



Call For Speakers

Gippsland New Energy
Conference 2024
September 3rd and 4th,
GPAC Traralgon



Submission Deadline

**1st April
2024**

Priorities

- **Acknowledgment of Country:** The conference recognizes and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the land. It includes First Nations voices and emphasizes the importance of listening to Indigenous perspectives on land and sea Country, promoting cultural understanding and respect.
- **Sustainability:** The conference commits to following sustainability best practices in its organization and delivery. This includes reducing waste, minimizing environmental impact, and promoting eco-friendly initiatives throughout the event.
- **Local Engagement:** The conference aims to foster a strong sense of local connection and inclusivity within the Gippsland community. It seeks to involve local residents, businesses, and organizations to collectively shape the region's future.
- **Relationship Building:** The conference prioritizes building stronger relationships among attendees. It provides opportunities for networking and collaboration, aiming to create hubs of knowledge exchange and problem-solving.
- **Alignment with Other Events:** The conference program is curated to complement and avoid conflicts with similar events in the region and other New Energy Conferences. This ensures maximum participation and avoids duplication of content.

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- **Differentiation:** The conference distinguishes itself from traditional city-based events by offering a more community-oriented and inclusive atmosphere. It prioritizes meaningful discussions and collaborative action over promotional activities.
- **Engagement of Local Businesses:** Local businesses and service providers are highlighted to showcase Gippsland's capacity for innovation and delivery. This supports the local economy and promotes regional development.
- **Opportunities for Promotion:** Sponsors are provided with opportunities to promote their initiatives and make announcements through the conference app and expo space. This helps showcase their contributions to the renewable energy sector.
- **Diverse Attendee Mix:** The conference aims for a balanced mix of attendees from industry, government, community, and educational sectors. This diversity fosters rich discussions and ensures a well-rounded perspective on renewable energy issues.
- **Plenary Sessions and Streaming:** Plenary sessions are streamed and recorded to ensure broad participation across Gippsland and beyond. This allows community members and educational institutions to engage with the content remotely.
- **Speaker Expectations:** Speakers are expected to be recorded without confidentiality rules, and session facilitators will actively work with speakers to ensure content meets the conference principles and sessions have a complementary flow of information.
- **Engagement and Respectful Dialogue:** The conference aims to engage participants respectfully, fostering dialogue and addressing community challenges. Attendees are expected to behave respectfully towards speakers and fellow participants throughout the event.
- **Challenging Conversations:** The program includes challenging conversations to encourage critical thinking and diverse perspectives. This promotes open-mindedness and encourages attendees to consider alternative viewpoints on renewable energy issues.

We would like your speaking ideas to recognise the conference priorities and align with one of our GNEC conference themes.

Themes

From Tolerance to Harmony.

The Gippsland community is being asked to accept new people and new development. How do we shift the dial away from NIMBY to Newby? How do we deal with this change? New people on the land, sea and sky that need to coexist with the existing farmers, fisheries, land owners and original custodians. Emphasizing human connection over opposition.

Topics: social licence, community benefit, change management

Blow Baby Blow.

The successful proponents have been announced but it is a complicated path from initial feasibility studies to navigating logistical challenges through port facilities, supply chains, placing towers, jobs and training, housing and social infrastructure.

Topics: local content, jobs and skills, municipal readiness, Ports, infrastructure

More than a Sugar Hit

Examining how local businesses can integrate into the renewable energy industry sustainably, including product development, procurement strategies, long term jobs, and readiness for emerging opportunities.

Topics: local content, supply chain opportunities, jobs and skills

To boldly go where we haven't gone before.

Delving into alternative renewable energy options suitable for Gippsland, such as onshore wind, geothermal, hydrogen, bioenergy, and nuclear, while considering projects like CarbonNet and Marinus Link.

Topics: New and emerging technologies, onshore wind, batteries, microgrids, geothermal



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Being Clean and Green.

Encouraging behaviour change in how we view waste where we consider a product's whole of life, waste to energy, using recycling materials and the circular economy. There are limits to our capacity to develop new things and looking for that sweet spot where people and planet can thrive.

Topics: sustainability, circular economy, end of life

Gippsland a Go Go. .

Celebrating Gippsland's pioneering spirit in renewable energy adoption, highlighting the region's potential to lead the nation in sustainable transition while fostering community cohesion and local pride.

Topics: social license, regional leadership, collaboration

In Defence of Renewables.

Exploring the role of renewable energy in enhancing sovereign manufacturing, showcasing how renewables can exist alongside the defence industry and its potential contributions to defence forces, avionics and strategic operations.

Topics: Defence,

Speaker formats

Keynotes

(20 – 40 mins & QA)

Panel sessions

(3 x 12mins & QA)

Hub Conversations

Site Visits

(we have buses)



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