distributed over \$14 million to assist more than 400 Queensland community groups affected by natural disaster and drought. Through its Community Grants program, RACQ Foundation gives community groups, charities and sporting clubs the opportunity to rebuild after natural disasters and to prepare for the future with resilience-based projects.



Ecotourism Australia

Website

Ecotourism Australia is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation, established in 1991, that promotes and supports the ecotourism industry in Australia through building capacity and actively promoting sustainable tourism operations and systems. Their key program – [ECO Certification](#) – was the world's first national ecotourism certification program. Ecotourism Australia's programs are acknowledged globally for industry standards and recognised by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC). They are recognised as the credible, national peak body for sustainable and nature-based tourism.



Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

Website

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) represents more than 135,000 financial professionals, supporting them to make a difference to the businesses, organisations, and communities in which they work and live. CA ANZ promotes the Chartered Accountant (CA) designation and high ethical standards, delivers world-class services and life-long education to members and advocates for the public good. CA ANZ protects the reputation of the designation by ensuring members continue to comply with a code of ethics, backed by a robust discipline process. Chartered Accountants are known as Difference Makers. The depth and breadth of their expertise helps them to see the big picture and chart the best course of action.



ecoBiz Queensland, Business Chamber Queensland

ecoBiz is a free program for small to medium businesses, funded by the Queensland Government. With the help of an ecoBiz expert, you will be able to develop an action plan to help your businesses save money and increase efficiencies. With over 1000 businesses registered from all over Queensland, 90% of businesses recorded an increase in productivity and savings.



Climate Wise Associations (Virtual Only)

Website

ClimateWise Associations is a free resource aimed at helping associations across Australia become more active in planning for the impacts of climate change, take charge of their destiny and support their members. All materials and tools are free of charge. No hidden costs or marketing. We just want everyone to become more climate-wise. Associations know their sector and are best placed to manage the costs, risks and opportunities. The ClimateWise Associations self-help hub has expert guides and tools ready for all associations to use. Members will also find our materials and tools applicable to their own operations.



Climate Action Network Australia (CANA)

Website

With the vision for a fair and sustainable Australia free of climate pollution, where people and nature are protected from dangerous climate change, the Climate Action Network Australia (CANA) is a network of non-profit organisations working together to protect people from climate change and its impacts, to safeguard our natural environment, and to build a fairer and healthier Australia for everyone.



United Nations Association of Australia

Website

The UNAA works to inform, inspire, and engage Australians on the work, goals, and values of the United Nations to create a safer, fairer, more sustainable world. To implement their [Strategic Plan](#), the teams across Australia, Young Professionals Network and Academic Network run over 150 events a year engaging thousands of people on the work of the UN and the Sustainable Development Goals and the issues affecting Australians and Australia, such as climate change, the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, gender equality and refugees.



Engineers Australia / Climate Smart Engineering Initiative

Website

Founded as the Institution of Engineers Australia in 1919, Engineers Australia is the peak body for the engineering profession in Australia. With approximately 115,000 individual members, they are the voice of the profession. For more than 100 years the work of the organisation along with its members has underpinned the progress of our nation. Engineers Australia's vision for the future is to continue to advance the science and practice of engineering to benefit the community.

Exploring Our Exhibitors

Exhibition coordinated by Amirah Kullack ([LinkedIn](#))



Griffith University Climate Beacon

Website

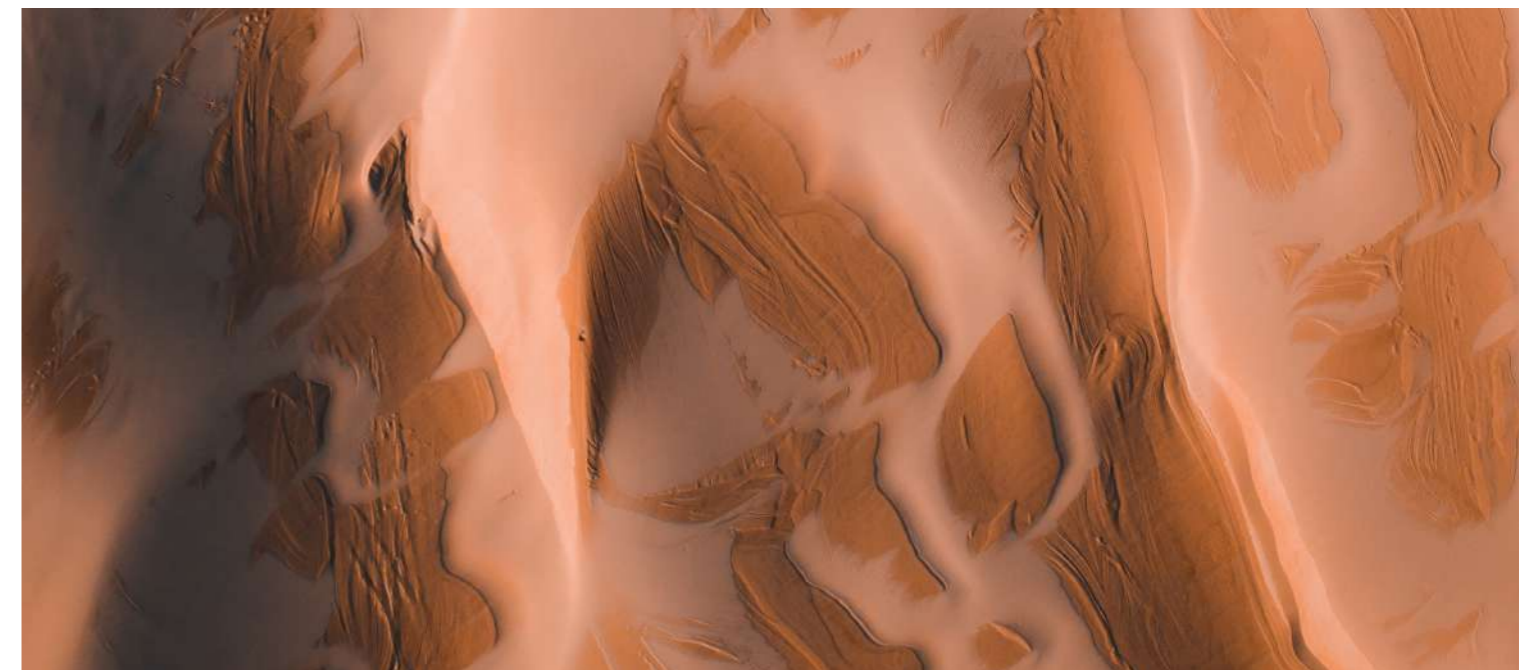
Griffith's Climate Action Beacon seeks to develop the knowledge, leadership, capacity, and responses to enable effective and just climate action throughout society. It is a platform for the development of collaborative, interdisciplinary research and partnerships that establish change in practice and catalysts for climate action. In addition to research focussed on climate motivation, transitions and justice, the beacon aims to empower practice and provide education.



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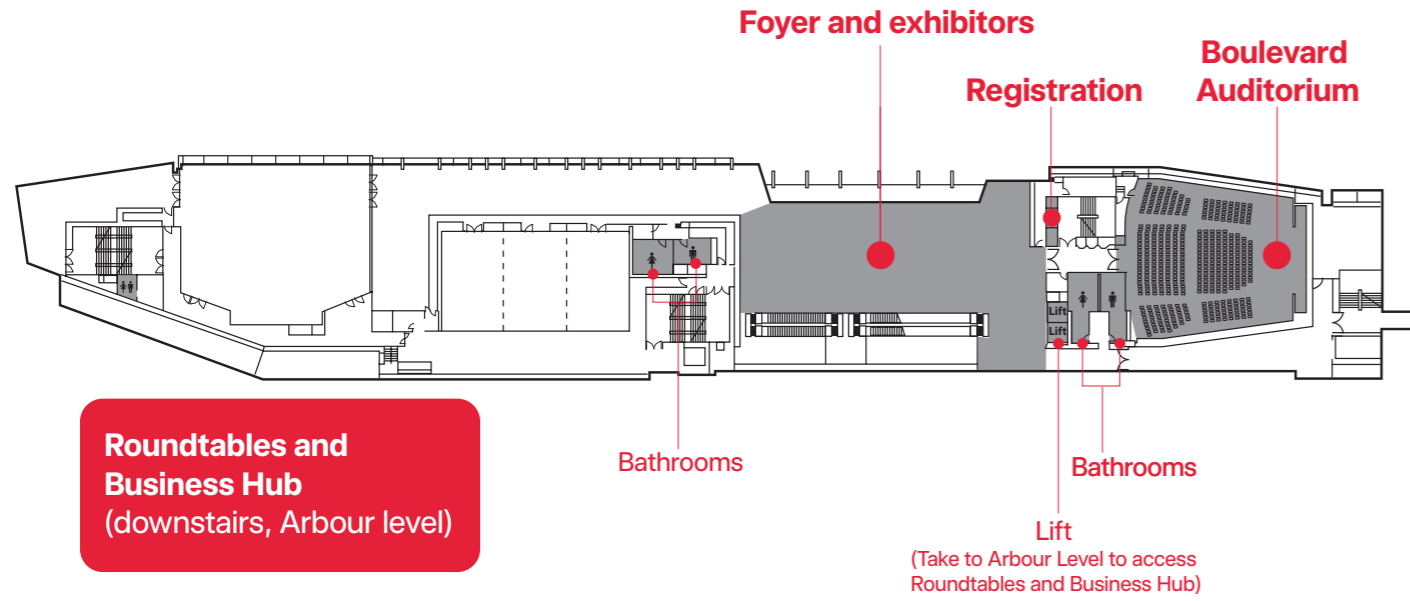
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Mott MacDonald is a global engineering, management and development consultancy with a focus on excellence and digital innovation – transforming clients' businesses, our communities and employee opportunities. Mott MacDonald works with clients to design and implement their transition to a more sustainable, climate resilient business model, and to develop solutions that maximise opportunities from the transition to a resilient, net-zero emissions world.

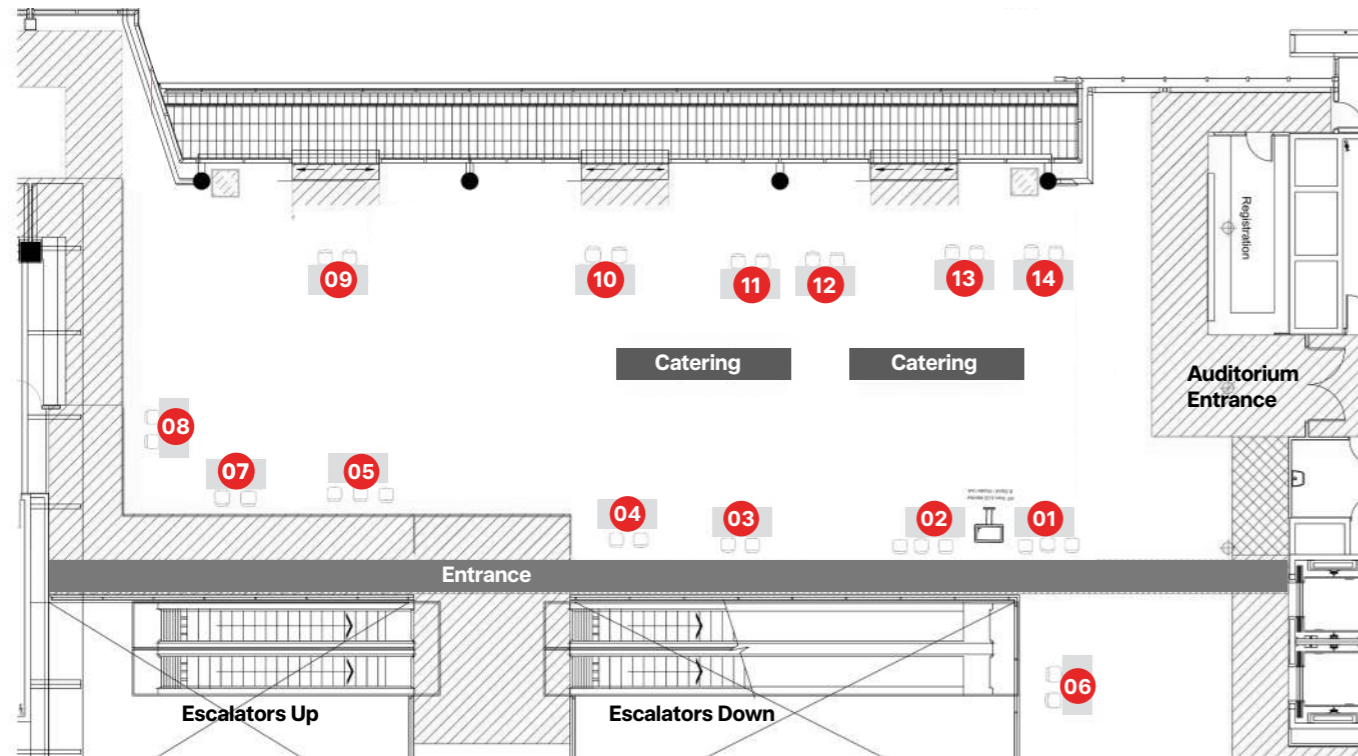


Day 1 Venue Map

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
Boulevard Level



Exhibitor map



Griffith University

- 01 National appetite for climate action
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Discover the Business Hub: Your Space for Productivity and Connection

Welcome to the heart of efficiency and connectivity at our event – the Business Hub.
Open from 8.30am-5pm

We understand that amidst the plenary sessions and learning labs, business meetings or calls can arise. That's why we've dedicated a room on Arbour level (Room 2) for your convenience. In the Business Hub, you'll find a quiet place where you can seamlessly connect with colleagues and partners. Enjoy the comfort of our well-equipped workspace, all designed to provide you with an ideal environment for your business meetings. You'll also benefit from a Wi-Fi connection, ensuring that you stay connected without interruption.

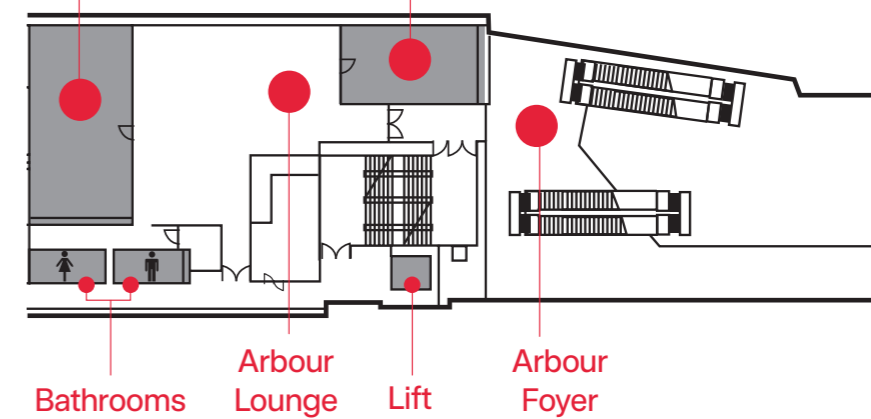
We've created this space to ensure that you don't miss out on any part of our event while tending to your essential business needs. Make the most of your time with us the Business Hub is here to enhance your event experience.

Embrace productivity, seize opportunities, and stay connected at

- Arbour Room 2, Arbour level

Business Hub Arbour Room 2

Roundtables Arbour Room 1



Round tables

On the side-lines of our plenary sessions, our gold sponsors and partners are hosting a series of dynamic roundtable discussions on topics of national focus. These closed-door discussions provide a forum for government, academic, and industry leaders to come together to drive meaningful change – promoting pathways and actions towards the resolution of key national climate issues.

These forums exemplify the collaborative spirit of our event and are testament to our dedication to fostering proactive discussions on climate change with key actors from across society. We value the contribution of participants immensely. The insights and solutions generated from these discussions will play an important role in shaping the future of national climate action.



From Sustainable to Regenerative 2030: Raising the Bar on Climate Resilience

Hosted by
Queensland Government
Department of Environment
and Science



Accelerating a shared pathway – learning the lessons from decarbonisation to accelerate the integration of adaption & resilience into infrastructure decision-making.

Hosted by
Mott MacDonald



Are EV's enough - what is the future of sustainable transport?

Hosted by
RACQ

Ready to Join the Conversation?

Contribute to these subject areas, via the Discussion Board on the event app – we'd love to hear your thoughts.

If you're interested in participating in future roundtables or becoming part of this group for future events and initiatives, we welcome your enthusiasm.

Connect with us climatereadyaustralia@griffith.edu.au

Your contribution to this important dialogue is greatly appreciated.



Networking Reception

As the sun sets on an inspiring day of thought-provoking discussion, we invite you to unwind, connect, and celebrate at our Networking Reception.

Savour delightful appetizers and share ideas in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere. Learn more about the Alliance of Peaks, forge new connections, strengthen existing relationships, exchange thoughts, and make lasting connections that extend far beyond this event.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to expand your network and continue the discussions in a more informal setting. We look forward to welcoming you and making your evening memorable.

Join us as we raise a toast to a brighter and more sustainable future.



Day 2

Deep Dive into Learning Labs

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we encourage all participants to embrace an eco-friendly mindset during the event. One small but meaningful way you can contribute is by bringing your own note-taking materials. Whether it's your notebook, notepad, or any other device, having your personal tools on hand ensures that your learning experience is seamless. Additionally, we kindly request that you bring your

reusable water bottle with you. We're proud to offer water filling stations throughout the venue to help reduce plastic waste. Your cooperation in these simple acts of sustainability will greatly enhance the overall event experience, aligning with our shared goal of making a positive difference for our planet. Thank you for being a part of our eco-conscious event journey.

Advancing climate and disaster risk management in practice.

This session is run in conjunction with Deloitte and considers the interconnectedness between climate risk management and disaster risk management and distinguishes between physical and transition risk types. It explores approaches to doing a climate risk assessment and touches on the importance of assessing, reporting, and monitoring climate risk, not only for transparency and accountability, but also for financial-related disclosure of risks. The case for action versus inaction will be explored, and there will be the chance to engage in an activity on how climate change risks can be managed, and how opportunities can be harnessed.

What you'll learn

1. An understanding of climate risk management;
2. An awareness of the resources available (human and otherwise) to support the journey of climate risk management and disaster risk reduction;
3. An appreciation of the interconnectedness between climate risk management and disaster risk reduction and the benefits of the interdisciplinary approach.

Who should attend

This lab suitable for all attendees, providing an introductory and exploratory environment for participants to consider the topic considering their own workplace.

About the Facilitators

Session coordination supported by Cheryl Briars ([LinkedIn](#)) and Dr Ed Morgan ([LinkedIn](#))



David Rissik
Deloitte

[LinkedIn](#)

David is a Risk Advisory Partner at Deloitte focusing on climate change, natural hazards and their management. David brings over 25 years of climate change adaptation and environment management expertise, and has significant experience undertaking risk assessments at a variety of scales and using these to underpin adaptation planning. As an accomplished workshop facilitator and project manager, David has led multidisciplinary teams to develop state adaptation plans, local government adaptation plans and risk assessments for business and industry. He is particularly focused on supporting a move to implementation of adaptation actions. David is also a Non-Executive Director of Green Cross Australia, a not-for-profit organisation supporting Australian communities to increase their resilience to natural disasters and climate change.



Professor Cheryl Desha
Griffith University

[LinkedIn](#)

Cheryl Desha is Theme Leader for the Cities Research Institute's 'Digital Earth and Resilient Infrastructure' research agenda, and Professor of Resilient Communities and Resilient Infrastructure within Griffith University's School of Engineering and Built Environment. She co-leads Griffith University's Disaster Management Network and directs the Disaster and Resilience Management Facility (DRMF) in Griffith's newest 6-storey AUD\$70 million building 'N79: Engineering Technology and Aviation'. She also sits on the Queensland Disaster Research Alliance (QDRA) as Griffith University's representative. Cheryl has been awarded Engineers Australia's Queensland's Professional Engineer of the Year (2021) and the Queensland Government's Individual Champion of Change Award by the Inspector General Emergency Management (2020).



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Jeremy Mansfield OAM
Green Cross Australia

[LinkedIn](#)

Jeremy Mansfield is the Board Chair of Green Cross Australia. Green Cross Australia educates and empowers Australians to become more resilient to our changing environment. For more than a decade Jeremy has supported activities for practical climate adaptation and resilience measures for the built environment and communities. Jeremy has 32 years' experience in the construction industry and the last 16 years as Sustainability Manager with significant knowledge and experience in sustainability as well as project management, design, planning and construction of public and private works and is an Adjunct Industry Fellow of Griffith University.

Climate finance, climate-related risks, disclosure, and governance.

What is climate finance? How does it differ from sustainable finance? How can we measure climate financial risks? What are the roles of boards in addressing climate risks and engaging with stakeholders on these issues? How is Australia responding to climate disclosures and climate risk? This Learning Lab will address these questions and more.

What you'll learn

This Learning Lab will address:

- 1.** What is climate finance?
- 2.** How does it differ from sustainable finance?
- 3.** How can we measure climate financial risks?
- 4.** What are the roles of boards in addressing climate risks and engaging with stakeholders on these issues?
- 5.** How is Australia responding to climate disclosures and climate risk?

Who should attend

Bankers, investors, directors, analysts, corporates, regulators who want to learn more about climate finance and associated risks and how these intersect with corporate governance. The session will assume no prior knowledge.



Professor Ivan Diaz-Rainey
Griffith University

[LinkedIn](#)
Ivan Diaz-Rainey is a leading international expert in climate and sustainable finance. He is a Professor of Finance at Griffith University. His research expertise includes climate finance, carbon markets, energy finance, banking, financial regulation, green Fintech and energy and environmental policy. He has conducted research, policy and consultancy work for several organisations. He is an Honorary Professor (and former lead Principal Investigator) on the STRAND Marsden Fund project (University of Otago) on climate-change risks to property values and the related implications for financial stability funded by Royal Society of New Zealand and undertaken in collaboration with GNS Science, NIWA, CoreLogic, Bodeker Scientific and the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ).



Brett Spicer
BDO

[LinkedIn](#)
Brett is a Sustainability Partner with over 20 years' experience in carbon and natural capital management, sustainability due diligence, and strategic and operational planning, with proven success across a range of industry sectors. Brett has been advisor to multiple government agencies, listed and private companies, complex industrials and utilities on enterprise decarbonisation strategies, climate-related risk and scenario analysis, sustainability disclosures and renewable energy infrastructure business case development to inform investment decisions, mapping organisational transition to a net zero emissions economy and achieve commercial and sustainability objectives.

Place-based and nature-based solutions and decision making.

Nature-based and place-based solutions seek to centre people and the environment at the heart of problem definition and solution development. They encourage us to think in a way that is more systemic and inclusive. During this session we will explore the definition of nature-based and place-based solutions; reflect on some real-world examples and get to practice some methodologies that can help you identify how and when nature-based and place-based solutions can be deployed.

What you'll learn

- 1.** What are nature-based/place-based approaches and what are the benefits?
- 2.** What are some examples of these approaches being implemented in the real world?
- 3.** What are some practical tools that can help me implement nature-based/place-based approaches?

Who should attend

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about what place-based and nature-based solutions are and learning some basic approaches about how to include them more in your work.

About the Facilitators

Hosted by Professor Brendan Mackey ([LinkedIn](#))



Laura Harkins-Small
Mott MacDonald

[LinkedIn](#)

Laura brings 15 years experience worked with communities, business and government across the resource, infrastructure, utilities, finance, and not-for-profit sector to build trust, shared value and lasting, transformational impact. She is currently Principal Social Sustainability Advisor at Mott MacDonald and is passionate about making systems work better for people and the planet to achieve a net-zero, resilient and inclusive future.



Emily Low
Mott MacDonald

[LinkedIn](#)

Emily is a proven Sustainability Leader with 25 years' experience working across buildings, precincts and infrastructure projects. Emily's experience spans local government, state government secondment roles and private consultancy in both the UK and Australia. Emily is a strategic thinker who likes to work at the nexus of infrastructure, biodiversity and climate resilience. She has a background in strategic environmental planning and provides strategic advice to support clients on corporate strategy, planning policy and business case projects as well as through the entire project lifecycle.



Christian Neilsen
Live & Learn Pacific Network

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Christian is the Executive Director of Live & Learn International based in Melbourne, Australia, with over 30 years of experience in the spheres of climate change program leadership and design. Throughout his career Christian has consulted for the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the World Bank, the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) New Zealand Aid, the European Union, the United National Development Program, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and numerous government departments in developing countries most of these Pacific Islands Countries.

ESG - catalyst for change or just a buzzword?

The focus of ESG is changing from compliance and target setting, towards direct interventions and strategies embedded into business models. But is ESG relevant to a just transition, nature-positive, net zero, circular economy? And who really matters, what really matters?

What you'll learn

- 1. Introduction to ESG
- 2. Current trends and metrics in ESG reporting
- 3. Is ESG relevant to a just transition?
- 4. Stakeholders and ESG, who really matters?

Who should attend

Those who are interested in ESG, its benefits, its limitations and its controversy.



**Professor Nick Barter
Griffith University**

[LinkedIn](#)
Nick is Professor of Strategy and Sustainability at Griffith Business School in BNE. Completing his doctorate at the University of St Andrews, his career has spanned industry and academia. Strategy consulting with EY, to leading the Griffith MBA, to advising organisations on moving past myopic approaches.



**Dr Akihiro Omura
Griffith University**

[LinkedIn](#)
Dr Akihiro Omura has an extensive experience in both academic and industry research. This includes an equity analyst at two of the largest financial institutions in Japan. As the analyst, he was responsible for providing investment recommendations to institutional investors from the world. The quality of his equity research was recognised by Nikkei Veritas magazine in its Japan's nationwide annual analyst and economist ranking. As an academic, he conducts industry and societal needs-oriented research in the field of responsible investing and natural resource economics.



**Andrew Petersen
Business Council
for Sustainable
Development Australia**

[LinkedIn](#)
Andrew Petersen is the Chief Executive Officer, Director and Company Secretary of Sustainable Business Australia (SBA), a Board Director of the Banksia Foundation, and appointed to the Board of Advice of the University of Sydney Business School. In 2014 Andrew secured Sustainable Business Australia's partnership with the world's largest global CEO-led organisation on business sustainability, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. Before becoming SBA's CEO, Andrew had a 25-plus year legal and policy career when held an enviable reputation as legal advisor on matters relating to environmental risk, law and policy, including climate change, and as a thought leader and advisor on the business of sustainability in Australia and overseas.



**Cameron Balch
Impact Cooperative**

[LinkedIn](#)
Cameron began his career as a Life Scientist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency before working with rural fishing villages in the Philippines, developing protected areas for marine ecosystems. Cameron later worked in consultancy and advisory for EarthCheck, where he developed a deep understanding of decarbonization and developed his expertise in corporate sustainability via ESG. Most recently, Cameron launched Impact Cooperative to focus on educating and implementing ESG best practice for clients in diverse industries. He has an expertise in quantifying sustainability to measure impact as well as strong skills in stakeholder engagement and organisational implementation.

About the Facilitators

Session coordination supported by Cheryl Briars ([LinkedIn](#)) and Dr Ed Morgan ([LinkedIn](#))

Interpreting and using climate data and climate scenarios for decision making.

This session is run in conjunction with CSIRO and the NESP Climate Systems Hub and will help navigate the landscape of climate science data sources and scenarios and answer questions to support high-level decision-making for climate risk assessments. The session will cover how to interpret a range of scenarios, where to find relevant information and what information to look for. Applied examples will be given and you will be encouraged in small groups to put some of the learning into practice for a specified service delivery area.

What you'll learn

Important aspects of climate science, risk assessment and adaptation approaches as well as where to go to learn more. You will learn:

- 1.** Climate science essentials.
- 2.** How climate science resources can support risk assessments, policy development and adaptation decisions.
- 3.** How to find and apply climate data and information to real-world situations (hands-on activity).

Who should attend

This program is designed for those starting out on, or in the early stages of, a climate risk assessment and/or adaptation planning process.



John Clarke
CSIRO

[LinkedIn](#)

John leads Regional Projections Team in the CSIRO Climate Science Centre where he has worked since 2009. He brings a range of experience from previous roles, having been a camera operator in the Australian news media, a national park ranger in central Australia, and a conservation ecologist managing endangered species in Queensland. John has a passion for ensuring the vital research undertaken by the climate science community is used to inform real world decisions. His current work has a strong focus on helping Australians get the most out of climate change projections. John was recently a lead author of the State of the Climate 2022 Report for Australia.



David Putland
Queensland Government,
Department of Environment
and Science

[LinkedIn](#)

Dave is a Principal Scientist in the Climate Projections and Services team in the Department of Environment and Science (DES) and the Climate Science Knowledge Broker for Queensland within the Climate Systems Hub (National Environmental Science Program). The focus of the Knowledge Broker role is to help connect people with climate change data, information and services to support policy development, risk assessments and adaptation decision-making. Dave came to this role with a background in climate adaptation policy and programs, including the development of the Queensland Climate Adaptation Strategy. Dave has held policy roles in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Biosecurity Queensland and agriculture industry bodies, in addition to research positions with universities.

The workshop part of this Learning Lab will be facilitated by members of the Climate Systems Hub's interjurisdictional knowledge brokering team, including:

[Ramona Dalla Pozza](#)

(Climate Systems Hub and University of Tasmania)

[Helen Bloustein](#)

(Victorian Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action)

[Sarah Bassett](#)

(NSW Department of Planning and Environment)

[Tamara Pinkerton](#)

(WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation)

[Anna Gstaettner](#)

(WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation).

Insights into director responsibilities and climate governance at board level.

ASIC says disclosing and managing climate-related risk is a key director responsibility. This workshop considers these four key types of accountabilities:

1. Consideration of short- and long-term climate risk and duty to continuously reassess.
2. Develop and maintain strong and effective corporate governance to make sure there is oversight of climate risks.
3. Comply with the law and include in the operating and financial review (OFR) any climate risk when it is a material risk that could affect the company's achievement of its financial performance.
4. Disclose useful information to investors to guide their decisions.
How should a diligent director deal with climate risk?

What you'll learn

An introduction into what is expected from a modern board dealing with sustainability in terms of risk and success.

Who should attend

This program is designed for board directors (corporate, not for profit, government), executives interacting with boards, corporate regulators, researchers and governance officials seeking to improve their understanding of directors duties in relation to sustainability issues, including climate and nature risk with the goal of generating insights into the role of boards to make organisations climate ready.



Professor Rosemary Addis AM
CRI Advisory Board

[LinkedIn](#)

Rosemary is a globally recognised leader and strategist at the forefront of innovation and investment for impact. She has an international portfolio anchored around her role as Founding Managing Partner of Mondiale Impact; appointments as Enterprise Professor Impact, Sustainability & Innovation at University of Melbourne and Industry Professor, Finance at University College London. Her 35+ year track record spans sectors, disciplines and geographies and shaping and growing impact markets, social innovations, innovative investment vehicles and global standards. Rosemary is widely published, her work is the subject of international case studies and she has advised and collaborated with leaders from the World Banking Group, United Nations Development Programme, OECD Social Impact Investing Initiative, the World Economic Forum, Australian Government, major banks, institutional investors, corporations, foundations and governments and leading institutions including Oxford University, Duke University and Harvard Kennedy School.



Professor Susan Harris Rimmer
Griffith University

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Professor Susan Harris Rimmer is the Director of the Griffith University Policy Innovation Hub and leads the Climate Justice theme of the Griffith Climate Action Beacon. Sue was previously the Director of Studies at the ANU Asia Pacific College for Diplomacy, and advocacy lead at the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). She has also worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the National Council of Churches, the Attorney-General's Department and the Parliamentary Library.



Dr Jacqui Robertson
Griffith University

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Jacqui has over two decades of experience working as a legal practitioner in private practice advising mining and extractive industry companies on environmental and planning law. Prior to joining the Griffith Law School (where she teaches planning law and company law), she spent a number of years in an in-house legal role with the Queensland Government. Her experience has been primarily advisory work relating to the extractive industries (petroleum, gas, mining, and quarries), and water governance. Her PhD focusses on governance mechanisms for sustainably managing water in the resources industry.

About the Facilitators

Session coordination supported by Helen Elliott ([LinkedIn](#))

Tracking and reporting of emissions in practice.

This session will build a foundational understanding of carbon accounting in the Australian context. It will outline high level principles of greenhouse gas accounting for relevant sectors and detail the steps involved in preparing carbon accounts. The session will include a discussion of net zero targets and the use of offsets.

What you'll learn

This learning lab will equip you with:

- 1.** A high-level understanding of carbon accounting.
- 2.** An understanding of key reporting frameworks and their application.
- 3.** An outline of carbon accounting principles.
- 4.** A break-down of the core steps involved in calculating and reporting an entity's greenhouse gas emissions.
- 5.** Insights into key challenges.

Who should attend

Any worker charged with understanding, calculating and/or reporting carbon emissions, such as accountants, sustainability officers, project managers, environmental auditors, business strategists. The session will assume no prior knowledge.



Professor Andrew Macintosh
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Professor Andrew Macintosh is a regulatory and environmental markets expert based at the the Australian National University (ANU) Law School, where he is Director of Research. He is a previous Chair of the Australian Government's Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee and Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee and Associate Member of the Climate Change Authority. In 2020, he served as one of the three Commissioners on the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements (otherwise known as the 'Bushfires Royal Commission'). He is currently a program lead for the Australian Government's Agriculture Biodiversity Stewardship Package and National Biodiversity Trading Platform.



Paul Dobson
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Paul is a recognised expert on non-financial reporting, sustainability reporting, greenhouse gas emissions reporting and assurance, carbon pricing and TCFD in Australia. Paul works with business and the public sector to help them manage their most strategic risks and take real action on the opportunities emanating from climate change, decarbonisation and sustainability. He is a Fellow of CAANZ, a Registered Greenhouse and Energy Auditor (Category 1 and Category 2 (Audit Team Leader)), is GRI Certified and trained by CSIRO in climate models.

Creative solutions for climate conversations: supporting communication and community engagement.

Meaningful and impactful communication with communities is critical to building shared understandings of climate risks, issues and opportunities and building support and capacity for climate risk management and action. Failure to build relations of trust and genuine dialogue with communities - whether community of place, interest and/or professional/practice - can contribute to poor and short-term decision-making outcomes and lead to confusion, apathy or even conflict. Managing diverse perspectives, knowledge and opinions is a key skill that all leaders will need in managing the climate challenge. In this interactive session, participants will be guided through a participatory learning experience that explores the complexities of facilitating meaningful and productive community climate conversations.

What you'll learn

Through this learning lab, participants will:

- 1.** Have a greater understanding of key concepts and emerging issues and considerations for effective community-centred climate action and communication.
- 2.** Have a greater knowledge of practically applying the concepts introduced through an experiential learning process with peers using a real-life scenario.
- 3.** Have greater capacity to design and lead community conversations that are inclusive, and holistic as a foundation for effective community-scale climate action.

Who should attend

This session is designed for leaders in industry, community and government - program managers, community engagement and decision-makers to provide practical advice and useful strategies to build support and enthusiasm for effective climate change response.



Assoc Professor Kerrie Foxwell-Norton
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Kerrie Foxwell-Norton is an Associate Professor of Environmental Communication at Griffith University. She has specific expertise in community-based research related to environmental issues and conflict, exploring the role of communication in enabling or not, progress and change. Her extensive project experience traverses all levels of Australian government, to focussed work in regional and remote communities, including First Nations communities. Key areas of expertise include: Community consultation and engagement practice; Cultural awareness and safety; Building and nurturing long term effective relationships with stakeholder groups; Qualitative and quantitative evaluation of communication activities.



Dr Melissa Jackson
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Melissa is a 'pracademic' and transdisciplinary research fellow with Griffith's Climate Action Beacon, and has almost 20 years experience in government energy utilities, consulting and applied sustainability research. Melissa's research contributes to practical outcomes and social change in the fields of community climate resilience, working at the nexus of climate mitigation, adaptation, and sustainable development. Her research often employs applications of collaborative learning and dialogue, co-design, systemic thinking, futures thinking and community development-oriented methods, and aims to strengthening capacity of research partners to embed research knowledge into practice. This includes in regional and remote, Indigenous and developing community contexts.



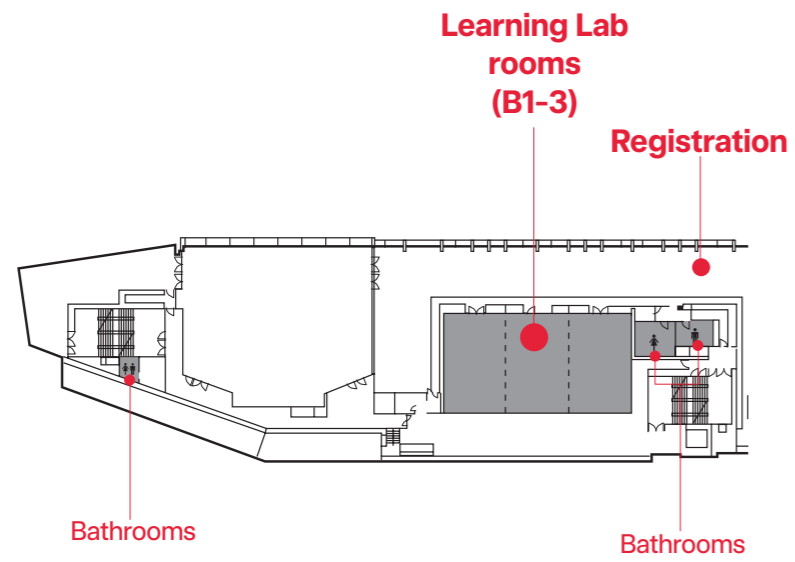
Seán Kennedy
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Seán was a producer for over 15 years, working across childrens and factual programming at Network 10, as well as travel and lifestyle formats at Network 7. Aside from a decade of producing content for broadcast TV, he has worked intensively in the commercial production space, producing advertising campaigns and online content for agencies, corporate and government clients. Seán also spent over 2 years collectively in Indonesia where he founded a community based not-for-profit organisation which works across agroforestry, conservation and ecotourism development. He is now a senior media advisor for the Climate Council, working in the Climate Media Centre department, with a focus on the Queensland media landscape.

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