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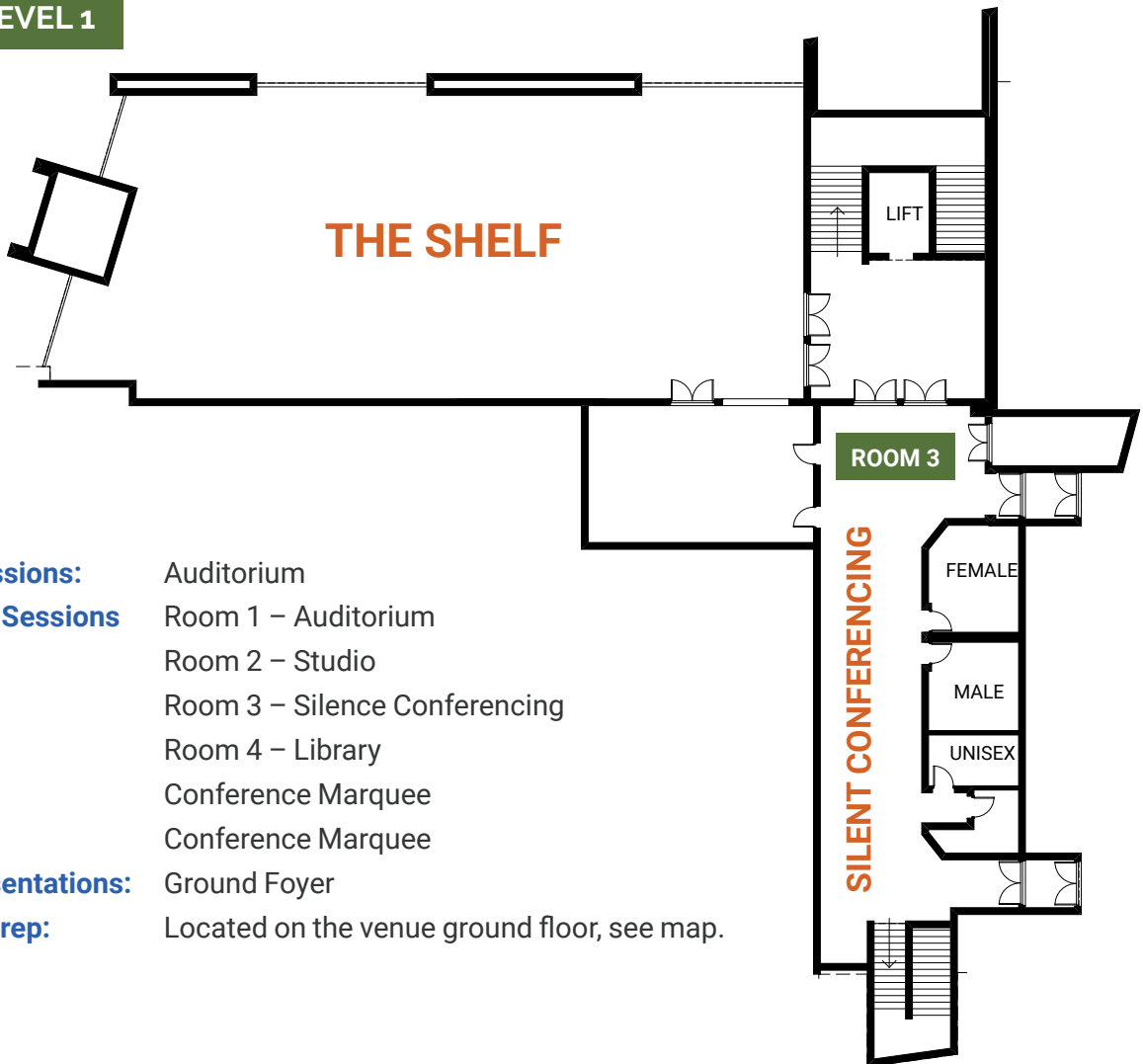
The Conference acknowledges that we meet on the lands of the Ngarluma people as well as the many other Traditional Owners of the Pilbara region.

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- Plenary Sessions:** Auditorium
- Concurrent Sessions:** Room 1 – Auditorium
Room 2 – Studio
Room 3 – Silence Conferencing
Room 4 – Library
- Catering:** Conference Marquee
- Exhibition:** Conference Marquee
- Poster Presentations:** Ground Foyer
- Speaker's Prep:** Located on the venue ground floor, see map.

WELCOME



Welcome back to Karratha for the 2024 Developing Northern Australia Conference! After a long absence since Covid-19, it is so good to bring the conference back to northern WA.

Every year, this conference gives northern Australians, our partners from the south and the wider world a chance to share their vision for the future of the north. It also gives a wide audience the chance to hear how implementation of the Whitepaper on Developing Northern Australia is progressing. Together, we have a stronger voice in getting the best results from this key policy. This year particularly coincides with the refresh of the Whitepaper Action Plan; presenting the Karratha conference with great opportunities to influence new directions, and to continue a progressive focus on the future of the north.

This year, big issues and opportunities for us to focus on at the conference continue to include highlighting the importance of supporting Indigenous-led development and self-determination. While we are in the Pilbara, there will also be a focus on realising new opportunities in mining as well as its linkage to new energy opportunities and the decarbonisation of the economy. We are continuing to want to grow the voices of small to medium business and maintain pressure on the development of enabling infrastructure. Our focus on future workforce development, migration and the north's relationship to the Indo-Pacific region also remains strong. Finally, in economic, social and environmental terms, we know that more effort is needed to integrate joined up approaches to regional and community (place-based) development. We have a fantastic line up of speakers on these topics.

Particular thanks must this year go to the Office of Northern Australia, the Western Australian Government, the Pilbara Development Commission, the City of Karratha and the Karratha and Districts Chamber of Commerce and Industry. As always, we also thank our Program Committee, Chairs and Local Steering Committees. These groups are made up of people from across the north, and they work hard to make each conference a success. The conference host, the Association of Sustainability in Business, has backed Karratha and the northern Western Australian community with a significant vote of confidence!

Looking forward to catching up with you during the conference.

Regards,

Professor Allan Dale

Conference Chair

Professor of Tropical Regional Development, James Cook University (JCU)

Chief Scientist, Collaborative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia (CRCNA)

We acknowledge and thank the Ngarluma people and Traditional Owners of the Ngurra land on which we hold this conference.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution of all **committee members** and **session chairs** for their time and expertise with the conference program.

The Conference Committee has worked closely with and thanks the Northern Australian Indigenous Reference Group and the First Nations Portfolio of ANU for their key contributions to the Program design.

Program Committee



(Chair) Professor Allan Dale

Professor of Tropical Regional Development, James Cook University (JCU)
Chief Scientist, Collaborative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia (CRCNA)



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Sam Stewart

CEO, Association for Sustainability in Business Inc.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following information is provided to make your attendance at the **2024 Developing Northern Australia Conference** as pleasant as possible. If you require assistance, please visit the conference team at the registration desk.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

The registration desk will be located in the **main foyer** at the entrance of the **Red Earth Arts Precinct**. Our team will be available during the following times:

Monday 26 August 2024 11:30am – 5:30pm
Tuesday 27 August 2024 7:45am – 5:30pm
Wednesday 28 August 2024 8:00am – 2:30pm

NAME BADGE

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WELCOME FUNCTION

The Welcome Networking Function will be held on **Monday 26 August from 5:30pm – 6:30pm** at **The Shelf at the conference venue**. Canapes, beer, wine, and soft drinks will be served. This event is included with your registration.

Guest tickets can be purchased for \$88.00 from the registration desk.

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Tickets can be purchased for \$219.00 + GST from the registration desk.

Transportation: As the conference comes to an end on Day 2, buses will pick you up from the Red Earth Arts Precinct and return you to your hotel at the end of the night.

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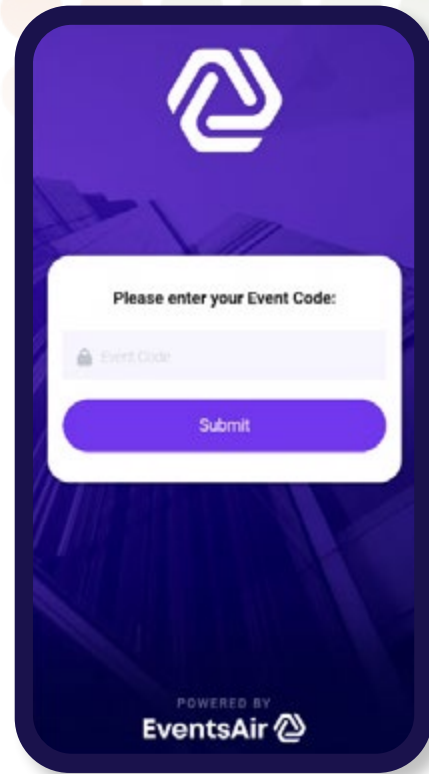
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PROF. HURRIYET BABACAN
Professorial Fellow, The Cairns Institute, James Cook University; Chair Regional Development Australia, Tropical North

Professor Hurriyet is Professor of Regional Economic and Policy Development at James Cook University and also the Research Director at the Rural Economies Centre of Excellence. Hurriyet has had a distinguished career over the last 25 years in senior leadership roles in higher education, public private partnerships and the public sector. She has held roles such as the Victorian Manager of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet; Executive Director, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Pro Vice-Chancellor; CEO of Tablelands Regional Council and director of research institutes. Hurriyet is currently the Chair of Regional Development Australia, Tropical North.

Hurriyet is well recognised nationally and internationally including publications, keynote presentations, capacity building and other activities. She has been a member of high-profile international working parties such as the wellbeing working party of Council of Europe and OECD and steering committee member of the United Nations-Queensland Government Engaging Communities initiatives, including a major global conference on community engagement. She has recently completed a TEDx talk on Inclusive Economic Development. Her work relates to regional resilience, gender, social inclusion, workforce development and labour markets, regional digital connectivity, climate change and livelihoods, circular economy and waste management across Northern Australia and the Indo-Pacific region.

Northern RDA Alliance – Priorities and Opportunities for the North

Monday 26 August • 1:40pm - 1:50pm

Entwined Futures: Northern Australia in the Indo Pacific
Wednesday 28 August • 9:05am - 9:20am

Indo Pacific Panel

Wednesday 28 August • 9:20am - 9:40am

Keynote Panel: Place-Based Solutions for Northern Australia

Wednesday 28 August • 1:30pm - 2:00pm



DR GUY BOGGS
Chief Executive Officer, CRC Time

CRC TIME is an independent, collaborative and solutions focused organisation, bringing

together a partnership of stakeholders to innovate mine closure and post-mine transformations.

Guy has extensive experience providing leadership in innovation, working at the interface of industry and research, and leading the delivery of large Australian Government funded programs.

Guy holds a PhD on Post-Mine Landform Design and has authored over 50 books, book chapters, and journal articles on spatial science and natural resource management.

Guy is committed to enabling a new vision for mine closure and post-mine transformations through effective stakeholder engagement, research planning, and innovative solutions.

Transforming the Lifecycle of Mining for the Better

Tuesday 27 August • 8:45am - 9:00am

Mining and Beyond Panel

Tuesday 27 August • 9:15am - 9:30am

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JACKIE BROOKS
Board Member, RDA Mid-West & Gascoyne

Jackie Brooks is a dynamic figure at the forefront of regional development and tourism in Australia's Northwest. With a wealth of experience, she serves as a board member for Regional Development Australia Mid West Gascoyne, Deputy Shire President for Exmouth, and Secretary of the Exmouth Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, she directs the esteemed Ningaloo Lodge, a boutique accommodation business, and chairs the Regional Tourism Organisation, Australia's Coral Coast. Jackie's expertise spans tourism, marketing, and economic diversification, honed through successful ventures in Broome and Exmouth. Passionate about fostering tourism and aviation connectivity, she champions economic growth in Northern Australia.

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Dr John Coyne
Head of Northern Australia Strategic Policy Centre, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

Dr John Coyne is Head of the Northern Australia Strategic Policy Centre and Head of Strategic Policing and Law Enforcement at ASPI. He is an award-winning author who has published widely on policing, national security, northern Australia and organised crime. John has worked in intelligence and national security for over 25 years. He has been an intelligence professional at tactical, operational, and strategic levels across military, regulatory, national security and law enforcement organisations. He has been a Winston Churchill Fellow and a Vincent Fairfax Fellow.

Session Introduction

Wednesday 28 August • 8:30am - 8:35am



THE HON. GLENN BUTCHER MP

Glenn Butcher was elected the Member for Gladstone in 2015, after a long and successful career as a Fitter and Turner. After finishing school, Glenn began an apprenticeship at the Gladstone Power Station. Once qualified, Glenn went to work at Queensland Alumina Limited, where he went on to spend more than two decades in various positions, from tradesman all the way to Maintenance Superintendent. A family man and long-time Gladstone local, Glenn has deep roots in the region, especially in the Gladstone Rugby League community. During his time as an MP, Glenn has been a member of the Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources Committee, Chair of the Agriculture and Environment Committee, Assistant Minister for Treasury, Assistant Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and Assistant Minister for Local Government and Infrastructure. Glenn currently holds the portfolios of Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water.

The Hon. Glenn Butcher MP, Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing, Minister for Water (Pre-Recorded Address)

Monday 26 August • 3:15pm - 3:20pm

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PROFESSOR ALLAN DALE
Conference Chair

Professor of Tropical Regional Development, James Cook University (JCU)

Chief Scientist, Collaborative

Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia (CRCNA)

Allan Dale is a Professor of Tropical Regional Development at The Cairns Institute, James Cook University and the Chief Scientist for the Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia (CRCNA). He has been the inaugural chair of the Developing Northern Australia Conference since 2015. Allan has an internationally published interest in integrated societal governance, with a particular focus across the tropical world, northern Australia and the Great Barrier Reef. He leads JCU's contributions to Queensland's Rural Economies Centre of Excellence (RECoE), the Communities in Transition Program, the Indigenous Enterprise Program with in the TNQ Drought Hub, and emerging collective impact approaches to social development at community scale.

Keynote Panel: Place-Based Solutions for Northern Australia

Wednesday 28 August • 1:30pm - 2:00pm



FLORENCE DRUMMOND
*Executive Director,
Development Partner Institute*

Florence Drummond leads the Development Partner Institute as Executive Director, contributing her extensive leadership and social impact experience.

Ms Drummond is well-respected within the mining industry. Her most recent role was co-founder of Indigenous Women in Mining and Resources Australia (IWIMRA), a uniquely positioned organisation working to connect and raise the profile of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women in the resources industry.

Ms Drummond is a non-executive Director of ASX listed Taiton Resources and was recognised for her leadership locally in the WA Business News 40 Under 40 Awards, plus internationally recognised in Women in Mining UK's 100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining alumni. She was also recently appointed as an advisory board member to the Centre for Australia-India Relations and the Australia Saudi Business Forum.

Dialogue and Its Role in a Partnership-Based Mining Value Chain

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Mining and Beyond Panel

Tuesday 27 August • 9:15am - 9:30am

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DR JANINE GERTZ
Research Fellow, University of Queensland's Centre for Indigenous Futures

Dr Janine Gertz, is a Gugu Badhun citizen and a Research Fellow at the University of Queensland's Centre for Indigenous Futures. Her research interests centre on the political representation and self-government strategies of Indigenous Nations and is grounded in her community development work with the Gugu Badhun Aboriginal Nation. Janine was recently announced the winner of the prestigious 2023 Stanner Award – AIATSIS' biennial prize for the best academic writing by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander author. Her winning entry was for her PhD thesis 'Gugu Badhun Sovereignty, Self-Determination and Nationhood.'

From Governance to Government: Local Level Approaches to Building Self-Government and Political Representation of Indigenous Nations
Monday 26 August • 4:10pm - 4:25pm



CASEY GREENTREE
A/g First Assistant Secretary, Partnerships and Projects Division, Office of Northern Australia

Casey was recently appointed to Assistant Secretary, Office of Northern Australia, and has almost 15 years working for the Australian Public Service, predominately in the Northern Territory and economic development. She is passionate about government working in partnership at the local and regional level to support communities to thrive and ensure there is equity of opportunity.

Australian Government's Focus on Northern Australia
Wednesday 28 August • 9:40am - 9:50am



SUSAN GRYLLES
CEO, Pilbara Universities Centre - Place-Based Workforce Development

Susan is the CEO of the Pilbara Kimberley University Centres. The PKUC is a member of the Federal Government's Regional University Study Hubs programme with study hubs in Broome, Karratha, Port Hedland, Onslow and Tom Price. Currently the PKUC supports nearly 500 higher education students living in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions through a range of support services, education programmes and facilities. The PKUC is dedicated to addressing the inequity of education experienced by those living in WA's remote north west and also the growth of a local skilled workforce to support the ever growing growth of the Pilbara and Kimberley regions.

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LUKE GOSLING OAM,
MP for Solomon

Luke Gosling OAM MP is the Member for Solomon in the Australian parliament, which covers Darwin and Palmerston. He was elected in 2016, 2019 and 2022.

Mr Gosling serves as Chair of the Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport. He is a member of the Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia, the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, and the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories.

He spent 13 years in the Army, including leadership roles in Parachute Infantry, Commandos, Defence Cooperation Programs, and Norforce, as well as overseas service.

Keynote Presentation
Wednesday 28 August • 8:45am - 8:50am

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Tracey Hayes
*Chair of Northern Australia
Infrastructure Facility Board*

Tracey Hayes is an esteemed leader in business across northern Australia, recognised both nationally and internationally. As the first female CEO of the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association, she led initiatives that shaped the billion-dollar NT pastoral industry. Her remarkable leadership earned her recognition from the Governor General and membership in the Order of Australia Honours Council. Additionally, Tracey served as Chair of a Government Statutory Authority and was a founding board member of the Cooperative Research Centre for northern Australia.

Her commitment to fostering international relationships is evident through her involvement on the board of the Australia Indonesia Institute, aimed at strengthening ties between the two countries. She also played a key advisory role in the National Resilience and Recovery Agency, showcasing her dedication to national resilience efforts.

Currently serving as the Head of Corporate Affairs Australia at AAM, a prominent \$1B Australian-owned operator, Tracey continues to make an impact in the agricultural industry. Concurrently, she holds the position of Federations Board Chair for the Royal Flying Doctors, underscoring her dedication to serving regional Australia. With extensive experience across infrastructure, health, and agriculture sectors, Tracey Hayes is a respected leader dedicated to advancing regional development and prosperity.

8 Years in the North – a Financial Journey
Monday 26 August • 1:50pm - 2:00pm



TERRY HILL AM
*Chairman, Pilbara
Development Commission
Board*

Terry is the Chair of the Pilbara Development Commission board, previously holding the position of Chief Executive Officer for over eight years. Terry has held several senior roles in the Western Australian

Government and at a national level. He has carried out the role as the Deputy Chair of the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation and was a foundation Director of Horticulture Australia Ltd. He has also worked Internationally, leading a significant project in Indonesia, industry trade missions to Asia and managing the commercialisation of intellectual property. The opportunity to work closely with industry and businesses to 'support their successes' has always been a strong focus in his career. Terry Hill is a passionate, knowledgeable, and committed leader and advocate for the Pilbara, building strong networks and initiating the development of some very significant.

Mining and Beyond Panel
Tuesday 27 August • 9:15am - 9:30am



DR SAMANTHA HORSEMAN
*HDR Innovation and Industry
Lead*

Sam is committed to connecting academia and industry to create a sustainable innovation ecosystem. With over 25 years of experience as an inventor and entrepreneur, she brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in human-machine interface, artificial intelligence, and industry/business development. Her mission is to develop exemplary researchers, next-gen innovators, and startup founders contributing to regional economic growth and job creation. Her portfolio consists of 60 granted patents, 15 prototypes, 47 publications, and 25 global awards. She is also a board member QLD AI Hub and Director of the Cairns AI Chapter enhancing the capability of AI across Queensland.

**Advancing our Northern Regions through Robust
Innovation Ecosystems & AI**
Tuesday 27 August • 10:05am - 10:20am

**Panel Presentation: Knowledge, Skills and
Migration for Tomorrow's Success**
Tuesday 27 August • 10:20am - 10:30am

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**THE HON. MADELEINE KING
MP**
*Minister for Resources and
Northern Australia Parliament
of Australia*

The Hon. Madeleine King was sworn in as Federal Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia on 1 June 2022, following the election of the Albanese Government.

Minister King was first elected to Parliament in 2016, representing the seat of Brand on the outskirts of Perth, where she was born and grew up.

The seat encompasses the Cities of Rockingham and Kwinana and contains some of Perth's heavy industries, including the HMAS Stirling naval base on Garden Island and the Kwinana Industrial Area. King's father worked at the BP oil refinery in Kwinana and her mother and grandmother ran a drapery store in Rockingham.

Minister King was promoted to the shadow ministry in 2018 and has served as Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs and Small Business, Shadow Minister for Trade and Shadow Minister for Resources.

Before entering parliament Minister King held senior executive roles at The University of Western Australia and served as the inaugural Chief Operating Officer at the Perth USAsia Centre.

As a Shadow Minister, a former political adviser and through Parliamentary committee work, she was a regular visitor to Northern Australia and has been deeply engaged in issues surrounding development in the north.

Minister King has a strong interest in ensuring the benefits of economic development are shared fairly and create opportunities for all segments of Australian society.

Minister King has a law degree from the University of Western Australia in Perth.

She is also a keen hockey enthusiast and was a member of the WA Women's Masters Hockey Team from 2012 to 2015.

**Ministerial Keynote: Refreshed Government
Priorities for Northern Development**

Monday 26 August • 2:40pm - 3:00pm



PETER LONG
*Consultant, Place-Based
Economic Development*

Peter is a company director, project manager and business initiator with a decade's experience on major projects overseas, and over 30 years living in Australia's north-west.

A community development enthusiast, he was Mayor of the City of Karratha for a decade, completing his service in 2023, and prior to that lived in the UK, USA, South Africa & India.

He started a professional engineering and environmental consultancy which grew to some 100 staff, with offices across WA and currently holds directorships with the CRC for Developing Northern Australia, Rangelands NRM, Pilbara Kimberley Universities Centre & RDA-Pilbara.

Pilbara Development Commission Welcome

Monday 26 August • 1:10pm - 1:20pm

**Keynote Panel: Place-Based Solutions for
Northern Australia**

Wednesday 28 August • 1:30pm - 2:00pm



VONDA MALONE
*Truth-Telling and Healing
Inquiry Member*

"Beyond delivering outcomes and positive change, I hope to encourage women and people in regional and remote communities to pursue leadership opportunities."

Vonda Malone was appointed as an Inquiry member to the Truth-Telling and Healing Inquiry for a three-year term, commencing 1 July 2024. Member Malone is part of a five-member team independent of government. They aim to foster inclusiveness and mutual respect while also building awareness and understanding of Queensland's shared history following colonisation. They invite all Queenslanders to walk with them as they work right across the state of Queensland during this Inquiry.

Previously Vonda held the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) from May 2022 to May 2024 and

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made history as the first female Mayor of Torres Shire Council from 2016-2022.

A Torres Strait Islander woman with connection to Erub (Darnley Island) and Cape York Peninsula.

With more than 20 years of experience working across 3 levels of government, specialising in Indigenous Affairs, she also holds a unique international perspective with both the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the United Nations Office of the Human Rights Commission, Geneva.

Ms Malone has a particular interest in improving health and wellbeing outcomes for the region.

Self-determination, Climate Change and Canaries – How Will Torres Strait Weather the Perfect Storm

Monday 26 August • 4:40pm - 4:55pm



JANELLE MARR
Managing Director of StepBeyond Strategy

Janelle Marr is an experienced Company Director and a leading strategic advisor with over 30 years in strategy, sustainability and transformation programs in Australia and overseas.

She is Managing Director of StepBeyond Strategy, an impact-driven corporate advisory supporting Boards and C-Suites to drive long term value creation and a fairer, more equitable and sustainable world.

Janelle is both a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Governance Institute of Australia; and currently serves on the Boards of Tourism WA, WA Arts and Culture Trust and Foundation Housing Ltd. She has also served a decade on University Boards including Charles Darwin University and Edith Cowan University.

Sustainable Value Creation: Purpose-led Governance, Integrated Strategy and the Strategic Assets Critical for Organisations to Contribute to a Prosperous Northern Australia

Tuesday 27 August • 9:35am - 9:50am

Panel Presentation: Knowledge, Skills and Migration for Tomorrow's Success

Tuesday 27 August • 10:20am - 10:30am



SENATOR SUSAN MCDONALD
LNP Senator for Queensland, Shadow Minister for Resources, Shadow Minister for Northern Australia

From growing up on her family's cattle property in North West Queensland to running a business in South East Queensland, Susan has a deep appreciation of the issues affecting Queenslanders across the state.

Raised near Cloncurry, Susan was educated by Correspondence School and Mt Isa School of the Air before attending boarding school in Brisbane and studying commerce and economics at the University of Queensland.

A qualified accountant and mum to three kids, Susan also ran a chain of butcher shops for six years, responsible for over 100 staff across five stores, before being elected to the Australian Senate for Queensland.

Susan is based in Townsville, making her the Coalition's northernmost Senator in Australia.

Susan is the Shadow Minister for Resources and Shadow Minister for Northern Australia, roles in which she will be able to help grow our country's most productive regions and industries for the benefit of all Australians.

Susan was elected to the Senate in May 2019 as a member of the Liberal National Party and sits in the Federal Nationals party room.

Susan also held roles in the previous Coalition Government as Special Envoy for Northern Australia and Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee.

Shadow Ministerial Keynote: Opposition Priorities for Northern Development

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SHERIDEN MORRIS
Chair, CRC for Developing Northern Australia

Sheriden Morris is a strong advocate for Northern Australia, who grew up in the Northern Territory and now lives in Babinda in Far North Queensland. Sheriden's career began in tropical agronomy and has spanned across sugar, banana, aquaculture, environmental and tourism industries. Sheriden is a leader in nature positive land and water management, First Nations co-design and an innovative aid developer for Australia's northern borderlands with Papua New Guinea. Sheriden is currently the Chair of the CRC for Developing Northern Australia, Managing Director of the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre, and Deputy Chair of Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef. She's previously held senior roles at CSIRO and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. Sheriden believes in intelligent, sustainable development for Northern Australia that leverages the region's tropical expertise, it's people and natural assets.

Research De-Risking Development: CRC for Developing Northern Australia

Monday 26 August • 2:00pm - 2:10pm



THE HON. KYLE MCGINN
MLC, Member for Mining and Pastoral

Born and raised in Humpty Doo NT, Hon. Kyle McGinn MLC understands the challenges and opportunities that are a part of the daily lives of people living in remote Australia. After spending his formative years as a chef's apprentice in South Australia and in the Gold Cost Queensland, Kyle took the skills he learned and began a career working offshore in the Oil and gas industry in Western Australia.

2017 a newly elected member of the Legislative Council and the 40th Parliament Kyle opened his electorate office in Kalgoorlie and spent the last four years proactively reaching out and engaging with the Region.

The 41st Parliament in 2021 sees The Hon. Kyle McGinn MLC sworn in as Parliamentary Secretary to The Hon. Don Punch MLA, Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering. Kyle is looking forward to engaging on these portfolios and bringing with him a regional spin. The Hon. Kyle McGinn MLC is committed to bringing the voices of remote Australia to Parliament

Keynote address by The Hon. Kyle McGinn MLC

Wednesday 28 August • 9:50am - 10:00am

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JOE MORRISON
*Group Chief Executive Officer,
Indigenous Land and Sea
Corporation*

Joe Morrison is Dagoman and Mualgal and has over 30 years' experience working with Indigenous people in northern Australia, nationally and more recently globally. He has extensive experience in public policy, governance, research, Indigenous development, native title, land rights, land and sea management and economic development.

He is currently the Group Chief Executive Officer of the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC).

Prior to this he was the Chief Executive Officer of Australia's largest land rights authority, the Northern Land Council and the founding CEO of the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA). He is currently a Director of the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre, International Savanna Fire Management Initiative, National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, Primary Partners Pty Ltd, Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia and a member of the AFL Indigenous Advisory Council.

A First Nations Economy and Northern Australia
Monday 26 August • 4:25pm - 4:40pm



BROOK ORR
*Director, Northern Australia
Universities Alliance (NAUA)*

Brook is the Director of the Northern Australia Universities Alliance, which brings together CQUniversity, Charles Darwin University, and James Cook University. Brook is a transformative leader with two decades of experience spanning Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training, and the Tourism industry. Her career has seen her work across Europe, the Americas, and Asia. Brook is dedicated to fostering collaboration and innovation by connecting academia, government, business, and industry to drive tangible results. She holds a Master of Business Administration, Master of Conflict and Dispute Resolution and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and Governance Institute of Australia. Brook grew up in remote Far North Queensland and strongly connects with the unique challenges and opportunities facing Northern Australia.

Five Minute Scene Setting
Tuesday 27 August • 9:30am - 9:35am



KYLIE PORTER
*Chief Executive Officer,
Greater Whitsunday Alliance
(GW3)*

Kylie Porter is the Chief Executive Officer of Greater Whitsunday Alliance (GW3), an economic development organisation based in a mining dominant region in North Queensland. GW3's role is to secure long term prosperity for the region's 180,000 + residents, by securing new and emerging industry investment whilst still supporting high value legacy sectors. Kylie is an ecosystem development specialist, a self described 'super connector' and a champion for communities and their place at the table of new industry development and planning.

Keynote Session Introduction
Wednesday 28 August • 1:00pm - 1:05pm

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**THE HON. PROFESSOR
BIMAN PRASAD DPM**
*Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Finance (Fiji)*

Professor Biman Prasad is a prominent figure in Fijian politics and academia, serving as the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance since December 2022. With a deep-rooted passion for democracy, good governance, rule of law, human rights, media freedom, inclusive development and social justice, Professor Prasad has dedicated his whole life to bring positive political and socio-economic change to Fiji.

Professor Prasad pursued his academic journey, achieving remarkable success both locally and internationally. He holds a PhD in Economics, from the University of Queensland in Australia and rose through the ranks to become a Professor of Economics at an early age and the Dean of the Business and Economics Faculty at the University of the South Pacific. He currently holds the Adjunct Professorship at the James Cook University and Adjunct Research Professor at the Monash University in Australia. He has written several books and articles during his academic career and continues to take keen interest in research and publication.

As the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Professor Biman Prasad continues to lead with integrity, vision, and compassion. His steadfast commitment to democracy, good governance, and social justice serves as a beacon of hope for his fellow Fijians, as he endeavours to build a prosperous nation that upholds the rights and well-being of its citizens. He is a fiscal disciplinarian focussed on improving public finance management, promoting value for money, bringing fiscal transparency, tackling corruption, championing good governance and ensuring debt sustainability.

Professor Prasad's dedication to social justice is unwavering. He promotes initiatives that seek to bridge the socio-economic gap within Fiji with progressive policies to uplift marginalized communities, including provision of quality education, social protection, and better healthcare services. His goal is to create an inclusive society where everyone has equal access to opportunities and enjoy a decent standard of living.

Professor Prasad hails from a rice farming community in Dreketi on the Island of Vanua Levu, in the second largest island of Fiji, and is married to Dr Rajni Chand and has 2 children.

Distinguished Keynote Presentation: The Pacific Century: Embedding Northern Australia into the Indo-Pacific (Pre-Recorded Presentation)

Wednesday 28 August • 8:35am - 8:45am



THE HON. MELISSA PRICE MP
*Federal Member for Durack,
Opposition Whip*

Melissa is the Federal parliamentary representative for the electorate of Durack.

Stretching as far north as tropical Kununurra, down south to York and Bullsbrook on the outskirts of Perth, Durack is the largest electorate in Australia (nearly 1.4million square kms!).

Melissa is currently in her fourth term as Federal Member for Durack, proof that her strong work ethic and dedication has been recognised year after year. Melissa is honoured and privileged to continue to serve her constituents in Durack.

Developing the North Strategically - Security, Liveability and Investment

Tuesday 27 August • 8:20am - 8:30am

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DR TANZIL RAHMAN
*Academic Research Visitor,
St Edmund Hall, University of
Oxford*

Dr Tanzil Rahman grew up in Darwin and returned home in 2023, to assume the newly created role of Executive Director Human Capital, in the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, Northern Territory Government. Dr Rahman was previously attached to the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, and the School of Geography and the Environment at the University of Oxford, examining how states maintain competitiveness in the global market for skilled migrants, new models for economic migration policy, and use of technology in immigration settings. His ideas have been presented at assemblies including the Global Forum for Migration and Development, Metropolis International, UN Global Refugee Forum, and to policymakers and private-sector stakeholders widely. He has worked as a research fellow, management consultant, government executive, project manager, and political advisor, and holds qualifications in law, economics, and music, from the University of Sydney.

Investing in North Australia's Human Capital: Population Policy, Talent Acquisition, and Immigration Innovation

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Panel Presentation: Knowledge, Skills and Migration for Tomorrow's Success

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COLIN SALTMERE AM
*Chairperson, Northern
Australia Indigenous
Reference Group (IRG)*

Colin Saltmere ("Beo") is a senior Indjalandji-Dhidhanu traditional owner of the Camooweal region in North-West Queensland, and the Managing Director of the Myuma Group of companies. Colin has overseen the expansion of the Myuma Group from a small corporation in the 1990s to a diverse business and service delivery operation employing more than 160 full-time staff of which 85% are Indigenous. Colin served as ATSIC Regional Council Chairperson and Councillor for the Mt Isa-Gulf Region from 1994 to 1999.

The Myuma Group delivers: award-winning civil and mining pre-vocational training program for mining companies with over 2100 Indigenous graduates to date of which 97% transitioned to employment; the Community Development Program in four regions in Queensland and Northern Territory; Job Active services in Mount Isa, ranger programs across western Queensland working with 15 traditional owner groups; as well as operating a successful contracting business, prequalified for civil and road construction with ISO accreditation.

Colin has led the establishment of the National Indigenous Science Translation Centre which will create substantial jobs and business opportunities for traditional owners throughout Australia. His expertise and knowledge in Indigenous training, economic development and land management is widely acknowledged, and he has served on a wide variety of regional, state and commonwealth leadership groups and committees.

He is currently the Chairperson of the Australian Government's Indigenous Reference Group on Northern Australia and a board member of the newly created Queensland Indigenous Business Network. In 2021, Colin was made a Member in the General Division (AM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours for significant service to the Indigenous communities of North-West Queensland.

Update on Indigenous Reference Group
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MAYOR DANIEL SCOTT
Mayor, City of Karratha

Mayor Scott was born and raised in the Pilbara, spending his childhood in Dampier and the last 14 years in Karratha. He

is the Director of North West Brewing Company and has served as a City of Karratha Councillor for the past 8 years and was recently elected as Karratha's first publicly elected Mayor.

He has a rich background in Economic Development, Strategic Planning, and Community Engagement. Mayor Scott's understanding of the Pilbara's unique landscape is enhanced by his appreciation for its potential in driving economic prosperity and diversification, and his commitment to the Pilbara community is shown through his active involvement in local initiatives, highlighting his community focused mindset. Mayor Scott's vision for the Pilbara includes its economic transformation and the enhancement of its liveability and sustainability, promising a future where the region is recognised for its dynamic, diversified economy and vibrant community life.

Local Government Welcome

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ROSIE STAUDE
A/g Deputy Director, WA State Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Rosie Staude is the Acting Director of the WA State Office

of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). In this role Rosie leads the Department's engagement with its diverse stakeholders in Western Australia, including government, business, academia and the community. Prior to taking up the role, Rosie was a lead negotiator in the Digital Trade Branch, working on the World Trade Organization Joint Initiative on E-commerce, and Australia-EU Free Trade Agreement. From 2018-2021 Rosie served as a diplomat at the Australian Embassy in Rome.

Northern Australia: Gateway to the Indo-Pacific

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Indo Pacific Panel

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REBECCA TOMKINSON
Chief Executive for The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia

Rebecca Tomkinson is the Chief Executive Officer of The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia (CME), the peak resources sector representative body in Western Australia.

Immediately prior to joining the CME Rebecca was the Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Flying Doctor Service in WA. In her early career Rebecca worked in local, state and federal government before transitioning to executive roles in the corporate and community benefit sectors.

Raised in regional WA, Rebecca is deeply committed to the social and economic development of the state and the promotion of its unique and critical role nationally and globally. Rebecca is a current board member of Infrastructure WA, Crown Perth, the Perth USAsia Centre and the AROSE International Space Council (AISC). She is also Chair of the Government's Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Advisory Council.

Mining the Future: How WA's Resources Sector Can Be Part of Our DNA for Generations

Monday 26 August • 1:20pm - 1:40pm



MICHAEL WOODLEY
Chief Executive Officer, Yindjibarndi Nation

Michael Woodley has led the Yindjibarndi community since 2007 as CEO of the Yindjibarndi

Aboriginal Corporation, a native title body, and he now heads a group of entities that is working towards achieving community, cultural and commercial benefits for the Yindjibarndi people. He has established Yindjibarndi businesses and partnerships in the areas of renewable energy, housing, water management, media services and car rental, along with the Yurra contracting business which employs more than 200 people. Woodley was born in Roebourne, WA and was raised at the Ngurrawaana homeland on his traditional country from the age of 10, where he now lives with his partner Lorraine along with children, grandchildren and community members.

Relevance and Purpose: Yindjibarndi Principles and Sustainable Development

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PROFESSOR PETER YU
Vice-President First Nations, The Australian National University

Peter Yu, a Yawuru man from Broome in the Kimberley region in North West Australia, has over 40 years of experience in Indigenous development and advocacy in the Kimberley and at the state, national and international level. Peter was a key negotiator on behalf of the Yawuru Native Title Holders with the Western Australian State Government over the 2010 Yawuru Native Title Agreement. He was previously the Chief Executive Officer of the Yawuru Corporate Group and is the current and inaugural Vice-President First Nations at the Australian National University.

Ten Minute Scene Setting Focus: The Northern Australian agenda: Where Have We Landed? Report Back on Economic Policy Agenda Emerging from First Nation's Portfolio

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7:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Cossack Walking Tour Join a Traditional Owner on an informative cultural walking tour of Bajinhurra.
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Dampier Port Tour Join the Dampier Seafarers tour and learn about the Dampier Port and the Rio Tinto mining operations.
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Two Hour Premium Rock Art Tour, Nganjarli Murujuga National Park Take a guided tour with a Traditional Owner through Nganjarli - Murujuga National Park, which has the highest concentration of rock art in the world and rediscover the petroglyphs (rock art) created by the Yaburrara (Northern Ngarluma) people.
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN Welcome! Come and say hello to the Conference Team and collect your Name Badge!
Chair: Dr Allan Dale, James Cook University, Conference Chair	
12:30 PM - 12:45 PM	Welcome to Country Clinton Walker, Ngurrangga Tours, CEO
12:45 PM - 12:55 PM	Conference Housekeeping Sam Stewart, CEO, Association for Sustainability in Business
12:55 PM - 1:00 PM	Conference Chair Welcome Professor Allan Dale, James Cook University, Conference Chair
1:00 PM - 1:10 PM	Local Government Welcome Mayor Daniel Scott, City of Karratha
1:10 PM - 1:20 PM	Pilbara Development Commission Welcome Simon Taylor, Pilbara Development Commission
1:20 PM - 1:40 PM	Mining the Future: How WA's Resources Sector Can Be Part of Our DNA for Generations Rebecca Tomkinson, Chief Executive, The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia
1:40 PM - 1:50 PM	Northern RDA Alliance – Priorities and Opportunities for the North Prof Hurriyet Babacan AM, Chair, Regional Development Australia Tropical North Jackie Brooks, Board Member, RDA Mid West & Gascoyne Peter Long, Deputy Chair, RDA Pilbara
1:50 PM - 2:00 PM	8 Years in the North – a Financial Journey Tracey Hayes, Chair of Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Board
2:00 PM - 2:10 PM	Research De-Risking Development: CRC for Developing Northern Australia Sheriden Morris, Chair: CRC for Developing Northern Australia Board
2:10 PM - 2:20 PM	Update on Indigenous Reference Group Colin Saltmere, Chairperson, Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group (IRG)
2:20 PM - 2:40 PM	INTERMISSION
Ministerial Keynotes and Forum Chair: Dr Allan Dale, James Cook University, Conference Chair	
2:40 PM - 3:00 PM	Ministerial Keynote: Refreshed Government Priorities for Northern Development The Hon Madeleine King MP, Minister for Resources, Minister for Northern Australia
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Shadow Ministerial Keynote: Opposition Priorities for Northern Development Senator Susan McDonald, LNP Senator for Queensland, Shadow Minister for Resources, Shadow Minister for Northern Australia
3:15 PM - 3:20 PM	Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing, Minister for Water The Hon. Glenn Butcher MP, Pre-Recorded Address
3:25 PM - 4:00 PM	AFTERNOON TEA WITH EXHIBITORS

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First Nations Self Determination Chair: Professor Peter Yu, Vice-President First Nations, The Australian National University	
4:00 PM - 4:10 PM	Ten Minute Scene Setting Focus: The Northern Australian agenda: Where Have We Landed? Report Back on Economic Policy Agenda Emerging from First Nation's Portfolio Professor Peter Yu, Vice-President First Nations, The Australian National University
4:10 PM - 4:25 PM	From Governance to Government: Local Level Approaches to Building Self-Government and Political Representation of Indigenous Nations Dr Janine Gertz, Research Fellow, University of Queensland's Centre for Indigenous Futures
4:25 PM - 4:40 PM	A First Nations Economy and Northern Australia Joe Morrison, Group Chief Executive Officer, Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation
4:40 PM - 4:55 PM	Self-determination, Climate Change and Canaries – How Will Torres Strait Weather the Perfect Storm Vonda Malone, Truth-Telling and Healing Inquiry Member
4:55 PM - 5:10 PM	Relevance and Purpose: Yindjibarndi Principles and Sustainable Development Michael Woodley, CEO, Yindjibarndi Nation
Chair: Professor Peter Yu, Vice-President First Nations, The Australian National University	
5:10 PM - 5:30 PM	Exciting Keynote Presentation Peter Jeffries
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Welcome Reception - The Shelf - Red Earth Arts Precinct Drinks and canapes will be served

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7:45 AM - 8:15 AM	DAY 2 - REGISTRATION OPEN
8:15 AM - 8:20 AM	Morning Welcome Senator Varun Ghosh, Senator for WA
8:20 AM - 8:30 AM	Developing the North Strategically - Security, Liveability and Investment The Hon Melissa Price MP
Mining and Beyond Chair: Terry Hill AM, Chairman, Pilbara Development Commission Board	
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Session Introduction Terry Hill AM, Chairman, Pilbara Development Commission Board
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Transforming the Lifecycle of Mining for the Better Dr Guy Boggs, Chief Executive Officer, Cooperative Research Centre for Transformations in Mining Economies
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Dialogue and Its Role in a Partnership-Based Mining Value Chain Florence Drummond, Executive Director, Development Partner Institute
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Mining and Beyond Panel Moderator: Terry Hill AM, Chairman, Pilbara Development Commission Board Board Panelist - Dr Guy Boggs, Chief Executive Officer, Cooperative Research Centre for Transformations in Mining Economies Panelist - Florence Drummond, Executive Director, Development Partner Institute
Knowledge, Skills and Migration for Tomorrow's Success Chair: Brook Orr, Director Northern Australia Universities Alliance (NAUA)	
9:30 AM - 9:35 AM	Five Minute Scene Setting Brook Orr, Director Northern Australia Universities Alliance (NAUA)

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9:35 AM - 9:50 AM	Sustainable Value Creation: Purpose-led Governance, Integrated Strategy and the Strategic Assets Critical for Organisations to Contribute to a Prosperous Northern Australia Janelle Marr, Managing Director, StepBeyond Strategy			
9:50 AM - 10:05 AM	Investing in North Australia's Human Capital: Population Policy, Talent Acquisition, and Immigration Innovation Dr Tanzil Rahman, Academic Research Visitor, St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford			
10:05 AM - 10:20 AM	Advancing our Northern Regions through Robust Innovation Ecosystems & AI Dr Samantha Horseman, HDR Innovation and Industry Lead			
10:20 AM - 10:30 AM	Panel - Knowledge, Skills and Migration for Tomorrow's Success Moderator: Brook Orr, Director Northern Australia Universities Alliance (NAUA) Janelle Marr, Managing Director, StepBeyond Strategy Dr Tanzil Rahman, Academic Research Visitor St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford Dr Samantha Horseman, HDR Innovation and Industry Lead			
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	MORNING TEA WITH EXHIBITORS			
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	First Nations Self Determination Drives Northern Development Chair: Adrian Miller	Mining and Beyond Chair: Molly Singline	Place-Based Solutions: Crafting Northern-Focused Policies for Lasting Impact Chair: Prof Hurriyet Babacan AM	SME Workshop Moderator: Sarah Whelan, KDCCI
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	Local presence, Local Connections, Long-Term Commitment: The First Nations Community Engagement Guide for Effective Collaboration Associate Professor Kylie Radel, Central Queensland University	Mining and Minerals: Friend or Foe of the Energy Transition for Northern Australia Professor Peta Ashworth OAM, Director, Curtin Institute for Energy Transition	Better Connected: Understanding Connectivity to Facilitate Scaled Adoption Dr Rachel Hay, James Cook University	
11:25 AM - 11:45 AM	Mirarr Self Determination Through Mobilisation of Economic Development Opportunities and Partnerships in the Jabiru Township Dr Emma Young & Mr Corben Mudjandi, Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town	The Future of Energy Production in the Pilbara Liz Westcott, Executive Vice President and COO Australia, Woodside Energy	Housing Opportunities for Northern Australia David Skerrett & Dylan Price, Primary Advisory Pty Ltd	Unlocking Success in Northern Australia: Opportunities, Resilience, and Interactive Insights for SMEs Sharon Leyland, Xtreme Retail Group (WA) Clinton Walker, Ngurrangga Tours (WA) Catherine Fairlie, ALPA, speaking on Manapan (NT) Dennis Fay, Salty Monkey (Qld)
11:50 AM - 12:10 PM	First Nations Clean Energy Strategy: Including First Nations peoples in Australia's clean energy transition Dr Tanya Howard, Department Of Climate Change Energy Environment And Water	Building Futures: Case Study of Visionary Outcomes for Aboriginal Prosperity and Equality in the Pilbara Arthur Ramirez, Winyama Contracting Group	A Roadmap to First Nations Digital Inclusion Dot West OAM and Associate Professor Dr Lyndon Ormond-Parker, Co-chairs, First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group	
12:15 PM - 12:35 PM	Developing Northern Australia: How First Nations Biosecurity Efforts Lead to Indigenous National Building Mahnoor Rind, CSIRO	Economic Complexity in the Real World - Developing Local Opportunities to Add Value in Northern Australia Jason Mcfarlane & Giles Tuffin, Hatch	North West Defence Alliance - Understanding its Role in Enhancing Regional Development and Collaboration Across the Northwest Matthew Niikkula, Shire Of Exmouth	

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	Agriculture & the North Chair: Anthony Curro	Net Zero Horizons: Navigating Climate Risk and Decarbonization Chair: Kylie Porter	Nature Positive Futures: Nurturing Agriculture, Sustainability and Biosecurity in Northern Australia Chair: Chris Chillcott CSIRO	Place Based Solutions Chair:
1:30 PM - 1:50 PM	Digital Tools for Resilience in Agriculture: AgValuate & Beef Vantage Carrie-Ann Wilson, James Cook University - TNQ Drought Hub	Delivering Clean Energy Solutions for Regional Growth and Vibrant Communities Darren Hill, Horizon Power	Research Supporting Water Security in Northern Australia Professor Damien Burrows, James Cook University	2024 Regional Telecommunications Review The Hon Alannah MacTiernan, Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee
1:55 PM - 2:15 PM	Beyond Food, Fibre and Shelter: Plant-Based Industries in the Northern Agriculture Landscape Dr Muhammad Sohail Mazhar, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade of the Northern Territory Government	Activating First Nations Lead Agrifood Innovation Enterprise for Resilient and Sustainable Community Growth Tony Matchett, TNQ Drought Innovation Hub	Assisting the proponents of a northern irrigated agriculture development to monitor and meet environmental outcomes Dr Dylan Irvine, Charles Darwin University	
2:20 PM - 2:40 PM	Prospects For New Agricultural Technology Across Northern Australia Prof Phil Brown, CQ University	Gladstone Region Economic Transition Roadmap Mr Glenn Churchill, Gladstone Regional Council	Optimising water quality monitoring for northern Australia's water storages A/prof Nicole Flint, CQ University	The Development of the City of Karratha - Place-Based Solutions in a Remote Area Peter Long, Future Solutions
2:45 PM - 3:05 PM	Unlocking Agricultural Potential in Northern Australia Through the Energy Revolution Hon Neil Thomson MLC	How Pilbara Solar is Supporting First Nations Commercial Participation in Large Scale Renewables, to Drive Self-Determination and Accelerate Decarbonisation Warinypirna (Doris) Eaton, Pilbara Solar	Implementation of the Northern Australia Biosecurity Strategy: Strengthening biosecurity across the north Dr Nigel Young, DAFF	How Venture Capital Is Creating New Industries & Innovation in the North Dante St James', Darwin Innovation Hub / Paspalis Innovation Investment Fund
3:05 PM - 3:30 PM	AFTERNOON TEA WITH EXHIBITORS			
3:30 PM - 3:50 PM	POSTER PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCE FOYER			

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Mhairi Cowden & Hudson Delves, Nous Group

Using Grants as Strategic Tools to Achieve Better Economic and Community Development in Northern Australia

Catherine Fairlie, Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation

Self-Determination Empowers First Nations to Control Their Economic Destiny, Fostering Autonomy and Resilience

Karen Huang, Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc.

Building A Diverse and Skilled Workforce: Harnessing the Power of Migration for Sustainable Development In Northern Australia

Karen Huang, Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc.

Promoting Connectivity and Trade in Northern Australia: Leveraging the Economic Potential of the Indo-Pacific Region

Francois Langlois, Ngarliyarndu Bindirri Aboriginal Corporation

Maximising Social Impact for First Nation's People

Michael Lewis, Auda

Digital Infrastructure as a Strategic Asset: Building Resilience in The Indo-Pacific

Michael Lewis, Auda

Unlocking the Global Economy Through Local Digitalisation

Melanie Macfarlane, MMMigration And Recruitment

Navigating the Currents: Shaping Migration Momentum for a Dynamic Future

Tony Matchett, TNQ Drought Innovation Hub

Hann Expedition Of 1872 – The Role of Colonial Botanical Collections as Tools for Facilitating Truth Telling

Ross McDonald, Capital Guardians

Year 9, 240 Bed, Remote Boarding School With 50% Remote Indigenous And 50% Urban Students

Associate Professor Kylie Radel, Central Queensland University

Incorporating Communities' Strengths into Progression of Sport as a Means to Create More Resilient Communities

Dante St James, Darwin Innovation Hub / Paspalis Innovation Investment Fund

How to Build an Entrepreneurial & Startup Ecosystem in Northern Australia



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3:50 PM - 4:10 PM	Strategies for Workforce Readiness in Northern Australia's Transition to a Net-Zero Economy: An Analytical Study Prof Hurriyet Babacan AM, on behalf of Associate Professor Taha Chaiechi	Partnering to Deliver Innovative Finance Solutions for Northern Australia Elly Patira, Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment Corporation, Kirsty Moore, IBA & Craig Doyle, NAIF	Rare Disease, Common Impact: Addressing Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases in Northern Australia to Benefit All Prof Gareth Baynam, Rare Care Centre, Perth Children's Hospital, Child And Adolescent Health Service	Future of Agriculture (CRC for Developing Northern Australia) Anthony Curro, CRC for Developing Northern Australia
4:15 PM - 4:35 PM	Sustainability isn't a solo journey - it's a collective action Carl Askew, Town of Port Hedland	Activating First Nations Led Opportunities in Northern Australia Eddie Fry, Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)	Advancing Low Input Prawn Aquaculture for Indigenous Communities in the North of Australia Simon Irvin, CSIRO	
4:40 PM - 5:00 PM	Decarbonisation at scale in the Pilbara Richard Paterson, Biomass Projects Pty Ltd	The Maganda Makers Business Club: A unique partnership to support an Indigenous women's entrepreneurial leadership movement Natasha Short, Maganda Makers	Yalu on a Mission to Enable Place-Based Solutions in a Seriously Remote Island and Thrive Anahita Tonkin, Evelyn Djotja & Cyril Bukulatjpi, Yalu Aboriginal Corporation	
5:05 PM - 5:25 PM	Fifteen Years of CSIRO Research in Northern Australia – What We've Learned and Where to Next Dr Chris Chilcott, CSIRO	Northern Australia Enabling Infrastructure - How to Build from the Ground Up!! Greg Hoffman PSM, North West Queensland Regional Organisation Of Councils	Investing with Purpose – Why Social Infrastructure Matters! Leanne Taylor & Brent Warren, DIPL	Investing in Agricultural Research and Development in Northern Western Australia to Catalyse the Next Generation of Innovation Dr Dean Thomas, CSIRO
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	BUSES DEPART FOR GALA DINNER Bus transfers to Dampier foreshore from 5.30pm - Red Earth Arts Precinct			
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Dinner at Dampier sponsored by NAUA			
				

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<p align="center">North of North: Navigating Challenges and Seizing Opportunities in the Indo-Pacific Era</p> <p align="center">Chair: Dr John Coyne, Head of Northern Australia Strategic Policy Centre, Australian Strategic Policy Institute</p>				
8:30 AM - 8:35 AM	<p align="center">Session Introduction Dr John Coyne, Head of Northern Australia Strategic Policy Centre, Australian Strategic Policy Institute</p>			
8:35 AM - 8:45 AM	<p align="center">Distinguished Keynote Presentation: The Pacific Century: Embedding Northern Australia into the Indo-Pacific (Pre-Recorded Presentation) The Hon. Prof Biman Prasad, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development</p>			
8:45 AM - 8:50 AM	<p align="center">Keynote Address by Luke Gosling OAM, MP for Solomon</p>			
8:50 AM - 9:05 AM	<p align="center">Northern Australia: Gateway to the Indo-Pacific Rosie Staude, Deputy Director, WA State Office Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>			
9:05 AM - 9:20 AM	<p align="center">Entwined Futures: Northern Australia in the Indo Prof Hurriyet Babacan AM, Professorial Fellow, Economic and Policy Development, James Cook University</p>			
9:20 AM - 9:40 AM	<p align="center">Indo Pacific Panel Professor Hurriyet Babacan AM, Professorial Fellow, Economic and Policy Development, James Cook University Rosie Staude, Deputy Director, WA State Office Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>			
Government Updates				
9:40 AM - 9:50 AM	<p align="center">Australian Government's Focus On Northern Australia Casey Greentree, Assistant Secretary, Office of Northern Australia</p>			
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	<p align="center">Keynote Address by The Hon. Kyle McGinn MLC</p>			
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	MORNING TEA WITH EXHIBITORS			
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	Place-Based Solutions: Crafting Northern-Focused Policies for Lasting Impact Chair: Sarah Docherty CRCNA	Mining & Beyond Chair: Guy Boggs	First Nations Self Determination Drives Northern Development Chair: Donna Odegaard	Jobs and Skills Councils Panel Moderator: Geoff Barbaro, Skills Insight JSC
10:30 AM - 10:50 AM	An Unprecedented National Accord: Western Australian cooperation with Queensland on northern development during the 1960s Dr Patrick White, James Cook University	Mitigating Project Impacts on Community Liveability Daniel Scott, Mayor, City of Karratha	Presentation Details to be Announced	Influencing and Working with Jobs and Skills Australia and Jobs and Skills Councils Panel Geoff Barbaro, Skills Insight JSC
10:55 AM - 11:15 AM	A Year Exploring Development Across Northern Australia Belinda Carlson, CRC For Developing Northern Australia	Critical Minerals and the Circular Economy Steven Boxall, Resources Centre Of Excellence	First Nations Self Determination Driving Northern Development: Leadership Digital Media and Research A/Prof. Dr Donna Odegaard, RRRRC	Influencing and Working with Jobs and Skills Australia and Jobs and Skills Councils Panel Continued

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11:20 AM - 11:40 AM	Optimising Investment in Social Impact: Insights From the For-Purpose Sector Elise Gore, Sustainability Focus	Comprehensive economic snapshot of Northern Australia Glenn Maguire & Chris Abfalter, Aec Group Pty Ltd	Monkey Business: Remote Sustainable Solution Driven Dennis Fay, Salty Monkey	Influencing and Working with Jobs and Skills Australia and Jobs and Skills Councils Panel Continued
11:45 AM - 12:05 PM	Cultural Tourism and Economic Development: Harnessing the Potential of Art and Culture to Drive Local Economies Karen Huang, Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc.	Decarbonisation and Queensland's North West Corridor Maria James, MITEZ	System Level Reform in Indigenous Education: Nation Building Through Partnership Dr Helen Drennen, Elder Bunuba, Studio Schools Of Australia	First Nations Communities' Strategies for Addressing COVID-19: Preparedness and Concerns Associate Professor Kylie Radel, CQUniversity
12:05 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH TEA WITH EXHIBITORS			
Net Zero Horizons: Navigating Climate Risk and Decarbonization Chair: Kylie Porter, Chief Executive Officer, Greater Whitsunday Alliance (GW3)				
1:00 PM - 1:05 PM	Keynote Session Introduction Kylie Porter, Chief Executive Officer, Greater Whitsunday Alliance (GW3)			
1:05 PM - 1:30 PM	The Aboriginal Clean Energy Partnership Rob Grant, Managing Director – Head of Projects, Pollination Group			
Place-Based Solutions: Crafting Northern-Focused Policies for Lasting Impact Chair: Prof Allan Dale, Independent Chief Scientist, CRCNA				
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Panel: Place-Based Solutions for Northern Australia Moderator: Prof Allan Dale Panel Member 1: Peter Long, Consultant - Place-Based Economic Development Panel Member 2: Prof Hurriyet Babacan AM, Professorial Fellow, The Cairns Institute, James Cook University; Chair RDA, Tropical North - Place-Based Social Development Panel Member 3: Susan Grylls, CEO, Pilbara Universities Centre - Place-Based Workforce Development			
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Conference Closing Includes Prize Draw and 2025 Announcement			

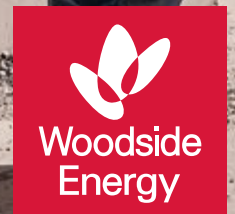
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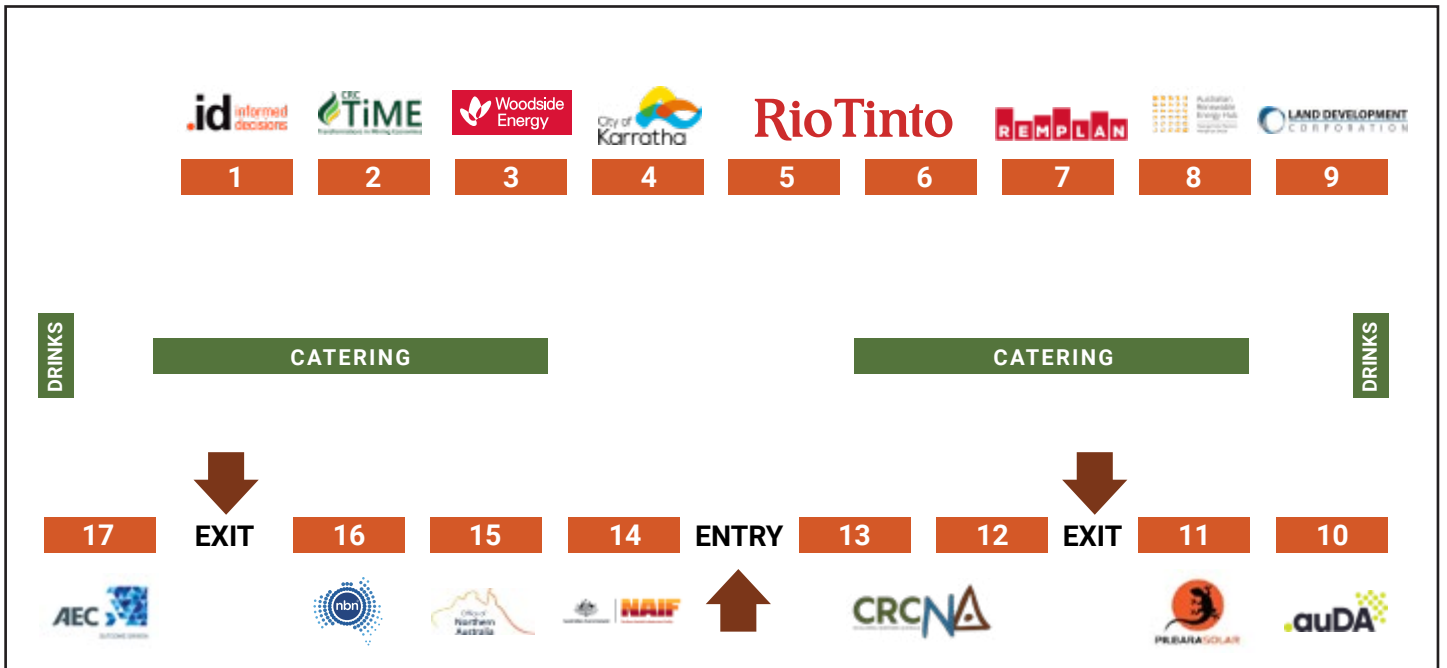


EXHIBITION FLOOR PLAN

Exhibition Hours

- Monday 26 August:** 3:25pm – 5:30pm
- Tuesday 27 August:** 8:30am – 5:00pm
- Wednesday 28 August:** 8:30am – 1:00pm

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The ONA provides policy advice, supports the Northern Australia Ministerial Forum and working group, works collaboratively with the northern jurisdictions, community and industry representatives and its partners in CRCNA and NAIF, and supports First Nations economic participation including through the Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group.

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As proponents of genuine progress in the north, NAUA adopts a place-based focus, understanding that regional universities are pivotal in fostering embedded human development and research for the northern agenda. Through our alliance, NAUA strives to develop and retain the crucial skills, education, and research capabilities necessary for the advancement of Northern Australia's industries and communities. Our collaborative relationship seeks to explore and progress strategic issues and opportunities that hold immense potential for the region. We are dedicated to identifying areas where collective action generates greater benefits than working in isolation.

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Delivering a coordinated approach to sector development to achieve positive environmental and social change that's nature positive and inclusive of First Nations aspirations.
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Alignment with government priorities to deliver place-based research, development, extension and adoption, with impact.
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Establishing evidence-based and genuine collaborations for improved supply chain development, land and resource use and infrastructure planning and delivery for the north.



First Nations-led business development

Supporting economic activation of the First Nations estate, meeting business aspirations in data, agriculture, forestry, aquaculture and health.



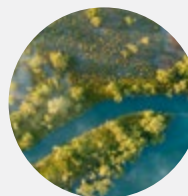
Agriculture, incl. horticulture and forestry

Developing innovative supply chain solutions, creating and testing new technologies, growing models and systems, and climate adaptation.



Aquaculture and seafood

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MONDAY 26 AUGUST

**Transfers to
Conference Venue**
Red Earths Arts Precinct, 27
Welcome Road, Karratha

VELOCITY HOTEL

Departure	Arrival
10:45am	11:00am
12:05pm	12:20pm

THE RANGES

Departure	Arrival
10:55am	11:00am
12:10pm	12:20pm

ASPEN KARRATHA VILLAGE

Departure	Arrival
11:15am	11:25am
12:00pm	12:10pm

KARRATHA CENTRAL APARTMENTS

Departure	Arrival
11:35am	11:50am
12:20pm	12:30pm

IBIS STYLES KARRATHA

Departure	Arrival
11:40am	11:50am
12:25pm	12:30pm

**Transfers from Conference
Venue to Hotels**

Departure 6:30pm

TUESDAY 27 AUGUST

**Transfers to
Conference Venue**
Red Earths Arts Precinct, 27
Welcome Road, Karratha

VELOCITY HOTEL

Departure	Arrival
7:30am	7:45am
8:00am	8:15am

THE RANGES

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**Transfers from Conference
Venue to Hotels**

Departure 5:30pm

**Transfers to Dinner at
Dampier**

**Departs Red Earths Arts
Precinct 5:30pm**

**Departs Dampier Foreshore to
all conference hotels 9:30pm**

WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST

**Transfers to
Conference Venue**
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Venue to Karratha Airport**

Departure 2:45pm

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