



## PROGRAM

Tuesday 19 August 2025			
DAY ONE	17:00 - 19:00	Registration and Speaker Support	
	17:30 - 19:30	Cocktail Welcome Reception - Meeting Place, Rydges Melbourne	Sponsored by: 
Wednesday 20 August 2025			
DAY TWO	08:00	Registration & Speaker Support	
	09:00	MC intro	
	09:05	Conference welcome - Wayne Dredge, Conference Organising Committee	Barista Sponsor: 
	09:10	Official Conference Opening - Minister Don Farrell, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	
	09:30 - 10:30	<b>Plenary Session: Darren Lim, Australian National University</b> Maximizing economic prosperity in the Indo-Pacific	
	10:30 - 11:00	Morning Tea	Sponsored by: 
	11:00 - 12:45	<b>Session 1 – Global Trends</b>	
		Tightening belts and getting transparent – what’s it to do with fisheries management? -Kate Brooks, Kal Analysis (20min)	Session 1 Sponsored by: 
		Harvesting insight: Data-smart thinking for sustainable value - Jannat Maqbool, Y5 (20 mins)	
		Opportunities and Trends in Sustainable Seafood Markets - An Yan, Marine Stewardship Council (20min)	
		The Global Blue Economy - Presenter TBC, Blue Economy CRC (20min)	
		Panel Discussion and Q&A - Moderator: Wayne Dredge, Seafood Industry Victoria (25min)	
	12:45 - 13:45	Lunch and Exhibition	Sponsored by: 
	13:45 - 15:30	<b>Session 2 – Technology and Innovation</b>	
		Proof on the Water: Deckhand Data Securing Fair Offshore-Wind Compensation - Simon Dick, Real Time Data (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		Revolutionising fisheries stock assessments using whole genome sequencing - Adam Miller, Cesar Australia (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		Measuring crustacea in a snapshot - Scott Hadley, University of Tasmania (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		Advances in protein traceability - Rose Elphick-Darling, Aus Ag Traceability Working Group (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		Panel Discussion and Q&A - Moderator: Chris Gillies, Offshore Biotechnology (25min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
	15:30 - 15:40	Quick break and lobster podcast taster	
	15:40 - 17:25	<b>Session 3 – Trade and Marketing</b>	
		Strengthening China trade relations- Tom Parker, Australia China Business Council (20min)	Session 3 Sponsored by: 
		Fostering strategic export partnerships, Presenter TBC, Global Victoria (20 mins)	
		Export markets and steading the ship - Lee McLean, Australian Grape & Wine (20min)	
		Branding within Ecommerce Platforms - Jonathan Cox, Stratforms (15 mins)	
		Dragon Tasmania –a case study brand creation - Nathan Maxwell, JSJ Seafood (10 mins)	
		Panel Discussion and Q&A - Moderator: Andrew Roberston, Robertson Trading (20min)	
	17:30 - 19:30	Afternoon Drinks	Sponsored by: 



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Thursday 21 August 2025		
DAY THREE	07:30	Registration & Speaker Support
	08:00 - 08:10	Day 2 Welcome - Veronica Papacosta, Seafood Industry Australia
		Barista Sponsor: 
		<b>Session 4 – Fishery Updates</b>
	08:10 - 09:30	Southern Rock Lobster Lobster, Tom Cosentino, SRL Ltd (20 mins) New Zealand - Mark Edwards, NZRLIC (20min) Western Rock Lobster - Matt Taylor, WRLC (20min) Eastern Rock Lobster - Scott Westley, Eastern Rock (10min) Tropical Rock Lobster - Brett Arlidge, MG Kailis (10min)
		Session 4 Sponsored by: 
	09:30 - 10:30	<b>Plenary Session: Beth Casoni, Executive Director, Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association</b> The evolution of lobster fishery management – a US perspective
	10:30 - 11:00	<b>Morning Tea</b>
		Sponsored by: 
		<b>Session 5 – Climate and Environment</b>
	11:00 - 12:45	Seasonal climate forecasts to support decision making in Australian fisheries management, Claire Spillman, Bureau of Meteorology (20min) Managing the impact of urchins on lobster habitat, John Keane, University of Tasmania (20min) Climate Change and Species Range Shifts: Implications for Tasmania's Rock Lobster Fishery, Samantha Twiname, University of Tasmania (20min) Modelling lobster stock connectivity, Katie Cresswell, University of Tasmania (20min) Panel Discussion and Q&A - Moderator: Mel Schubert, Victorian Fisheries Authority (25min)
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	12:45 - 13:45	<b>Lunch and Exhibition</b>
		Sponsored by: 
		<b>Session 6 – Resource Stewardship and Emerging Threats</b>
	13:45 - 15:30	Industry leadership, collaboration and capacity: critical ingredients for fisheries policy reform, Russell Barnett, Western Rock lobster Council (15min) West Australian Campaign 2025 – Resource Access Security, Chauncey Hammond, 3 Sticks (10min) From weeds of the sea to cognitive supremacy: tackling the changing face of animal welfare for commercially exploited cephalopods and what this could mean for other marine invertebrates, Zoe Doubleday, University of SA (20min) Does co-existence occur between offshore wind and pot fisheries? Lachlan McKinnon, Brown & May (20min) Shared Seas, Shared Responsibility: Navigating the Global Challenge of Whale Entanglements in Trap Fisheries, Kristen Hoel, OceanWatch (20min) Panel Discussion and Q&A - Moderator: Tom Consentino, Southern Rocklobster Limited (20min)
		Session 6 Sponsored by: 
	15:30 - 15:40	<b>Quick break and lobster podcast taster</b>
	15:40 - 16:40	<b>Plenary Session: Danny Fox – Tasmanian lobster fisher and reality TV personality</b> Building a community of supporters
	16:40 - 16:45	Conference closing - Matt Wassnig, Seafood Industry Victoria
	18:45 - 23:00	<b>Gala Dinner - Hosted by Lehmo, Entertainment by The Robbie Harts</b> Centre Stage, Rydges Melbourne
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