

CLIMATE

READY REGIONS CONFERENCE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS & COMMUNITIES
IN THE CHANGING CLIMATE

PROGRAM

CLARE TOWN HALL
SATURDAY
18 APRIL 2020
9AM-5PM

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

Parks and Leisure Conference Friday 17 April

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Held in partnership with the Adaptation Practitioners Network who share and showcase climate resilience work being undertaken across South Australia.

Theme

Opportunities for business & communities in a changing climate.

Climate change is affecting us all. It requires everyone in our community to act – including individuals, businesses, community groups, and all levels of government and to vigilantly work together to strengthen our resilience, and leverage advantages to harness opportunities from the transition economy. The inaugural South Australian Climate Ready Regions Conference will explore what it means to be climate ready and be inspired by those leading the way.

9am

Registration

9.30am

Introduction Simon Millcock CEO Legatus Group (MC)

9.35am

Welcome to Country

9.45am

Welcome by Mayor Wayne Thomas Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council

9.50am – 10.20am

Martin Haese Chairman of the Premier's Climate Change Council

10.20am – 10.50am

Jen St Jack – South Australian Regional Climate Partnerships Central Coordinator

10.50am – 11.10am

Morning tea

11.10am – 11.40am

Christian Hampson – Co-Founder Yerrabingin – Sydney NSW – Topic “Indigenous Wisdom during the Climate Emergency. Exploring the balance of environmental, cultural, social and economic sustainability”

11.40am – 12.10pm

Mark Robinson – Townsville City Council QLD Coordinator – Environmental Systems, Sustainability Solutions and Solar Cities
Topic “Integrating and amplifying sustainability and resilience: A community-business framework for collaboration, learning, innovation and action”

12.10pm – 12.25pm

Dr Mark Siebentritt Director and General Manager, South Australia Edge Environment Topic “What does the corporate response to climate change mean for climate ready regions?”

12.25pm – 12.40pm

Harsha Sapdhare – Research and Development Manager at Space Down Under Topic “A Solution to Manage Stormwater in a Time of Climate Change: TREENET Inlet Systems”

12.40pm – 1.10pm Lunch

1.10pm – 1.30pm

Anne Moroney – CEO RDA Barossa Light Gawler Adelaide Plains Topic “Getting traction on the ground with climate change action”

1.30 – 1.50pm

Yuandamarra – Founding member Red- Centre Enterprise: Topic “Sharing knowledge to strengthen the community’s resilience for our future generations”

1.50pm – 2.10pm

Dr. Melissa Nursey-Bray- Associate Professor Adelaide University Topic “Community adaptation to climate change”

2.10pm – 2.30pm

Richard Minter Local Engagement Officer, Southern Basin Section
Commonwealth Environmental Water Office Topic “Environmental Watering - Lessons from the Field.”

2.30pm – 2.50pm

Dr Kristine Peters KPPM Strategy Topic “Capacity building to develop resilient communities”

2.50pm – 3.00pm

General comments / close

3.30pm – 5.00pm

Watervale - Commercially integrated solutions in order to have economic as well as ecological sustainability ... Penobscot Farm and Watervale Hotel.

Speakers

Martin Haese

Martin Haese is an entrepreneur, educator and public figure with a track record as a leader in delivering for customers, companies and communities. Martin is the CEO of Business SA and Chairman of the Premier's Climate Change Council.

He built and sold a national retail chain, managed Rundle Mall and in 2014 was directly elected as the 78th Lord Mayor of Adelaide; a position he held until late 2018.

Martin is MBA qualified and has a lifelong interest in education. He has taught entrepreneurship across Australia, done business internationally and spoken at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris in 2015 and the World Cities Summit in Singapore in 2018.

He is highly respected by the employer community, has extensive networks and is well regarded by all sides of politics. He deeply understands the challenges facing SMEs.

With a focus on leadership, small business reinvention, technological innovation and environmental sustainability, Martin is passionate about ensuring that South Australia grows, prospers and sustains.

Simon Millcock ACEcD

Simon is the CEO of the Legatus Group a Regional Organisation of 15 Local Governments in South Australia and he has 20 years' experience in the field of Regional Development whilst being an active member of Economic Development Australia (EDA) including as a National Director from 2008 -2014.

Simon has presented at local, regional, national and international conferences and was EDA's representative to several International Economic Development Conferences in the USA and New Zealand. In recent years, he has also undertaken trade delegations to and from Asia, USA and Mexico. He has led international economic development study tours and worked in South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia and the Australian Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands and on Norfolk Island in the Pacific Ocean.

Jen St Jack

Jen St Jack is a climate change consultant who works with local and state government partners to strengthen understanding of climate-related risks and opportunities, to integrate climate knowledge with decision-making, and to passionately advocate for climate action. With a decade of experience in politics, state government, not-for-profits and consulting, Jen's diverse expertise also covers water policy, urban planning, regional development and organisational performance.

Jen is currently Central Coordinator for South Australia's Regional Climate Partnerships, a network of eleven regional, intergovernmental groups that are delivering practical and proactive action to strengthen the resilience of their communities. She also coordinates Resilient Hills & Coasts, the Regional Climate Partnership covering the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island.

Christian Hampson

Co-founder and Director of Yerrabingin - Indigenous Design Thinking for Collaborative solutions. A Woiwurrung and Maneroo Aboriginal man interweaving Indigenous tacit knowledge and collaborative design thinking to walk a new path, away from conventional approaches, and create new opportunities for intergenerational capital to allow future Indigenous generations to thrive.

Yerrabingin provides sustainable solutions coupled with cultural connectivity and shared understanding to solve problems within the space of our communities' social capital potential, through the lens of design thinking. Yerrabingin has launched the world's first Indigenous rooftop farm, located high above Sydney on the roof of Yerrabingin House in South Eveleigh with over 2,000 Australian native food plants.

Yerrabingin is collaborating with a number of Chefs and restaurants, encouraging a renewed uptake and understanding of delicious and nutritious Australian native foods delivered sustainably. The site also offers workshops on Aboriginal culture, native permaculture, environmental sustainability and physical and mental health and well-being. Yerrabingin is also the 2019 Delicious Outstanding Native Producer Award Winner, Award of Merit - Australian Institute Horticulture Annual Awards 2019, Winner of Excellence in Community Engagement - Urban Developer Awards 2019 and Winner Public and Urban Project Award – Sustainability Awards 2019.

Mark Robinson

Mark is a born and bred North Queenslander who grew up in a small coal mining country town and then moved to Townsville to study ecology, physical sciences, business and economics. He fell in love with Townsville – a big country town with coral reefs at the front door and tropical savanna at the back; wetlands to the east and rainforests to the west.

This tropical classroom and living laboratory inspired Mark to adapt and integrate his understanding of complex dynamic natural systems to building a tropical sustainable urban city; and no better way to do this than being on-ground, in the community, at the base-level working in Local Government. Townsville City Council continues to build and foster a whole-of-community-business collaborative framework for action that works to communicate about sustainability in ways that matter to the community; involve the community to bring them along on the journey; and build community-business capacity to think and act for themselves and collaborate on local challenges of sustainability and resilience.

Mark works with a team of super-ninjas integrating and amplifying city-wide Sustainability and Resilience across businesses, government, residents, schools and industry.

Mark specialises in activating, catalysing, integrating and systematising energy efficiency, demand management, behaviour change, renewable energy, smart technology integration, innovative financing and local skills, knowledge and action networks.

Dr Mark Siebentritt

Mark is a Director of Edge Environment and General Manager for South Australia where his focus is on Climate Change Response Planning, Strategy and Engagement. He has worked across the public, private and research sectors for the past 20 years.

Mark's focus is on bringing together rigorous science and creative engagement processes to deliver leading-edge planning and implementation approaches. He has either led or collaborated on over 65 climate change projects in the last 5 years. Mark has and/or is currently working on climate change projects in the ACT, Queensland, NSW, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia, and nationally for NCCARF. Since 2013, Mark has worked on climate change risk projects in all regions of South Australia.

Harsha Sapdhare

Harsha is a Research and Development Manager at Space Down Under. She submitted her PhD thesis, focused on the emerging concept of the TREENET inlets with leaky well infiltration systems as a cost-effective tool to harvest the first flush of road runoff in urban environment. Harsha has received funds from NRM Board and EPA SA.

During her PhD, she also received an APR internship and worked with Legatus Group on Community Wastewater Management Scheme Survey and Sludge Processing Plant Viability Investigation. She has published her research work in peer-reviewed journals and received a High Commendation award by Natural and Built Environment Research Centre.

Harsha's research interest is in investigation of cost-effectiveness and environmental impacts of TREENET inlet systems and other green infrastructure or WSUD tools.

Anne Moroney

Anne is CEO of Regional Development (Australia) for the areas of Barossa, Light, Gawler and Adelaide Plains. With a background in commercial and corporate law and relevant qualifications in Law, Economics, Business, Economic Development, Corporate Governance and Mediation, Anne has particular interest in the systems that contribute to regional wellbeing: economic social and natural.

Under her leadership and the inspiration of Andrew Fearne, Thinker in Residence on Sustainable Food and Wine Value Chains, the Barossa and Light Regional Development Board (predecessor of RDA BGLAP) negotiated the first regionally based sector agreement. Ambitious as it was, it wasn't the first signed, but it did lead the way for regionally based sector agreements. Since that time, the climate change action has been delivered in many ways.

Dr Melissa Nursey-Bray

Melissa Nursey-Bray is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography, Environment and Population and Convenor of the Adaptation, Community Environment (ACE) program at the University of Adelaide. Her work explores on the relationship between people and the environment and the ways in which communities can become engaged on environmental issues and decision making. She has worked with Indigenous, ports, local government, and fishing communities. Her current work focusses on community adaptation to climate change. Her profile is at: <https://researchers.adelaide.edu.au/profile/melissa.nursey-bray>

Yuandamarra

Yuandamarra is the Founding Member of Red Centre Enterprises, a respected Elder, Medicine and Traditional Lore-man who lives and works in Aboriginal communities across Australia.

Yuandamarra brings a lifetime of extensive knowledge together with Traditional lore (law) and culture for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and the wider community. He understands the importance of working in unity and developing strong community based programs to meet their needs, this has led to better outcomes regarding Youth, Enterprise, Education, Employment, Health, Environment and Social Inclusion, and the many other factors that impact on the quality of people's lives.

Red Centre Enterprises was a vision, a simple seed planted by Elders many years ago, nurtured by wisdom and good spirit." "Improving Health and Well Being is Our Purpose." Red Centre Enterprises is the umbrella company for a range of business units that ethically commercialise the knowledge and resources of Australia's First Nations communities through collaboration and genuine partnership. Red Centre Enterprises' operations comprise of working with Aboriginal communities across Australia; in the realms of agriculture, tourism and hospitality sectors. More importantly, the value-chain model involves a strong focus on communities, culture, their land, and its resources.

Richard Mintern

Richard is a Local Engagement Officer based in Mildura with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office. He liaises with State Government agencies, community and industry groups on the best and most efficient use of the Commonwealth's environmental water entitlements. His work in building partnerships has facilitated delivery of environmental water to National Parks, aboriginal land and private conservation reserves leading to the re-emergence of Southern Bell Frog and the successful reintroduction of Murray Hardyhead to NSW where it was previously extinct.

Prior to this role he was the Executive Officer of the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area where he oversaw a major upgrade of the Mungo Visitor Centre, replication of the ancient fossil footprint trackway, and initiated processes for the return of Mungo Man to Country. He extended the reach of the Mungo Youth Conference as a celebration of Australian deep time bringing school students from across Australia to exchange learnings.

Richard previously was the Head of Centre of Land, Food and Water at Sunraysia TAFE managing farming and science programs, and where he was a founding member of the National Centre of Sustainability building an innovative environmental centre. His field ecology work has protected habitat for endangered carpet python and he has a long history of working with aboriginal groups to improve natural and cultural resource management.

He owned and managed a commercial olive grove for 25 years and he has a donkey.

Dr Kristine Peters

Dr Kristine Peters has worked in the field of regional development, organisational change and strategic planning for over 25 years, with a strong focus on building the capacity of regional communities. She ran the very successful Community Builders and Building Positive Rural Futures program for more than a decade and used this as the basis for the Brighter Futures program – codesigning with the Department of Human Services – which has been delivering successful community projects in the Mid North since 2017. Kristine is Chair of the Hallett Community and Sports Association, which has attracted \$1m in grant funds for a community of 250 people and is the long standing Chair of the Adelaide Business Hub which has been recognised as the World's Best Small Business Incubator.

Kristine started her company KPPM Strategy in 1994 and has been flat out ever since. She has a Diploma of Teaching (1978), a Master of Business Administration (1994) and a PhD (2013), and is a Research Adjunct at the University of South Australia and Adelaide University.

Warrick Duthy

'Poetic licensee', banker, wait staff and dishwasher of the Watervale Hotel when not Managing Director of Kilikanoon Wines. Also Chair of the Clare Valley Alliance and Vice Chair of the Clare Valley Winemakers and Growers. Warrick has 40 years' experience in growing brands and businesses such as Seppeltsfield, Bundaberg, Petaluma, West End and Stolichnaya Lemon Ruski.

Nicola Palmer

'Creative Licensee', head chef, accounts clerk, interior designer and development project manager of the Watervale Hotel. Previously Head Chef and Restaurant Manager for Skillogalee and Chair of Clare Valley Cuisine. A jeweller as well as a chef.

Jared Murray

is the Founder of Green Living Permaculture Pty Ltd, a company which provides regenerative agricultural advice and services based upon Permaculture design systems. Jared specialises in the improvement and building of healthy soils to produce better quality, nutrient dense food and improved plant resilience to a changing climate. Jared is a facilitator of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and also educates primary school age children on how to grow and eat healthy vegetables and reconnect with nature. Jared sets an organic example to the grape-growers of Clare.