



First Day, Thursday 11 August 2022

The Wedge Performing Arts Centre, 100 Foster Street, Sale

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09.00 – 09.15 Opening Ceremonies

Welcome to Country

Sandra Patten

Introduction

Cr Ian Bye; Mayor Wellington Shire Council

Plenary 1 - Australia's energy transition: The role for Gippsland's new energy industry

09.15 – 10.00 Hon Chris Bowen MP; Minister for Climate Change and Energy

Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio; Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change,  
Minister for Solar Homes

Challenges and opportunities in transition

Vanya Kumar; Executive Director of Energy, Department of Environment,  
Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)

Accelerating power: Gippsland's offshore wind energy

Belinda Wilson; Head of the Offshore Renewable Energy (Offshore Wind) in  
the International Climate and Technology Division in the Department of  
Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Ben Ferguson; Director Renewable Energy Zones Development Branch,  
DELWP

Joining the dots: transmission and connection to Gippsland's renewable  
energy zone

10.00 – 10.45 Coffee Break and New Energy Expo

10.30 – 10.45 Community engagement and benefit sharing in renewable energy  
development

Dr Jarra Hicks; Founding Director Community Power Agency

Plenary 2 - The power region: transforming Gippsland into a new energy  
superpower

10:45 – 12:30 Sarah Altmann; Head of Public Affairs Star of the South

Tim Sawyer; Managing Director Flotation Energy

Sam Reynolds; Managing Director, Octopus Investments Australia

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Elizabeth Radcliffe; Executive Director Operations and Compliance, Osmi  
(Lessons from Delburn onshore wind farm )

Christo van Niekerk; General Manager AGL Loy Yang

Michael Dasey; Wooreen Battery Project Leader Energy Australia

CHAIR	Dr. Jarra Hicks
12:30 – 1:15	Lunch Break and New Energy Expo
1.15 – 1.30	Video – Committee for Gippsland Lily Habib; Project Director Gippsland’s Renewable Energy Zone, AusNet
	Plenary 3 - Market supply: Re-designing the energy market
1:30 – 2.30	Andy McCarthy; CEO RACV Solar Eric Barclay; Electrical Operations Manager BMC Anthony Clucas; Chief Operating Officer H2x Colin Long; Victorian Trades Hall Council/Earthworker Energy Manufacturing Cooperative Ben Anthony; Managing Director CEO Port Anthony
CHAIR	Tony Cantwell; CEO Committee for Gippsland
2.45 – 3:15	Afternoon Break and New Energy Expo
3.15 – 3.30	Gippsland: Past, Present, Future Chris Buckingham; CEO Latrobe Valley Authority
	Plenary 6 – Expanding the talent pool: Expanding clean energy career pathways in Gippsland
3.30 – 4:30	Linda Austin; CEO Tafe Gippsland Leigh Kennedy; Gippsland Head of Campus Federation University Bernadette O’Connor; Director Australian Renewables Academy
CHAIR	Luke Arber; Gippsland Employment Facilitator
4.30 – 4.45	Closing remarks and program for tomorrow
6.00 – 11.00	Gala Dinner – The Stables, 199 Raymond Street, Sale Speakers Harriet Shing; Minister for Regional Development Brett Singh; CEO Marathon Electrical Tony Wood; Director of Energy Program Grattan Institute
CHAIR	Erin Coldham; Chief Development Officer Star of the South

## Second Day, Friday 12 August 2022

The Ballroom, Victoria Hall, Macalister St, Sale

08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome Cr Kellie O’Callahan; Mayor of Latrobe City <i>Moving forward and key ideas from day 1</i>
	Plenary 5 – Powerful thoughts: The role of people and innovation to unlock Gippsland’s energy potential
09.15 – 10.10	Brendan Condon; Director Australian EcoSystems <i>The growing market for sustainable development</i> Stan Krpan; CEO Solar Victoria Nam Quash; Project Development Manager Octopus Investments Australia Plugging in: Solar co-existence with agriculture and lessons from Darlington Point solar Bryce Gatton; Australian Electric Vehicle Association <i>Electric vehicle transition</i>
10.10 – 10.30	Coffee Break and New Energy Expo Plenary 6 – Emerging power: Innovation and technology
10.30 – 11:00	<i>Emerging power: realising Gippsland’s massive geothermal and bioenergy future</i> Dr Graeme Beardsmore; University of Melbourne Dr. Emily Scholes; CEO EnviroMicroBio
11.00 – 11.15	Nathan Misiurka; Manager Resource Recovery and Environment Latrobe City Council <i>Energy from landfill</i>
11.15 – 11.30	Break and New Energy Expo Plenary 7 – Engaging conversations: Ensuring communities are part of the new energy journey
11.30 – 12.40	Zoe Geyer; Coordinator Totally Renewable Phillip Island Charles Everist; General Manager Policy Victorian Farmers Federation Bodye Darvill; Head of Innovation GippsTech Tricia Hiley; Gippsland Community Power Hub
CHAIR	Julianne Sargent; Senior Project Officer DELWP
12.40 – 1.00	Call to action
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