



PROGRAM TUESDAY 14 MAY CONFERENCE DAY ONE



6.45 am – **Sunrise Yoga**

7.45 am Outdoor Terrace, Opal Cove Resort

7.30 am **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Registration open from 7.30am in the Pre-Function Foyer

9.00 am **Introduction and Welcome:** Greg Freeman, Conference Convenor, Waste 2024

9.10 am **Welcome to Country:** Uncle Richard, Garlambirla Aboriginal Elders Group

9.20 am **Keynote Address: Innovate. Motivate. Educate.**

Costa Georgiadis, Host, ABC's Gardening Australia and 'Costa the Garden Gnome' - Get Grubby TV

9.40 am **Keynote Address: Circular Economy Fashion Recycling Program**

Fiona Glenn, General Manager, The Sebastian Foundation

10.00 am **Keynote Address: Reframing the waste hierarchy through elevating repair and reuse**

Leanne Wiseman, ARC Future Fellow, Professor of Law, Griffith University

10.20 am **MORNING TEA**

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EDUCATION (PART 1)	CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEMES (CDS)	TECHNOLOGY (PART 1)	WORKSHOP: MANAGING ASBESTOS WASTE FROM GENERATION TO DISPOSAL
OSPREY ROOM	CURRAWONG ROOM	SHEARWATER ROOM	STM MARQUEE
Chairperson: <i>Wendy Bevan, KESAB</i>	Chairperson: <i>Anne Prince, APC Waste Consultants</i>	Chairperson: <i>Lacey Webb, Resource Hub</i>	Facilitators: <i>Jason Scarborough, JS Regulatory Services and Thomas Freeman, Impact Environmental Consulting</i>
10.50 am Change the story, change the world! Cate McQuillen, Creative Producer / Owner, mememe productions – One Story	CDS - Harmonisation and looking beyond beverage Cathy Cook, Head of Corporate Affairs, Australian Beverages Council	AI, shaking up the sector and enabling the circular economy David Cocks, Director of Growth, MRA Consulting Group	There is no debate: the appropriate place for any asbestos waste is disposal in landfill. However, it is not as simple as just digging a hole to dump it in.
11.10 am Empowering the next generation: Sustainable fashion youth engagement program Dr Patricia Chamberlain, Coordinator Sustainable Waste Management, Bayside Council	Partnerships with purpose – Delivering a meaningful container deposit scheme network James Dorney, CEO, TOMRA Cleanaway	UBD's to in-cab technology - Sutherland Council enter the modern era Fiona Stock, Senior Coordinator of Waste Technical & Business Services, Sutherland Shire Council	This workshop will explore these regulatory requirements and operational considerations. For more Information about this workshop see page 21.
11.30 am Small scale reuse system – how can it work? Sarah Child, Resource Recovery Strategy and Engagement Officer, Byron Shire Council	Queensland scheme expansion: Growing the benefits of Containers for Change Natalie Roach, Chief Executive Officer, Container Exchange	Waste system resilience: A digital approach Tim Watson, Principal Digital Advisor – Sustainability, Arcadis Australia Pacific	
11.50 am Community engagement and upcycled waste as art and educative mediums Emily Quinn Smyth, Waste Projects Coordinator, City of Ryde	Container deposit scheme behaviour change national research report 2023 Steven Sergi, Manager Circular Economy and Waste, SA Environment Protection Authority	Pure Hydrogen – the new fuel Clint Butler, National Sales Manager, Pure Hydrogen	
12.10 pm Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	
12.20 pm LUNCH			

EDUCATION (PART 2)	LANDFILL	TECHNOLOGY (PART 2)	EXPO: RECYCLING & LANDFILL EQUIPMENT
OSPREY ROOM	CURRAWONG ROOM	SHEARWATER ROOM	STM MARQUEE
Chairperson: <i>Michelle Mandl, TOMRA Cleanaway</i>	Chairperson: <i>Thomas Freeman, Impact Environmental</i>	Chairperson: <i>Brent Murray, TOMRA Collection</i>	Chairperson: <i>Sam Lawson, MRA Consulting Group</i>
1.30 pm Making waste fun Juliet Scrine, CEO, The Eaton Gorge Theatre Company	Should councils run landfills? Chris Purchas, Senior Consultant, Tonkin + Taylor Company	Agile recycling technology for organics - Insect robots to unlock distribution Olympia Yarger, CEO & Founder, Goterra	A cleaner, greener automated waste solution David Caleo, Representative, Aerbin Australia Getting it right - Equipment choice is important! Brad Scott, Sales Manager, Finlay Waste & Recycling
1.50 pm Circular food courts: Reusables and food waste avoidance Karen Davids, Environmental Consultant, MRA Consulting Group	Circular C&D - Driving Innovation in the Northern Rivers Karen Rudkin, Project Officer, North East Waste	Case study – Using AI to supercharge source separation Naser Soueid, Director, CleanBins	Intercepting asbestos in public waste transfer Jason Lacey, Director, Contained Waste Solutions Innovation on wheels: Transforming waste management with STG's purpose-built smart waste trucks Muhammad Alam, Head Engineer & General Manager – Waste, STG Global
2.10 pm Smart kids don't waste Libby Sullivan, Primary Science Teacher, Tamborine Mountain State School, Department of Education QLD	Battery storage with landfill generated renewable energy Katrina Nelson, Business Development Manager, LGI Limited	Going paperless: Lessons from app development in the waste industry Simon Lunn, Sustainability Analyst, Traste	Australian ingenuity unleashed: Showcasing HSR homegrown excellence in equipment design and manufacturing Jake Henderson, National General Manager of Sales and Business Development. HSR Southern Cross Adopting a prevention over cure approach to litter management Colin Cox, Director, Litter Lock
2.30 pm Allocating waste education resources in the digital age Lauren Grimshaw, Senior Education Officer, Cleanaway	From landfill operators to sustainability drivers Leah Maxwell, Executive Officer, The Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority	From intent to action: closing the recycling gap for businesses Eugenie Alonzo, Chief Marketing Officer, RecycleSmart	
2.50 pm Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	
3.00 pm AFTERNOON TEA			Sponsored by:  Tonkin+Taylor

EDUCATION (PART 3)	REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT	LITTER & ILLEGAL DUMPING	EXPO: TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION
OSPREY ROOM	CURRAWONG ROOM	SHEARWATER ROOM	STM MARQUEE
Chairperson: <i>Patricia Chamberlain, Bayside Council</i>	Chairperson: <i>Kerry Dalton, Bundaberg Regional Council</i>	Chairperson: <i>James Dorney, TOMRA Cleanaway</i>	Chairperson: <i>Joe Logiaco, Bayside Council</i>
3.30 pm OzHarvest's USE IT UP – halving food waste by 2030 Ruby Wake, National Advocacy Manager, OzHarvest	Small cash-strapped regional councils Guada Lado, Manager Regional Waste, Armidale Regional Council	Eyes on waste: Effective surveillance strategies tested by authorised officers Samuel Lawson, Environmental Consultant, MRA Consulting Group	5G real time. Why does that matter in a baler? Christian McLean, Managing Director, WastePro Gear Audit's NOT a dirty word: Using tech to identify risk & best practice outcomes Lacey Webb, CEO & Principal Consultant, Resource Hub
3.50 pm Community composting here and abroad Clytie Binder, Churchill Fellow	The perfect rural transfer station: fact or fiction? Giles Perryman, Director, ASK Waste Management	Managing illegal dumping across council and state organisation boundaries James Vincent, Illegal Dumping Prevention Coordinator, Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation	Pollutex dust suppression is the sustainable solution Kurt Palmer, Sales Specialist, CEMAC Technologies
4.10 pm Kerbside bin inspections – A behaviour change focus group opportunity Sarah Frazer, Senior Consultant, EnviroCom Australia	Embedding Aboriginal knowledge and culture in the NSW EPA - our journey Kylie Jacky, Lead Aboriginal Initiatives, NSW Environment Protection Authority	Waste watch Elspeth Pike, Team Leader - Waste Contracts & Projects, City of Ryde	Hyzon Motors – Fuel cell leading technology Guillaume Drelon, Vice-President Commercial ANZ, Hyzon Motors ANZ
4.30 pm New Aussies recycle too Michelle Wilkinson, Program Coordinator, Halve Waste	Assessing the feasibility of a regional circular economy centre of excellence Jonathan Beckett, Waste Team Lead (NSW), Talis Consultants	Holistic approach in illegal dumping and litter management at Randwick Talebul Islam, Lead Specialist Strategic Waste, Randwick City Council	SAFF® – The world's leading landfill leachate PFAS treatment technology Peter Murphy, Managing Director, EPOC Enviro
4.50 pm Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	SG ADVANCED COMPOST™ technology with GORE® Cover - Pilot to full-scale Scott Woods, Founder & CEO, Sustainable Generation
5.00 pm CLOSE OF DAY ONE			
5.45 pm – WELCOME RECEPTION – Outdoor Exhibition, Opal Cove Resort			Sponsored by: 
7.45 pm Entertainment by: Charlie Davies			
8.00 pm – POST WELCOME RECEPTION – Horizons Bar, Opal Cove Resort			Sponsored by: 
11.00 pm Entertainment by: Chris Grieve			

PROGRAM WEDNESDAY 15 MAY CONFERENCE DAY TWO



6.45 am – Sunrise Yoga
7.45 am Outdoor Terrace, Opal Cove Resort

8.00 am WELCOME TEA & COFFEE

8.30 am **Introduction and welcome from chair:** Gayle Sloan, Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association Australia (WMRR)

8.40 am **Welcome:** Cr Sally Townley, Deputy Mayor, City of Coffs Harbour

8.50 am **Keynote Address: Transitioning NSW to a circular economy – how the EPA is working strategically to enable circularity**
Tony Chappel, CEO, NSW Environment Protection Authority

9.10 am **Keynote Address: Recycling is the outcome, not a goal**
Joan Prummel, International Circular Economy Advisor, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management

9.30 am **Keynote Address: Towards 2030: Blueprint for a national circular economy infrastructure strategy**
Bronwyn Joyce, Founder, Civic Futures Lab & Great Plastic Rescue

9.50 am **Keynote Address: Utopia versus reality – What the data is telling us!**
Anne Prince, Director, APC Waste Consultants

10.10 am MORNING TEA

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OSPREY ROOM

10.45 am Panel discussion: Becoming better stewards of our products!

Focusing on how products are managed through their lifecycle across several key industries and product types in Australia, you will hear from participants in battery, tyres, plastics, paint and bedding industries who are looking to maximise lifecycle, manage end of life and ideally drive positive change and generate obligations leading to improved design outcomes. They will each detail the latest policies and programs that are shaping their industries.

Facilitator: Gayle Sloan, CEO, Waste Management & Resource Recovery Association Australia (WMRR)

Panel Members

- Kylie Roberts-Frost, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Bedding Stewardship Council
- Libby Chaplin, CEO, Battery Stewardship Council
- Liam O'Keefe, Head of Stewardship, APCO
- Robert Kelman, Executive Officer, Australian Tyre Recyclers Association
- Troy Rowe, Founder, ReSource

CURROWONG/SHEARWATER ROOM

Panel discussion: Understanding the Circular Economy

To be effective, Circular Economy principles must be integrated into key strategic decisions around the country. Success relies on aligning industry pursuits with government policy and strategies. This panel includes a range of perspectives from various stakeholders, demonstrating how we are progressing with implementing circular economy solutions and the challenges that remain. Not one to be missed by strategy and policy makers or those seeking improved solutions.

Facilitator: Bronwyn Joyce, Founder, Civic Futures Lab & Great Plastic Rescue

Panel Members

- Garth Lamb, Chief Development Officer Re.Group
- Grant Gabriel, Program Manager, ARRC, City of Gold Coast
- Lorna Mathieson, Director of Circular Economy Programs, Victorian Dept of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)
- Marcus Geisler, CEO, Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC)
- Preet Brar, Executive GM EFW & Major Projects, Cleanaway

12.10 pm LUNCH

CIRCULAR ECONOMY	PANEL DISCUSSION: INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS	ENERGY FROM WASTE	WORKSHOP: A DEEP DIVE INTO PFAS
OSPREY ROOM	CURRAWONG ROOM	SHEARWATER ROOM	STM MARQUEE
Chairperson: <i>Giles Perryman, ASK Waste</i>	Facilitator: <i>Mike Ritchie, MRA Consulting Group</i>	Chairperson: <i>Katherine Driscoll, Impact Environmental Consulting</i>	Facilitator: <i>Gayle Sloan, Waste Management & Resource Recovery Association Australia</i>
1.20 pm Choose Circular: A NSW Government program to procure recycled content Dan Ashley, Senior Project Officer, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Panel Discussion: Government and private sector collaboration for waste management best practices and impact; contrasting AU and NL experiences. In this interactive panel discussion, private sector and government officials from the Netherlands and Australia will exchange views on how to collaborate for impact in a Circular Economy context. They'll discuss learnings and outcomes of practical initiatives in a range of local contexts, providing a learning platform for novel procurement approaches and governance models among others.	EfW progress in NSW Andrew Smith, General Manager, Tribe Infrastructure Group	Hear how key organisations are dealing with PFAS and what their anticipated priorities are as well as hearing about the impact of PFAS on real world projects. Our expert panel, facilitated by Gayle Sloan and including representation from Envirolab, EPOC Enviro and HUESKER, will look at aspects such as characterisation, assessment, remediation, and management of PFAS in our community.
1.40 pm Beyond recycling: Moving South Australia towards a circular economy Michelle Jones, Principal Adviser Regulatory Strategy & Intelligence, SA Environment Protection Authority	Panel Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessie-Lynn van Egmond, Sustainable Development Manager, Van der Hoeven Horticultural Projects Joan Prummel, International Circular Economy Advisor, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management Phil Carbins, General Manager Business Development, Veolia Australia & New Zealand Richard Collins, National Discipline Manager – Waste Advisory, Arcadis 	Woodlawn ARC update Kathryn Whitfield, General Manager Business Development, Veolia Australia and New Zealand	Panel Members: David Springer, Envirolab David Burns, EPOC Enviro Dr. Charmaine Cheah, HUESKER Australia
2.00 pm Small acts, big impact: Engaging communities in the circular economy Rayna Mishra, Team Leader – Campaigns Outreach & Activation, Sustainability Victoria		EfW – Financing the project Jean-Marie Verrier, Head of Renewables and Sustainable Energy, Project Finance Australia, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)	For more Information about this workshop see page 21.
2.20 pm Showcasing the world's first citywide reusable takeaway packaging system in Aarhus, Denmark Brent Murray, Strategic Account Manager, TOMRA Collection Australia		Reduce, reuse, recycle, and convert to energy Erik Spijkervet, Manager Projects, DutchPowerGroup	
2.40 pm Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	

2.50 pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

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STRATEGY & INFRASTRUCTURE	SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT	WASTE PLANNING	WORKSHOP: ILLUSTRATING CIRCULAR ECONOMY CONCEPTS FOR GREATER IMPACT
OSPREY ROOM	CURRAWONG ROOM	SHEARWATER ROOM	STM MARQUEE
Chairperson: <i>Mike Ritchie, MRA Consulting Group</i>	Chairperson: <i>Anthony Collins, City of Parramatta Council</i>	Chairperson: <i>Michael Richardson, MasterPlan SA</i>	Facilitator: <i>Elise Motalli, Designer and Illustrator</i>
3.30 pm Ensuring our waste levy is fit for purpose Asela Atapattu, Director Policy & Strategy, Circular Economy, NSW Environment Protection Authority	Local government procurement driving the circular economy Dian Lipiarski, Team Lead, Recycled First Local Government, Sustainability Victoria	Tackling tomorrow's challenges today: Waste management in new developments Laura Woollacott, Planning and Policy Coordinator, City of Sydney	Sustainability and circular economy ideas need to be more normalised and explained in a way that translate into action, this is where illustration comes in! Visuals can stick in long-term memory, they can transmit messages faster and also trigger emotions and actions.
3.50 pm Key infrastructure supporting NSW government's waste and sustainable materials strategy Michael Bonanno, Technical Manager, Cleanaway	Collaboration: The link to sustainable procurement Dr Abbas Elmualim, Principal Partner, Bold Futures	Transitioning to circular precincts Kartik Venkatraman, Waste Lead – QLD, Talis Consultants	Join Designer and Illustrator, Elise Motalli, to learn how to use drawing to simplify and communicate circular economy concepts for greater impact and action.
4.10 pm Infrastructure hurdles: Overcoming barriers to progress Brett Lemin – Executive Director, Waste Contractors & Recyclers Association of NSW	Recycled rubber paves way for better roads in Sydney Dr Vincent Ogu, SSROC Program Manager, Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils	Waste management precincts Esther Hughes, Principal Environmental Consultant, MRA Consulting Group	For more Information about this workshop see page 21.
4.30 pm From vision to reality: Procurement packages for infrastructure delivery Chris Godfrey, Co-Founder and Partner, Sphere Infrastructure Partners	Circular procurement for Local Government Nicole Thompson, Principal Consultant, Edge Impact	Circular economy in councils' planning controls Valentina Petrone, National Circular Economy Lead, WSP	
4.50 pm Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	

5.00 pm CLOSE OF DAY TWO

6.15 pm Pre-dinner drinks – Bayside Green /Reception Lawns, Pacific Bay Resort
Entertainment by: Sarah McKenna

7.30 pm CONFERENCE DINNER – Reef Room, Pacific Bay Resort
Theme: Superheroes and Villains
Entertainment by: ShekRow

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PROGRAM THURSDAY 16 MAY CONFERENCE DAY THREE



8.00 am WELCOME TEA & COFFEE

9.00 am **Welcome and introduction from the chair:** Natalia Cowley, General Manager, City of Coffs Harbour

9.10 am **Keynote Address: Understanding NSW EPA's waste programs and how they impact you**
Alexandra Geddes, Executive Director, Programs & Innovation, NSW Environment Protection Authority

9.30 am SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PANELS

OSPREY ROOM	CURROWONG / SHEARWATER ROOM
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9.35 am **Panel discussion: A disaster waiting to happen!**

As our climate changes and natural disasters become more regular and severe, we need to understand and plan better for the waste management consequences. This panel discussion explores at a national, state and regional level, how prepared we actually are. If you are looking to enhance your understanding of disaster waste management, or need to develop your own strategy or policy, then this panel is for you!

Facilitator: Steve Krieg, Mayor, Lismore City Council

Panel Members

- Christy Groves, Lead - Recovery & Resilience Programs, NSW Environment Protection Authority
- Mike Haywood, Principal Consultant, Mike Haywood's Sustainable Resource Solutions
- Susan Conway MacDonald, Senior Project Officer, Hunter Joint Organisation
- Tanya Henley, Principal Environmental Consultant, MRA Consulting Group
- Tracy Chalk, Head of Waste & Resource Recovery, Penrith City Council

Panel discussion: FOGO on the Go Go

Exploring the practical side of FOGO collection and processing, the panel comprised of government, consultants, academia and private enterprise will draw on their knowledge and experience to highlight the evidence and facts around FOGO. We must do better with organics recovery, so this session is not to be missed by those immersed in the organics sector!

Facilitator: Kathy Giunta, Director Major Programs, NSW Environment Protection Authority

Panel Members

- Helen Bradley, Manager Resource Recovery Planning, Inner West Council
- Linda Tohver, Education Coordinator, North East Waste
- Patrick Soars, Managing Director, Australian Native Landscapes
- Vanessa Seaton, Senior Business Development Manager NSW, Re.Group
- Virginia Brunton, Principal Consultant – Organics & Community Engagement, MRA Consulting Group

11.00 am MORNING TEA

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ORGANICS	PLASTICS	COLLECTION INITIATIVES	WORKSHOP: CULTIVATING THE GARDEN OF WHAT IFS
OSPREY ROOM	CURRAWONG ROOM	SHEARWATER ROOM	STM MARQUEE
Chairperson: <i>Virgina Brunton, MRA Consulting Group</i>	Chairperson: <i>Michelle Jones, Environment Protection Authority South Australia</i>	Chairperson: <i>Cameron McKenzie, The Hills Shire Council</i>	Facilitator: <i>Cate McQuillen, mememe productions – One Story</i>
11.30 am Why tackling food and organic waste is essential to reducing emissions Kathy Giunta, Director, Major Programs, NSW Environment Protection Authority	A solution to the soft plastic crisis in Australia Danial Gallagher, CEO, iQRenew	Mapping and navigating the route to data-driven waste management for local government Joe Logiacco, Manager Waste & Cleansing Services, Bayside Council	<p>This workshop is designed to inspire creativity and foster collaboration in tackling environmental challenges. Participants will engage with the "what if..." framing to explore innovative solutions to waste management, guided by the Theory of Change.</p> <p>This hands-on session will involve brainstorming, group discussions, and the collaborative development of ideas in the "Garden of Ideas," led by Brenna Quinlan.</p> <p>For more Information about this workshop see page 22.</p>
11.50 am SOILCO's IVC journey: Looking forward – looking back Roslyn Florie-George, Business Manager - Growth & Sustainability, SOILCO	Advancing soft plastic recycling: Overcoming barriers for a circular economy Andrea Polson, General Manager, Stakeholder Engagement & Communications, Licella	Innovative data response to collection services management James Creer, Resource Recovery Coordinator, Penrith City Council	
12.10 am Central West Nutrient Return Centre: Transforming the future of food waste Daniel Nicholson, Director, Topsoil Organics	The Global Plastics Treaty: a silver bullet for plastic pollution? Samuel Lawson, Environmental Consultant, MRA Consulting Group	Increasing accessibility and convenience through a bulky waste service implementation Ben Lewis, Project Manager, Maitland City Council	
12.30 pm Brisbane wants food waste disposal units – good idea? Georgie Costin, Senior Environmental Engineer, GHD	Solving our wasteful addiction to disposable coffee cups Rebecca Prince-Ruiz OAM, Executive Director, Plastic Free Foundation	Waste Solutions in pedestrian friendly precincts Maree Marshall, Director - Waste Management & Circular Economy, WSP	
12.50 pm Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	
1.00 pm LUNCH			

PANEL DISCUSSION	PROBLEM & HAZARDOUS WASTE	INNOVATION	WORKSHOP: FAST FASHION – UPCYCLE
OSPREY ROOM	CURRAWONG ROOM	SHEARWATER ROOM	STM MARQUEE
Facilitator: <i>Greg Freeman, Impact Environmental</i>	Chairperson: <i>Libby Chaplin, Battery Stewardship Council</i>	Chairperson: <i>Tracy Chalk, Penrith City Council</i>	Facilitator: <i>Amanda Fairbanks – Fashion Stylist and Costume Designer</i>
2.00 pm Unlocking the value of consultants In this interactive session, some of our leading consultants in the waste management industry will give their insights and perspectives on challenges and opportunities that we face.	Working with industry to solve compliance problems Rob Hogan, Director, Operations, NSW Environment Protection Authority	Councils as circular economy champions Jason Breton, Director Operations, Liverpool City Council	Mend it, don't send it – to landfill! This upcycle fashion workshop teaches and displays how to reinvent second hand garments to save them from landfill, by teaching and demonstrating how to create a new wearable fashion piece. During this hands on workshop participants will redesign, cut, sew, and think outside the box! For more information about this workshop see page 22.
2.20 pm Panel members:	The risks of lithium-ion batteries at the kerbside, transfer stations, MRFs and landfills Zoltan Sekula, Product Stewardship Manager (Batteries/E-Waste), Ecocycle	How can we ensure both profitability and sustainability in the recycling of waste solar panels? Timothy Kang, Chief Manager, Hyundai Corporation	
2.40 pm	Mitigating the risks of lithium-ion battery fires Scott Russ, General Manager Sales & Marketing (acting), Wastech Engineering	Improving organics and packaging resource recovery through innovation John Vyse, Director, Why Waste It	
3.00 pm	Circular interventions for medical plastics Karen Davids, Environmental Consultant, MRA Consulting Group	A visual journey: Ipswich City Council's future concept for an innovative facility Sean McMahon, Senior Engineer, ATC Williams	
3.20 pm	Q&A	Q&A	

3.30 pm AFTERNOON TEA

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4.00 pm Crafting a collective conference statement

The final session of the Waste 2024 conference, "Crafting a collective conference statement," aims to consolidate the insights, innovations, and commitments that have emerged over the course of the event. This session will guide participants through a collaborative process to draft a manifesto that reflects the collective vision for a sustainable waste management future.

Through thematic discussion groups and a plenary drafting process, attendees will contribute to a statement that captures the conference's essence and outlines actionable commitments. This participatory session will not only summarise the conference's achievements but also chart a course for future action, embodying the shared commitment to environmental stewardship and innovation.

Hosted by: Cate McQuillen, mememe productions – One Story

5.00 pm CLOSE OF DAY 3

6.30 pm CONFERENCE FINALE BUFFET – Horizons Restaurant, Opal Cove Resort
Entertainment by: ShekRow

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PANEL DISCUSSIONS



Becoming better stewards of our products! – Wednesday 15 May 10.45am – 12.10pm

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Understanding the Circular Economy – Wednesday 15 May 10.45am – 12.10pm

To be effective, Circular Economy principles must be integrated into key strategic decisions around the country. Success relies on aligning industry pursuits with government policy and strategies. This panel includes a range of perspectives from various stakeholders, demonstrating how we are progressing with implementing circular economy solutions and the challenges that remain. Not one to be missed by strategy and policy makers or those seeking improved solutions.

International Collaborations – Wednesday 15 May 1.20pm – 2.50pm

In this interactive panel discussion, private sector and government officials from the Netherlands and Australia will exchange views on how to collaborate for impact in a Circular Economy context. They'll discuss learnings and outcomes of practical initiatives in a range of local contexts, providing a learning platform for novel procurement approaches and governance models among others.

A disaster waiting to happen! – Thursday 16 May 9.35am – 11.00am

As our climate changes and natural disasters become more regular and severe, we need to understand and plan better for the waste management consequences. This panel discussion explores at a national, state and regional level, how prepared we actually are, and will provide practical tips from those who have been through the experience firsthand. If you are looking to enhance your understanding of disaster waste management, or need to develop your own strategy or policy, then this panel is for you!

FOGO on the Go – Thursday 16 May 9.35am – 11.00am

Exploring the practical side of FOGO collection and processing, the panel comprised of government, consultants, academia and private enterprise will draw on their knowledge and experience to highlight the evidence and facts around FOGO. They will debate and discuss the efficient collection and treatment of FOGO, as well as the critical community education that is required to ensure success. We must do better with organics recovery, so this session is not to be missed by those immersed in the organics sector!

Unlocking the value of consultants – Thursday 16 May 2.00pm – 3.30pm

In this interactive session, some of our leading consultants in the waste management industry will give their insights and perspectives on challenges and opportunities that we face. The panel facilitator will challenge the participants to explain how consultants add value, what role AI will have, what are the pinch points going forward and what the key steps are in developing a successful consultancy partnership. The consultants will also be asked about their approaches to a 'problem scenario' faced by a client.

WORKSHOPS



Managing asbestos waste from generation to disposal

There is no debate: the appropriate place for any asbestos waste is disposal in landfill. However, it is not as simple as just digging a hole to dump it in. There are specific requirements around the packaging, transport, tracking, temporary storage, and ultimate disposal of asbestos waste which vary slightly from state to state. These are all necessary to ensure the safety of waste transporters, the public and staff at landfill facilities. There are also operational considerations, particularly in relation to costs of disposal of small amounts of asbestos waste. This workshop will explore these regulatory requirements and operational considerations.

A deep dive into PFAS

Serving as an interactive platform to understand PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances), this workshop will analyse in detail the concerns, risks and management of these 'forever chemicals'. Hear how key organisations are dealing with PFAS and what their anticipated priorities are as well as hearing about the impact of PFAS on real world projects. Our expert panel will look at aspects such as characterisation, assessment, remediation, and management of PFAS in our community.

Recognising how much has been learnt and understood regarding the investigation and management of PFAS contamination over the last decade, we will focus on where, as an industry, we need to be in 5 years, and what we need to do to get there. The workshop will conclude with a panel discussion inviting a robust discussion from panellists and participants.



Illustrating Circular Economy Concepts for greater impact

Sustainability and circular economy ideas need to be more normalised and explained in a way that translate into action, this is where illustration comes in! Visuals can stick in long-term memory, they can transmit messages faster and also trigger emotions and actions. Join Designer and Illustrator, Elise Motalli, to learn how to use drawing to simplify and communicate circular economy concepts for greater impact and action.



Cultivating the garden of what ifs

"Cultivating the garden of what ifs" is a workshop designed to inspire creativity and foster collaboration in tackling environmental challenges. Participants will engage with the "what if..." framing to explore innovative solutions to waste management, guided by the Theory of Change. This hands-on session will involve brainstorming, group discussions, and the collaborative development of ideas in the "Garden of Ideas," led by Brenna Quinlan. Delegates will contribute their visions and solutions, leveraging collective expertise to reimagine a sustainable future. This workshop is a call to action, inviting participants to think big and collaborate on actionable steps toward sustainability.



Fast fashion – upcycle

Mend it, don't send it – to landfill!

This upcycle fashion workshop teaches and displays how to reinvent second hand garments to save them from landfill, by teaching and demonstrating how to create a new wearable fashion piece. The skills learnt and displayed here are creative, technical and inspiring. Amanda will provide an introduction to fast fashion and throw away culture and show you exactly what's possible. During this hands-on workshop participants will redesign, cut, sew, and think outside the box!

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