

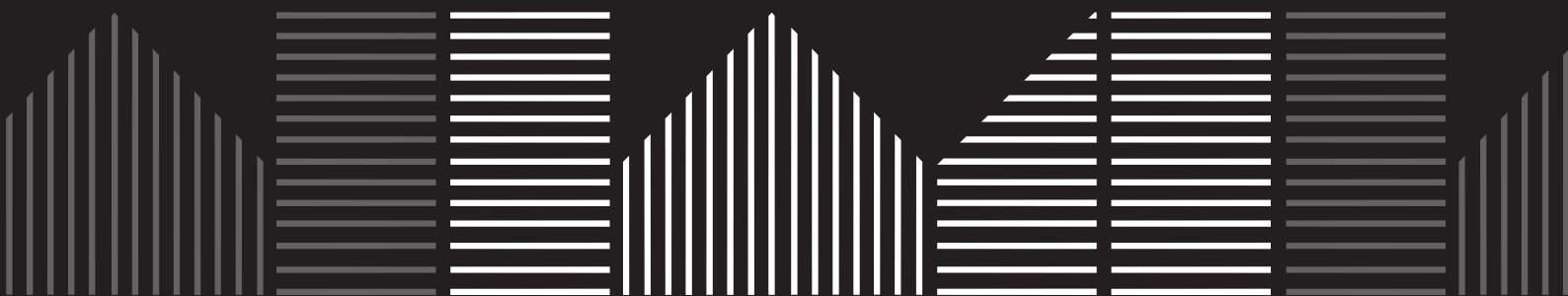


Melbourne  
School of Design  
Faculty of Architecture,  
Building and Planning

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

# CLIMATE CHANGE AND CITIES

SYMPOSIUM: 30 SEPTEMBER – 2 OCTOBER MELBOURNE 2020



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## DEAN'S WELCOME



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The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning's annual Symposium is a great opportunity to facilitate important and necessary conversations that need to be had within the built environment disciplines.

The focus of this year's Symposium is on the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, specifically SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. This is particularly topical given that in 2020, our -concept of each of those ideals have been challenged in new and profound ways.

Despite this, it is immensely uplifting to witness the ways in which this Faculty and our partner cities are combining their expertise in support of this Symposium, as we join to speculate, and design practical strategies for creating cities of the future.

The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning is well positioned to host this conference, with SDG 11 directly aligned with a multitude of the Faculty's core research directions including 'Future Cities', 'Healthy Communities and Infrastructure', 'Cultural and Sustainable Landscapes', 'Practice and Construction Innovation' and 'Indigenous Place'. It is always a privilege to see the work of our experts given a public platform and I am delighted that our local and international partner cities are joining us in these important conversations and look forward to learning from their diverse experiences.

Many thanks to the Connected Cities Lab for their support of this conference and whose people and projects have helped position the Faculty as a dynamic contributor to research on urban governance. Thanks also goes to our partners, the Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia and the Banksia Foundation. BCSDA have been instrumental to developing the Cities Challenge business approach and have brought their member organisation ARUP on board to help facilitate Cities workshops, amongst much more. The Banksia Foundation have been a key part of the project team and will be featuring the SDGs Cities Challenge at the Banksia Awards ceremony next year.

Finally, thank you to Symposium curators, Dr Cathy Oke, Dr Anna Hurlimann and Dr Judy Bush, who have worked so hard to realise this important event.

I look forward to joining you all for lively discussion on the SDGs, climate change and cities; to rolling up our sleeves and working through strategies for action we can take from this Symposium and apply in our own corners of the world.

Best wishes,  
Julie Willis

## **FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, BUILDING AND PLANNING, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**

The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, incorporating the Melbourne School of Design (MSD), is a creative and people-oriented built environment faculty in Australia's leading research-intensive university.

We're passionate about activating the next generation of built environment professionals, providing a world-recognised education which inspires and enables our graduates to create and influence our world.

We teach across the built environment fields, making us unique among Australian universities, and part of a select group worldwide. This mix of expertise enables us to prepare our graduates to design solutions for an unpredictable future.

Our staff and students are busy visualising exciting and relevant ways of programming our cities. Melbourne is a fantastic city in which to become and be an expert in the built environment fields.

Researchers and industry practitioners teach our programs and are leaders in public conversations about our cities and regions, shaping policy development and transforming Australian practice.

The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning (ABP) hosts the Bachelor of Design, a comprehensive range of built environment graduate programs, the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute (MSSI) and Australian Urban Research Infrastructure Network (AURIN).

The University of Melbourne established an Architectural Atelier in 1919 and one of the first Bachelor degrees in Architecture in 1927. Our lively culture of exploration manifests in our classrooms, studios and research enquiry, complemented by lectures, forums and exhibitions. Our cultural diversity is one of our strengths: students and staff have come to Melbourne from over 50 countries. We have a strong alumni body who hold leadership roles across Australia and the world.

## **THE ABP SYMPOSIUM**

The ABP Symposium is an annual opportunity to highlight the research capacity, leadership and/or activity of Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning staff – its multidisciplinary perspectives reflective of the scope and depth of the ABP research community. By connecting with the core themes of the ABP strategic plan as a dynamic and distinctive destination providing world class teaching and research, the Symposium offers a celebration of our achievements but also a chance to lead conversations, and position our research within the context of global discourse about the natural and built environments.

In addition to celebrating our research, the Symposium is a valuable mechanism through which to bridge research and teaching with industry and government. As such, it is important that the Symposium content reflect real-world issues and themes and strive to build connections with a diverse range of external partners and stakeholders.

Furthermore, in support of the University and ABP's commitment to supporting diversity and inclusion, the Symposium must also aim to ensure a fair and equitable selection process which allows for diverse content and novel forms of communication and engagement.

First launched in 2018, our Faculty has supported two symposiums:

2018: Go Back to Where You Came From - Past | Present | Future | Indigenous Design Symposium

2019: Transformations: Action on Equity Symposium

## ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

Presented by the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning and the Connected Cities Lab; with partners the Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia and the Banksia Foundation.

Across three days in September and October, we invite you to the inaugural virtual ABP Symposium, which in 2020 focuses on the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Featuring interactive workshop sessions, breakout rooms, keynotes and opportunities for delegates to connect across time zones, the summit showcases the role cities and their urban partners are playing in implementing the SDGs.

The virtual symposium format provides a platform for delegates to listen and interact with some of the world's leading voices in urban sustainability and action on climate change, including case studies of responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

One unique aspect of the Symposium program is the format of the breakout sessions. One stream is dedicated to City Partnerships and the SDGs Cities Challenge city participants, their sustainable development challenges and their ongoing discussions with solution providers in academia, business and government.

The second stream, Localising the SDGs, is designed as a series of short snapshots on key topics for engagement in the SDGs.

Delegates were also invited to join the collaborative process of co-design between business, academic and government solution providers, offering each participating city the opportunity to produce an implementation plan aligned to the SDGs, during two pre-symposium workshops held with guest facilitators Arup and UN ESCAP.

Recorded keynotes, sessions and panels will be immediately available to all delegates at the conclusion of the Symposium, allowing you to access parallel session content and develop your responses and outcomes while they are still top-of-mind. Sessions will feature Auslan interpreters and uploaded videos will include captions.

## SDGS CITIES CHALLENGE

The Connected Cities Lab is working with the Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia and Banksia Foundation to identify the best approach for cities to deliver on the SDGs through a new participatory action research project.

The participant cities in the SDGs Cities Challenge have been working to develop their own response to localising the SDGs, while developing solutions and implementation plans for a key urban SDGs target. Solutions are being developed via a collaborative process, using knowledge and practical expertise from academia, business, civil society and local government. This process offers each city the opportunity to take meaningful steps towards the creation of an implementation plan for their challenge, and/or a Voluntary Local Review (VLR) aligned to the SDGs.

Their work will be presented at the SDGs Cities Challenge Symposium, and delegates will have the opportunity to participate in the discussions and deliberations as these cities prepare their responses to the SDGs.

The SDGs Cities Challenge is linking cities with urban experts in academia, business, civil society and local government in a structured process of co-design. This process has created innovative approaches for cities to accelerate action towards the Sustainable Development Goals, with a focus on SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, using an initiative or project to which they are already committed.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CURATORS

How can our future cities be more sustainable, healthy and liveable? And what do we need to do now to navigate towards these visions for the future? After more than 6 months of a global pandemic, these questions take on added dimensions, and perhaps even more urgency. What a timely and important opportunity therefore we have through this symposium, to sit, listen and interact with some of the world leaders in sustainable development.

Over the next three days we will get to discuss what had been hoped for cities of the future from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and what those cities of the future now may look like as a result of Covid 19. There is hope, optimism and a lot of hard work to achieve what those goals set out to do.

Originally planned as a physical conference, we are proud that with the enormous effort from so many, our now virtual Symposium will still achieve our original objectives, albeit via our computers, not in-person.

We wanted this year's ABP Symposium to follow in the footsteps of the two fabulous events that went before us – listening to and working with the design knowledge from Indigenous custodians of our cities (2018) and fore fronting the strong women leaders in urban practice (2019) – to continue a focus on unpacking solutions for sustainable development in our ever growing cities.

The Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Change and Cities Symposium allows an excellent platform for all urban actors – from academia, business, industry, civil society and government (students and professionals), to look at partnering across disciplines and jurisdictions to deliver just, safe and climate resilient cities. We are so glad to see that so many key urban actors – professionals, students, academics, from across universities, government, business and civil society - will join us over these three days.

There are many people we would like to thank. Firstly, our colleagues in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning for trusting us with this year's Symposium, and all the support from the marketing and communications team aided by JT Production Management and the ABP events and exhibitions team. We also thank the Connected Cities Lab and their SDGs Cities Challenge project team, and the city participants for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm. To all of the speakers, session hosts and contributors, we thank you for making yourselves and your expertise available for our delegates, during a particularly challenging time facing COVID-19. We know that you're all eager to contribute as the world recovers from COVID-19, hearing from our cities and experts will provide some excellent opportunities to do so.

On that note, a key objective of this event was for our Faculty to contribute meaningfully to global efforts implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, and demonstrate action on climate change. To the first point, this Symposium is part of an action research project, aiming to capture the best ways for cities and their partners to engage in the SDGs. Secondly, we acknowledge the importance of taking an integrated view of the SDGs, but don't shy away from focussing particularly on SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; and on SDG 13: Climate Action; critical keys to ensuring a future for all is possible.

Finally, we thank our student ambassador group, through support from the Faculty and the New Student Precinct, for helping with event management, facilitation and capturing the discussions. These will be published after the event, so that we can all continue to learn how best to implement action to achieving the SDGs – particularly number 11.

See you online!

Cheers

Cathy, Judy and Anna



**JUDY BUSH**

Lecturer, Urban Planning  
Faculty of Architecture, Building  
and Planning



**CATHY OKE**

Enterprise Senior Fellow in  
Informed Cities  
Connected Cities Lab - Faculty  
of Architecture, Building and  
Planning



**ANNA HURLIMAN**

Associate Professor and Assistant  
Dean Diversity and Inclusion of the  
Faculty of Architecture, Building  
and Planning



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning and the University of Melbourne acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which this meeting is taking place, which may be multiple lands given the locations of attendees. We pay our respect to elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians present.

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### DJIRRI DJIRRI DANCE GROUP

Djirri Djirri Dance Group, with members of the Wurundjeri community, formed officially in 2013, after being part of other mixed dance groups. Our young women create the dances to the songs sung in Woiwurrung and relate to our Creation Spirits, Country, our Ancestors, animals and family. Our profile picture is of our 3 yinga guyup-guyup (song bird) who sing along to every song. Djirri Djirri means Willy wagtail in Woiwurrung, a language that has been sleeping for generations. Djirri Djirri is helping us wake it up!

The Djirri Djirri Dance Group will be sharing some performance videos:  
11.30am Wednesday 30 September  
12.15pm Friday 1 October

Photographer: Lauren Hutchison

# PROGRAM DAY 1

## Wednesday 30 September

(All times are Australian Eastern Standard Time)

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| 9:15 – 9:45am   | Watch pre-recorded keynote<br>Delegates are encouraged to view pre-recorded keynote presentation (if you haven't already done so):  | <b>Hans P Bokelund</b><br>Director Aboriginal Melbourne - City of Melbourne<br><b>Indigenous Perspectives on SDGs, Cities and Climate Change</b>   |
| 10:00 – 10:15am | <b>DAY 1 OPENING</b><br><b>Welcome to Country</b><br>Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Elder   | <b>Marley Holloway-Clarke</b><br>Symposium Master of Ceremonies  |
| 10:15 – 11:30am | <b>RESPONDING PANEL TO KEYNOTE</b><br><br><b>Indigenous Perspectives on SDGs, Cities and Climate Change</b><br>—<br><b>Hans P Bokelund</b><br>Director Aboriginal Melbourne - City of Melbourne   | Moderator:<br><b>Marley Holloway-Clarke</b><br>Project Officer - Murrup Barak, Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development<br><br>Panellists:<br><b>Jefa Greenaway</b> [Wailwan Kamilaroi]<br>Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning and Principal Architect - Greenaway Architects<br><br><b>Stacie Piper</b><br>Wurundjeri, Dja Dja Wurrung, Ngurai-Illam Wurrung First Nations Curator - Yalingwa Djirri Djirri Dancer Chairperson Victorian NAIDOC Committee<br><br><b>Hans P Bokelund</b><br>Director Aboriginal Melbourne - City of Melbourne   |
| 11:30am         | <b>DJIRRI DJIRRI DANCE GROUP</b>  |  |
| 12:00 – 1:30pm  | <b>SDG PLENARY WORKSHOP</b><br><br><b>Leave no one behind: Learn - Enable - Act - Influence</b><br>—<br><b>Facilitated by Arup</b><br><br>Arup will facilitate a collaborative session in which participants will consider their own systematic and holistic approach to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and input into the collective awareness and actions. | These sessions will be participatory, fun and productive. Bring your biggest question and your best ideas!<br><b>Learn:</b> Build capability and deep expertise through research, learning, knowledge management and communications.<br><b>Enable:</b> Integrate sustainable development in operations and practices.<br><b>Act:</b> Deliver projects, products, services and solutions that create shared value and drive innovation.<br><b>Influence:</b> Use knowledge and networks to lead the way. This workshop will follow these themes, as we immerse the audience in the SDGs in readiness for the Symposium discussion sessions 1-2 October. |
| 1:30 - 1:45pm   | <b>CLOSE OF DAY 1</b>   | <b>Marley Holloway-Clarke</b><br>Master of Ceremonies  |
|                 | There are no other live discussions today. Delegates are encouraged to view pre-recorded keynote presentations for Thursday's panel discussions (if you haven't already done so):   | <b>Penny Abeywardena</b><br>Commissioner - NYC Mayor's Office for International Affairs<br><b>SDGs and Cities</b><br>—<br><b>Theresa Williamson</b><br>Executive Director - Catalytic Communities, Brazil<br><b>SDGs, Urban Planning for Equity and Climate Resilience in our Cities</b>   |

## PROGRAM DAY 2

### Thursday 1 October

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9:30 - 10:00am

**DAY 2 OPENING**  
**Acknowledgement of Country**

**Official's opening of Symposium:**  
**Marley Holloway-Clarke**  
Symposium Master of Ceremonies

**Julie Willis**  
Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Building  
and Planning

**Duncan Maskell**  
Vice Chancellor - University of Melbourne

10:00 - 11:00am

**RESPONDING PANEL TO KEYNOTE**

### **SDGs and Cities**

—  
**Penny Abeywardena**  
Commissioner - NYC Mayor's Office  
for International Affairs

Moderator:  
**Michele Acuto**  
Director - Connected Cities Lab

Panellists:  
**Director General Chingyu Yao**  
City of New Taipei

**Tony Pipa**  
Senior Fellow - Global Economy and Development, Brookings  
Institution

**Penny Abeywardena**  
Commissioner - NYC Mayor's Office for International Affairs

**Roger Swinbourne**  
Associate Principal - Arup

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11:00am BREAK

11:15 - 12:15pm

### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

The symposium has two breakout session streams, reflecting the themes and objectives of the event.

**City Partnerships** will feature SDGs Cities Challenge city participants discussing their sustainable development challenges and their ongoing discussions with solutions providers in academia, business and government.

**Localising the SDGs** will be a series of micro masterclasses on key topics for engagement in the SDGs.

Each breakout session will be delivered as standalone events so there is no need to stick with one stream throughout.

### **Session 2A Discussion**

The session will showcase examples of how SDG reporting can be done at national and local government levels, explore the differences and similarities of reporting at these different scales, and discuss the challenges and opportunities for connecting them through one reporting framework.

How do we connect these different approaches through a national reporting framework?

### **City Partnerships: Session 1A**

### **SDGs Cities Challenge cities, their challenges and partnerships for solutions**

Host:  
**Sarah Forde**, Director Projects and Programs – Business Council  
for Sustainable Development Australia (BCSDA)

Co-Host:  
**Thomas Jacobs**, Project Coordinator - Connected Cities Lab

Contributor:  
**Anna Rubbo**, Senior Scholar -Center for Sustainable Urban  
Development, The Earth Institute

Cities:  
**City of Newcastle**  
**City of Whitehorse**

### **Localising the SDGs: Session 2A**

### **SDG Reporting: Connecting the national to the local**

Host:  
**Monash Sustainable Development Institute (MSDI)** and **SDSN**

Contributors:  
**Prof John Thwaites**, (MSDI) – Transforming Australia (Update  
2020)

**Alison Leighton**, General Manager Strategy, Planning & Climate  
Change – City of Melbourne

**Renz Cerillo**, Sustainability Management – ICLEI – Local  
Governments for Sustainability South East Asia Secretariat

12:15pm BREAK



**1:00 - 1:45pm**

**RESPONDING PANEL TO KEYNOTE**

**SDGs, Urban Planning  
for Equity and Climate  
Resilience in our Cities**

—  
**Theresa Williamson**  
Executive Director - Catalytic  
Communities, Brazil

Moderator:

**Stephanie Butcher**

Research Fellow - Connected Cities Lab, University of  
Melbourne

Panellists:

**Anna Hurlimann**

Associate Professor and Assistant Dean Diversity and  
Inclusion of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning

**Theresa Williamson**

Executive Director - Catalytic Communities, Brazil

**Shipra Narang**

Chief, Urban Practices Branch (OIC) and Global Solutions  
Division, UN-Habitat

**1:45pm** BREAK

**2:00 - 3:00pm**

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**Session 2B Discussion**

The global pandemic has laid bare  
how well cities and communities can  
protect and support their citizens in the  
face of a health, economic and social  
crisis. Designed to build resilience and  
sustainability, the UN argues that the  
SDGs are the roadmap to post COVID-19  
recovery.

Join an interactive discussion around  
the role community groups and local  
government can play to ensure we  
#RecoverBetter and the ways the SDGs  
can guide the way.

**City Partnerships: Session 1B**

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**SDGs Cities Challenge cities, their  
challenges and partnerships for solutions**

Host:

**Sarah Forde**

Director Projects and Programs – Business Council for  
Sustainable Development Australia (BCSDA)

Co-Host:

**Thomas Jacobs**

Project Coordinator - Connected Cities Lab

Cities:

**City of Dehradun**

**Localising the SDGs: Session 2B**

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**#Recover Better: Partnering for local SDGs  
impact – Local Government and the SDGs**

Hosts:

**Sophie Arnold**

Executive Manager - United Nations Association Victoria

**Nicole Battle**

President - Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres  
Association

Contributor:

**Mitra Anderson-Oliver**

Manager - Industry Support and Recovery - Department of  
Jobs, Precincts and Regions

**3:00 - 3:15pm**

**CLOSE OF DAY 2**

**Marley Holloway-Clarke**

Symposium Master of Ceremonies

**3:15 - 4:15pm**

**NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

A range of networking opportunities will be provided on the  
InEvent platform for delegates to join

Delegates are encouraged to  
view pre-recorded keynote  
presentations for Friday's  
panel discussions (if you  
haven't already done so):

**Peter Rayner**

Acting Director – Climate and Energy  
College, University of Melbourne  
**SDGs, Building Cities for Health and  
Wellbeing of People and Nature**

**Claire Ferres Miles**

CEO - Sustainability Victoria  
**SDGs, Cities Acting on Climate Change,  
Encouraging a Circular Economy**

## PROGRAM DAY 3

Friday 2 October

(All times are Australian Eastern Standard Time)

9:45 - 10:00am

**DAY 3 OPENING**  
**Acknowledgement of Country**

**Marley Holloway-Clarke**  
Symposium Master of Ceremonies

10:00 - 11:00am

**RESPONDING PANEL TO KEYNOTE**

### **SDGs, Building Cities for Health and Wellbeing of People and Nature**

—  
**Peter Rayner**  
Acting Director – Climate and Energy College, University of Melbourne.

Moderator:  
**Crystal Legacy**  
Senior Lecturer - Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne

Panellists:  
**Anne-Marie Pisani**  
Senior Associate - Aspect Studios

**Karibaiti Taoaba**  
Regional Director - Commonwealth Local Government Forum Pacific

**Peter Rayner**  
Acting Director – Climate and Energy College, University of Melbourne, Melbourne Australia

11:00am BREAK

11:15 - 12.15pm

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**City Partnerships: Session 1C**

### **SDGs Cities Challenge cities, their challenges and partnerships for solutions**

Host:  
**Sarah Forde**  
Director Projects and Programs – Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia (BCSDA)

Co-Host:  
**Alexei Trundle**  
Research Fellow in Sustainable Urban Development – Connected Cities Lab

Cities:  
**City of Woollahra**  
**Warrnambool City Council**

**Localising the SDGs: Session 2C**

### **Embedding SDGs in organisational planning and the built environment**

Hosts:  
**Gerard Healy and Clare Walker**  
University of Melbourne, Chief Operating Officer portfolio

Contributors:  
**Mitra Anderson-Oliver**  
Manager - Industry Support and Recovery - Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions

**Gavin Ashley**  
Better Cities & Regions Lead – HIP V. HYPE

Cities:  
**City of Newcastle**  
**City of Whitehorse**

12:15pm

**DJIRRI DJIRRI DANCE GROUP**

**1:00 - 1:45pm**

**RESPONDING PANEL TO KEYNOTE**

**SDGs, Cities Acting on Climate Change, Encouraging a Circular Economy**

—  
**Claire Ferres Miles**  
CEO - Sustainability Victoria

Moderator:  
**Brendan Gleeson**  
Director - Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute, University of Melbourne

Panellists:  
**Claire Ferres Miles**  
CEO - Sustainability Victoria

**Patrick Cobbinah**  
Lecturer in Urban Planning - Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne

**Andrew Petersen**  
CEO, Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia

**1:45pm** BREAK

**2:00 - 3:00pm**

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**Session 2D Discussion**  
How can we communicate with and mobilise our youth amidst global stress and uncertainty?

**City Partnerships – Session 1D**

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**SDGs Cities Challenge cities, their challenges and partnerships for solutions**

Host:  
**Sarah Forde**, Director Projects and Programs – Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia (BCSDA)

Co-Host:  
**Alexei Trundle**, Research Fellow in Sustainable Urban Development – Connected Cities Lab

Cities:  
**Alor Gajah**  
City of Melbourne

**Localising the SDGs – Session 2D**

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**Communication and Engagement with the SDGs**

Host:  
**Jeremy McLeod**, Breathe Architecture Founder

Contributors:  
**Amelia Leavesley**, Engagement Advisor and Masters Student

**Sabareesh Suresh**, City of Dehradun, Sabareesh Suresh Consultant - Urban Governance and Service Delivery | Local Pathways Fellow UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

**Leah Hyland**, Communications and Engagement (Co-creation) Manager Development – Estate Planning and Development - University of Melbourne

**Dante Di Paolo**, New Student Precinct Intern - University of Melbourne

**3:00 – 3:15pm**

**CLOSING SESSION**

**Marley Holloway-Clarke**  
Symposium Master of Ceremonies

**Julie Willis**  
Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning

**Concluding Remarks:**  
Symposium curators  
**Cathy Oke, Anna Hurlimann and Judy Bush**

**Official Close**

**3:15 – 4:15pm**

**NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

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## MASTER OF CEREMONIES



### MARLEY HOLLOWAY-CLARKE

Project Officer - Murrup Barak, Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development

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Marley Holloway-Clarke (she/her) is the Project Officer at Murrup Barak who belongs to the Njamal people of the Pilbara region. She grew up predominately on Palawa Country before moving to the Kulin Nation to start her tertiary studies. Marley is an alum of Victorian College of the Arts where she graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Arts with a focus in Photography. Keen to further her education Marley graduated with a Master of Art and Cultural Management in 2019 with focuses on First Nations arts and culture. For the last couple of years, Marley has been working as an emerging artist, curator and producer with works being exhibited at SEVENTH Gallery, Incinerator Gallery and George Paton Gallery.

Marley came into working at Murrup Barak as the Indigenous Student Outreach Officer, where she worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in helping them apply for university. She has now transitioned into the role of the Project Officer focusing on Marketing and Communications and managing the Murrup Barak social media platforms.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### PENNY ABEYWARDENA

Commissioner - NYC Mayor's Office for International Affairs

Penny leads New York City's global platform for promoting its goals for a more just society, showcasing the diversity of New Yorkers and sharing policies and best practices with the world. Her agency serves the largest diplomatic corps in the world, including strategic partnerships and programming reaffirming NYC's local leadership on global issues.

From 2009-2014, Penny was the Director of Girls and Women Integration at the Clinton Global Initiative, where she led the program's evolution into one of CGI's most successful efforts.

Penny is a French-American Foundation Young Leader (2017) a WEF Young Global Leader (2016) and a Co-Chair on WEF's Global Future Culture.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### HANS P BOKELUND

Director Aboriginal Melbourne -  
City of Melbourne

Hans is a Darumbal/Turrbal man from Queensland and past-President of Tarwirri (Indigenous Law Students and Lawyers Association of Victoria). He is currently the inaugural Director of Aboriginal Melbourne – City of Melbourne Branch. Hans decided to join the City of Melbourne because of the exciting new branch they were establishing, to build and enhance Melbourne as a recognised leader of Aboriginal culture – A City with an Aboriginal focus. He is exploring ways to bring the City of Melbourne's Reconciliation Action Plan to life and working with his team to revitalise relationships with the Aboriginal community members and cement Aboriginal Melbourne as a benchmark par excellence.



### CLAIRE FERRES MILES

CEO - Sustainability Victoria

Claire was appointed CEO of Sustainability Victoria in November 2019 and was previously City of Melbourne's Director City Strategy and Place.

Claire is an optimistic leader driven by curiosity and purpose.

She has held executive roles in Transport for London, Victorian Government, Local Government, and in the private sector. She is highly regarded for her collaborative leadership, authentic community engagement and innovative partnerships. Claire has been recognised as an IPAA Victorian Fellow (2019) and a 'Top 50 Woman in the Victorian Public Sector' (2017).

Claire is passionate about leading teams to achieve public value, positive impact and deliver tangible outcomes for our community, with significant achievements in affordable housing, sustainability, transport and planning - to ensure our future is one of social, economic and environmental prosperity.

She has a Master of Transport, a Master of Traffic, a Bachelor of Planning and Design with majors in Landscape Architecture and Urban Design and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and IPAA Integrity.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### PETER RAYNER

Climate and Energy College, University of Melbourne

Peter Rayner studied physics and paleoclimate at the University of Melbourne. His main research interests have been in the drivers of climate change, especially emissions and removal of greenhouse gases. He was one of the team who set up the Copernicus Atmospheric Service in Europe to monitor greenhouse gases and other pollutants globally. He became increasingly interested in the links between climate and other aspects of health and well-being such as air quality and green space. In 2014 he became the founding director of the Clean Air and Urban Landscapes Hub (CAUL) of the National Environmental Science Program of the Australian Government. CAUL federated applied research on liveability, urban greening, biodiversity and air quality in Australian cities. He is now the acting director of the Australian-German Climate and Energy College, an interdisciplinary research and graduate training programme between the University of Melbourne and several European universities.



### THERESA WILLIAMSON

Executive Director - Catalytic Communities, Brazil

Theresa Williamson, Ph.D. is a city planner and founding executive director of Catalytic Communities, an NGO working to support Rio de Janeiro's favelas through asset-based community development. CatComm produces RioOnWatch, an award-winning local-to-global favela news platform and facilitates Rio's Sustainable Favela Network and Favela Community Land Trust program. Theresa is an advocate for the recognition of the favelas' heritage status and their residents' right to be treated as equal citizens.

She received the 2018 American Society of Rio prize for her contributions to the city and the 2012 NAHRO Award for her contributions to the international housing debate.

Theresa has many publications including multiple book chapters and four op-eds in The New York Times. She has been cited in hundreds of publications and television. Previously she received the 2005 Gill-Chin Lim Award for Best Dissertation on International Planning and CatComm received the 2006 Tech Museum Award for technology benefiting humanity. Dr. Williamson earned her B.A. in Biological Anthropology from Swarthmore College and PhD in City and Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

## PANELLISTS



### MICHELE ACUTO

Director - Connected Cities Lab

Michele Acuto is director of the Connected Cities Lab at the University of Melbourne, where he is Professor in Urban Politics and Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning. He is an expert in international urban development, urban data and the governance of cities, with a focus on sustainability and global health. He is also a Senior Fellow of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and member of Fondation Botnar's expert commission. He has previously led research on the future of cities at University College London and the University of Oxford, and outside academia with Arup, World Health Organization, World Bank Group, and the European Commission.



### MITRA ANDERSON-OLIVER

Manager - Industry Support and Recovery - Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions

Mitra has over a decade of experience in strategic advice, policy development and implementation in urban planning and development, urban design, climate change and housing policy.

Mitra started her career in the Climate Change Branch at Victoria's Department of Premier and Cabinet. She was a key part of the team that produced Victoria's first major package of climate action reforms, including the Climate Change Act. More recently, Mitra spent four years leading planning reform projects for the Minister for Planning in Victoria. This included amendments to the Victorian Planning and Environment Act which saw a reframing of the Act to ensure that the State's critical need for affordable housing could be addressed through the planning system.

Mitra is active in the not-for-profit and community sectors, and was a founding Board member and Secretary of the artist-run Schoolhouse Studios in Collingwood. She is also a co-founder and Committee Member of Yarra Pools, a community-led proposal to re-introduce recreation and water-play to the lower Yarra and, in doing so, to transform an under-used section of the iconic river's northern bank into a thriving community facility.

Mitra publishes regularly in urban and design journals about inspiring places and people leading positive change in cities. She has a Bachelor of Arts/Law (Hons) and a Masters of Urban Planning from the University of Melbourne, and was twice awarded the Dean's Honours Award. She was part of the teaching team in the Urban Environments and Inclusive Cities subjects in the Masters of Urban Planning and Bachelor of Environments at the University of Melbourne.

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### SOPHIE ARNOLD

Executive Manager  
United Nations Association of Australia (Victorian Division)

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Sophie Arnold is Executive Manager of the UN Association of Australia's Victorian Division. A journalist by training, Sophie covered politics and industrial relations before becoming a media adviser to Victorian Government Ministers and then Premier, Joan Kirner. For more than two decades, Sophie ran a successful media and communications practice, providing writing, editing and communications services to a range of government, corporate and not for profit agencies. She is a former manager and board member of the Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated and WIRE: Women's Information; Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House and Fitzroy Junior Football Club Board member.



### GAVIN ASHLEY

Better Cities and Regions Lead – HIP V. HYPE

Gavin brings 14 years of experience in urban development and sustainability across the private, non-profit and public sectors. He sees sustainability as the product of technical rigour, early integration and good communication. Gavin is passionate about working with clients and partners that embed principles of sustainability at the outset, where they can have the most impact and are commercially justifiable. He also acutely understands that the key to this is the clear communication of robust evidence.

Gavin grew up in country Western Australia, which embedded in him an appreciation for the natural environment and community. He started his tertiary education in Geography and Politics, where he gained an understanding of how spatial planning can drive sustainable change for cities and towns. Following a stint overseas Gavin went on to complete a Masters of Environment and Planning at RMIT. During this time, he worked as a town planner for Tract Consultants and gained an appreciation for the commercial imperatives of the development industry including reputation, managing cost and time. This period provided a strong background in strategic planning and refined his thinking about what makes places work for people and the environment, and in particular how the planning process can be used to drive sustainability outcomes.

Sustainability quickly became the major driver for Gavin's work. Gavin joined Moreland Energy Foundation Limited (MEFL), where he combined his experience in planning and urban development with his passion for sustainability, working with a variety of local governments and communities. Gavin went on to lead the consulting practice at MEFL for four years, delivering a wide variety of sustainable urban development and energy strategy work including community energy transition for regional communities and climate resilience outcomes for social housing. Working with regional communities and vulnerable households was an important part of the work, often forgotten but hugely important in developing social capital as an important driver in building resilient communities.

As Better Cities & Regions Lead, Gavin focuses on supporting sustainable urban renewal and community outcomes using both planning and non-planning delivery mechanisms.

## PANELLISTS



### NICOLE BATTLE

CEO - Neighbourhood Houses Victoria

Nicole is the CEO of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria and is also the current Chairperson of the Australian Neighbourhood House and Centres Association (ANHCA).

Nicole holds a Bachelor of Social Work from Victoria University, as well as a Master of Public Policy and Management from the University of Melbourne.

She has over ten years experience working in local government, holding senior roles within Community Development, Youth Services, Emergency Management and Governance. She has also held a number of positions within the not-for-profit sector and was recently appointed to the Board of WestCASA (Centre Against Sexual Assault).

Nicole is passionate about social justice and is excited about the role that SDGs can play in creating a fairer and more equitable society for future generations.



### STEPHANIE BUTCHER

Research Fellow - Connected Cities Lab, University of Melbourne

Dr Stephanie Butcher is a Postdoctoral Researcher with the Connected Cities lab, at the University of Melbourne. She is a part of the 'Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality' (KNOW) programme, a global consortium which seeks to deliver transformative research and capacity in policy and planning, that will promote and strengthen pathways to urban equality.

Her research interests are in citizen participation in planning in informal settlements of the Global South, gender and diversity, and urban inequalities. She has partnered with grassroots groups and organizations in cities in Nepal, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Tanzania, and Sri Lanka to support community-driven processes of planning.



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### RENZ CERILLO

Sustainability Management – ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability South East Asia Secretariat

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Renz is a sustainability specialist with multidisciplinary experience in development, policy and science communications, and climate mitigation and adaptation actions. He is part of the Southeast Asia Secretariat of ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability and manages programs on climate change action plans and low-emission strategies across Southeast Asia. He works with consultants and the national government in designing the Philippines' measurement, reporting, and verification plan for its Nationally Determined Contributions and their alignment with the SDGs. A clean energy transition advocate, he also acts as the Project Support Lead for OurEnergy2030 – a coalition of youth and civil society organizations advocating for an equitable and inclusive energy transition.

Previously part of the British Embassy Manila, he primarily supported the United Kingdom's Newton Fund and was also engaged in its ASEAN Low Carbon Programme, strengthening partnerships between the two governments through policy and programme work.



### PATRICK COBBINAH

Lecturer in Urban Planning - Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne

Patrick is an academic in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning. Patrick's background is in human geography with broad experience in urban and regional planning gained through teaching and research conducted at universities in Ghana and Australia. Patrick was with the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Ghana in 2016 and Charles Sturt University in 2011, and worked in the areas of urban planning and management, urban resilience, environmental management, regional planning, natural resource management, climate change and development of research packages to guide urbanisation and sustainable environmental development in Africa focusing on Ghana. He is a member of the Planning Institute of Australia and the Ghana Institute of Planners, a University of Michigan Presidential Scholar, a Visiting Scholar at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study at Stellenbosch University, Cape Town South Africa, a Global Young Academy Fellow, and an Adjunct Research Fellow of the Institute for Land, Water and Society, Charles Sturt University. Patrick has published widely in his research area. He serves on the editorial board of Journal of Urban Affairs.



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### DANTE DI PAOLO

New Student Precinct Intern - University of Melbourne

Renz is a sustainability specialist with Dante is a final year Bachelor of Commerce student at The University of Melbourne and is currently interning with the New Student Precinct team. He intends to commence the Juris Doctor at The University next year.



### SARAH FORDE

Director Projects and Programs – Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia (BCSDA)

Sarah is a sustainability and communications professional working with business and government to demonstrate that long-term goal setting models that incorporate multiple stakeholders and can deliver innovation and good financial performance. She has supported teams to challenge their perceived ideas and rethink how projects and systems can innovate to deliver results that deliver for people, planet and meet the SDGs.

## PANELLISTS



### BRENDAN GLEESON

Professor and Director of the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute

Professor Brendan Gleeson is the Director of the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute, at the University of Melbourne. Brendan has made significant scholarly contributions in urban and social policy, environmental theory and policy, and his most recent books are *The Urban Condition* (2014) and (with Sam Alexander, *Degrowth in the Suburbs* (2018). He has qualifications in geography and urban planning. Brendan is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences. His new book with Sam Alexander, *Urban Awakenings: Disturbance and enchantment in the industrial city*, will be released by Palgrave Macmillan in late 2020.



### JEFA GREENAWAY [Wailwan|Kamilaroi]

Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning and Principal Architect - Greenaway Architects

Jefa Greenaway is a University of Melbourne senior academic of two decades standing, founding Director of Greenaway Architects, and a regular design commentator on ABC Radio Melbourne.

He's championed Indigenous led design thinking for over 25 years as a registered architect in NSW and VIC, including as co-founder of Indigenous Architecture + Design Victoria, as co-author of the International Indigenous Design Charter, and as Regional Ambassador (Oceania) of INDIGO (International Indigenous Design Network). He's a founding signatory of Architects Declare Australia an initiative foregrounding architecture's role in to tackling the challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss, is co-curator (with Tristan Wong) of the Australian exhibition at La Biennale Architettura di Venezia 2020/21 (Venice Biennale) and was recently inducted into the Design Institute of Australia's 2020 'Hall of Fame'

Jefa sits on numerous boards, and advisory panels including the State Design Review Panels in NSW and VIC, the Public Arts Advisory Panel (City of Melbourne) and design juries for the AIA, PIA and AILA and is currently an ambassador for the 2020 Sustainability Awards.

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### GERARD HEALY

Manager, Sustainable Campus Design  
Estate Planning and Property | Estate Planning & Development

Gerard Healey is the University of Melbourne's Sustainable Campus Design Manager. In this role he works to embed the University's sustainability ambitions into its buildings and grounds. Gerard is also active within the construction industry, including being a member of the Property Council (VIC) Sustainable Development Committee and Green Building Council of Australia Technical Advisory Group.



### LEAH HYLAND

Communications and Engagement (Co-creation)  
Manager Development – Estate Planning and Development - University of Melbourne

Leah has a broad range of leadership experience working in communications, engagement, education and partnership roles across multiple sectors.

Leah's current role at the University of Melbourne sees her co-create with students, staff and key stakeholders with a focus on engagement, relationship building and open and transparent dialogue to inform and elevate project development.

Creating targeted communications that are tailored to the audience and the cultural landscape are central to Leah's approach to engagement, utilising a hybrid of platforms and mediums to capture the views of both the vocal and marginalised voices in our community.

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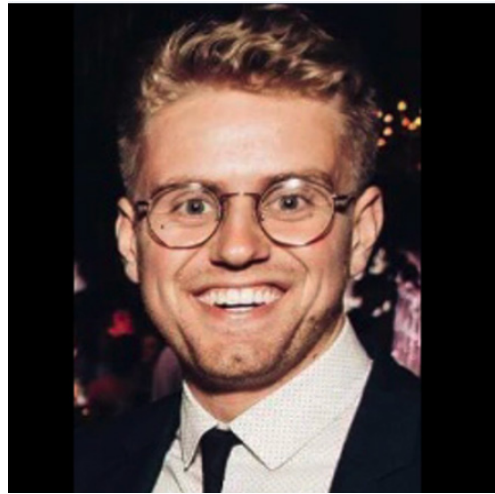


### ANNA HURLIMAN

Associate Professor and Assistant Dean Diversity and Inclusion of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning

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Dr Anna Hurlimann's research and teaching focuses on climate change adaptation and mitigation in the built environment with a particular focus on urban planning, water management, the integration of climate action with sustainable development goals, and equitable outcomes. Anna is the lead Chief Investigator of ARC Discovery Grant 'Integrating climate change adaptation and mitigation in built environments,' and is a member of Planners for Climate Action, hosted by UN-HABITAT.



### THOMAS JACOBS

Project Coordinator  
Connected Cities Lab - Architecture, Building and Planning

Thomas Jacobs is currently the project coordinator for the SDGs Cities Challenge and project officer for the Innovate4Cities project within the Connected Cities Lab at the University of Melbourne. His areas of focus in planning are sustainability and resilience, health, community engagement, and housing. Thomas is a Master of Urban Planning graduate from the University of Melbourne, and holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science, with minors in Communications and Community Leadership from Iowa State University in the United States.

In addition to his experience working with the Connected Cities Lab, Thomas has worked for multiple non-profit organisations including Launch Housing, a Melbourne based housing organisation aimed at ending homelessness. He also has international experience in the field of city planning, with previous planning positions held at the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri in the United States, as well as Moreland City Council in Melbourne.

Thomas is extremely passionate about creating healthy and sustainable built environments for current and future generations, and thus his master's thesis focused on the implementation of health planning policy and sought to understand the impact that non-governmental organisations have on health planning policy in Victoria.

## PANELLISTS



### AMELIA LEAVESLEY

Engagement Advisor and Masters Student

Amelia is an experienced communication consultant, notably in the water sector and urban ecology. She uses her skills in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and strategic engagement to help people and organisations understand urban spatial patterns and relationships. Amelia holds a BSc (Engineering and Environmental Science) and is a master's student at the University of Melbourne, writing a dissertation on the transformative potential of localising SDGs in city planning. A confident public speaker, with a flair for innovation, she is on a mission to create thriving urban worlds that support all walks – flies, swims, and slithers – of life.



### CRYSTAL LEGACY

Senior Lecturer - Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne

Crystal Legacy is a Senior Lecturer in Urban Planning at the University of Melbourne, Australasia where she is also the Deputy Director of the Informal Urbanism Research Hub (InfUr-). Crystal has published widely on the topics of transport governance, urban politics and citizen participation. She has edited two books *Instruments of Planning: Tensions and Challenges for more Equitable and Sustainable Cities* (Routledge, 2016) and *Building Inclusive Cities: Women's Safety and the Right to the City* (Routledge, 2013). Crystal was the inaugural chair of the Australasian Early Career Urban Research Network (AECURN) and she is on the Editorial Board of the journals *Planning Theory and Practice* and *Urban Policy and Research*.



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### ALISON LEIGHTON

General Manager Strategy, Planning & Climate Change  
– City of Melbourne. City of the Future Taskforce SDGs

Alison Leighton assumed the position of General Manager, Strategy, Planning and Climate Change, at the City of Melbourne in April 2020. Prior to this she was the Chief Executive Officer at Baw Baw Shire Council and the Chief Operating Officer at Mornington Peninsula Shire. Alison has acquired more than 15 years of progressive leadership experience in infrastructure, planning, operations and public sector business transformation.

Alison is a qualified engineer, an alumni of Harvard Business School, and an MBA and AICD graduate.



### JEREMY MCLEOD

Founder, Breathe Architecture

Jeremy is the founding Director of Breathe Architecture, a team of dedicated Architects that have built a reputation for delivering high quality design and sustainable Architecture for all scale projects. Breathe Architecture has been focusing on sustainable urbanisation and in particular have been investigating how to deliver more affordable urban housing to Melbournians.

Breathe were the instigators of The Commons housing project in Brunswick and now are collaborating with other Melbourne Architects to deliver the Nightingale Model. Nightingale is intended to be an open source housing model led by Architects. Jeremy believes that architects, through collaboration, can drive real positive change in this city we call home.

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### SHIPRA NARANG SURI

Chief, Urban Practices Branch (OIC) and Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat, Nairobi

Dr. Shipra Narang Suri is an urban planner with a PhD in Post-War Recovery Studies from the University of York, UK. She leads UN-Habitat's Urban Practices Branch, which is the hub for UN-Habitat's normative work and the home of its portfolio of global programmes. The work of the Branch covers all major areas of UN-Habitat's work such as national urban policies; policy, legislation and governance; urban planning and design; public space; urban regeneration; land, housing and shelter; urban economy and finance; urban basic services; safer cities; human rights and social inclusion, with extensive normative work and operational activities in nearly 80 countries. Shipra is also the senior advisor within UN-Habitat for local governments and their networks.

Shipra has extensive experience in advising national and local governments, as well as private sector organisations and networks, on issues of urban planning and management, good urban governance and indicators, liveability and sustainability of cities, urban safety, women and cities, as well as post-conflict/ post-disaster recovery. She is the former co-Chair of the World Urban Campaign, a platform that brings together a large array of global organisations to advocate for sustainable urbanisation, and the former Vice-President of the General Assembly of Partners, a platform established to bring stakeholder voices to Habitat III and in the drafting of the New Urban Agenda. She is also a former Vice-President of ISOCARP, the International Society of City and Regional Planners.

Shipra has worked with the United Nations, specifically, UN-HABITAT, UNDP, and UNESCO, as well as international NGOs and private sector organisations, for over two decades. She has worked across Asia, Africa, South Eastern Europe and the Middle-East. She has been involved in the development and execution of a variety of development, research and training projects and programmes, is a regular public speaker at national and international for a and has several publications to her credit.



### ANDREW PETERSEN

CEO - Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia

Andrew has over 25 years' environmental and planning law and policy experience as well as 10 years at a CEO and Director level in the not-for-profit sector initiating and driving systems change in policy and sustainable development through project design and delivery.

He has been a qualified environmental and planning litigation practitioner and policy advisor with roles at Sydney City Council and holding the position of Partner at Gadens Lawyers and PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he was also was one of the founders of the PricewaterhouseCoopers Sustainability & Climate Change practice. His specialist law and policy expertise in the environmental includes litigation and advisory experience in commercial, residential and infrastructure (water, waste management, renewable energy) project development, resource planning and acquisition, program roll out of energy conservation projects, biodiversity and water market policy and trading market development, as well as environmental protection.

His current career focuses on the strategic delivery of 6 workstreams (Circular Economy, Cities and Mobility, Energy & Climate, Food, Nature and Water, People, and Redefining Value) for over 60 private, public and academic members at the Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia (known prior to 2018 as Sustainable Business Australia) as network partner with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, the We Mean Business Coalition and the Business for Nature Coalition. He holds a Non – Executive Director role at the Banksia Foundation and is on Board of Advice at the University of Sydney Business School. His current Government appointments include as a member of the National Advisory Industry Reference Group to the Australian Government's National Waste Review, the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation and representation on the Sustainability Industry Reference Committee of the Australian Industry Skills Committee, and appointment to the Australian Business and Biodiversity Initiative. He also was member of the 2017 – 2018 co-design group that provided guidance on the delivery of the Australian Government's Environmental Partnerships Initiative.

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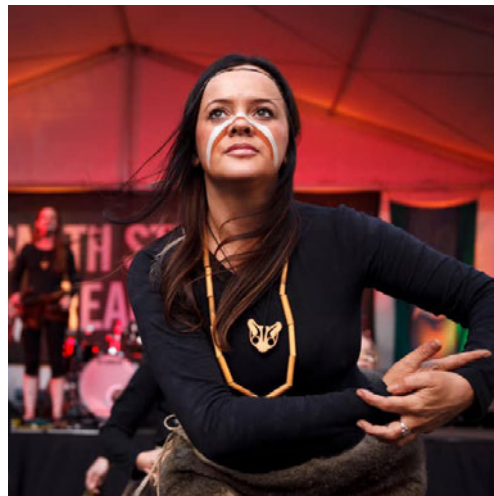
### TONY PIPA

Senior Fellow - Global Economy and Development,  
Brookings Institution

Tony Pipa is a senior fellow in Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institution, where he studies place-based policies to improve social progress and sustainable development in the U.S. and globally, including use of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the local level. His research also covers the future of U.S. multilateral aid and the applicability of lessons from international development to improving rural development in the U.S.

Tony has over 25 years of executive experience in the philanthropic and public sectors addressing poverty and advancing inclusive economic development. During the Obama administration, he served as chief strategy officer at USAID and held multiple senior policy positions at the Agency. He served as U.S. Special Coordinator for the Post-2015 Agenda at the Department of State, leading the U.S. delegation at the U.N. to negotiate and adopt the SDGs. Prior to his government service, he directed the NGO Leaders Forum at Harvard University and was the founding CEO of the Warner Foundation, a family foundation in North Carolina focused on improving economic opportunity and race relations. He helped launch Foundation for Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and has played a principal role in the start-up of multiple philanthropic ventures focused on addressing poverty and improving distressed communities.

He serves on the board of directors of StriveTogether and on the Advisory Council of the Center for Disaster Philanthropy. He has published articles, book chapters and opinion pieces on local implementation of the SDGs, the effectiveness of place-based policies, multilateral aid, philanthropic effectiveness, financial innovations and policies to strengthen resilience and prosperity. He attended Stanford University, graduated from Duke University and earned a Master of Public Administration at the Harvard Kennedy School.



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### STACIE PIPER

Wurundjeri, Dja Dja Wurrung, Ngurai-Illam Wurrung  
First Nations Curator - Yalingwa  
Djirri Djirri Dancer  
Chairperson Victorian NAIDOC Committee

Stacie is a proud Wurundjeri, Djadjawurrung and Ngurai Illum-Wurrung woman, a Djirri Djirri Dancer, and the current Chairperson of the Victorian NAIDOC Committee. Stacie holds the position of First Nations Curator at TarraWarra Museum of Art in Healesville, and Curator for Museums Victoria, accountable for engaging with the Victorian First Peoples community and develops a program of exhibitions and events to tell their stories.

Stacie has a great love for community, a desire to support and witness the progress of First Peoples, and a drive in protecting and healing Country.

## PANELLISTS



### ANNE-MARIE PISANI

Senior Associate - Aspect Studios

An experienced and passionate Landscape Architect, Anne-Marie has worked with Aboriginal communities from various parts of Australia over many years. Through her developed understanding of culturally appropriate processes of engagement and her commitment to enabling self-determination of Aboriginal people within the design process, she has been able to successfully incorporate these voices and values into a wide range of master planning and urban design projects. These layered landscapes encourage broader community users to understand and respect the intrinsic values of country and spirituality by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In 2015 Anne-Marie initiated and founded the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) Victoria's 'Connection to Country' committee. She now has a role on the AILA 'Connection to Country' National Advisory Committee, which has recently launched a reflect level Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and leads the 'Connection to Country' National Strategy for ASPECT Studios. She was also more recently appointed to the Victorian Design Review Panel, advising on culturally appropriate engagement processes.

Anne-Marie has married into a Victorian Aboriginal family and aims to ensure her two young girls are educated and strong in their culture, whilst advocating for a community where they can be proud that their culture is inherently influencing Victoria's planning and design of our urban and regional landscapes.



### ANNA RUBBO

Senior Scholar - Center for Sustainable Urban Development, The Earth Institute

Before joining Columbia University in 2012, Anna taught Architecture at the University of Sydney. A member of a UN Task Force to improve the lives of slum dwellers, in 2005 she went on to lead Global Studio, a project to assist urban professionals to work effectively with the urban poor. From 2013-15 she headed up People Building Better Cities, an exhibition shown in 10 countries. In 2018 she launched Accelerating the SDGs, a project that began with a City Maker Survey. Stage 2 invited local projects that considered the SDGs. 110 projects from 39 countries are on display on the [localprojectchallenge.org](http://localprojectchallenge.org) website.



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### ROGER SWINBOURNE

Australasian Sustainability Lead at Arup

Roger is a Sustainability Consultant with 20 years of experience in sustainability planning, urban development, and infrastructure in Australia, Asia, the Middle East and Europe. He leads the Sustainability Team at Arup in Australia, a team focused on facilitating improved sustainability, carbon and resilience outcomes from major programs and projects. Roger has experience working closely with both industry and governments in setting strategies and delivering improved social, economic and environmental outcomes for clients and their projects. Roger has specific experience in practical applications of the UN SDG's in addressing land use and infrastructure planning problems and will share his experience with the Symposium.



### KARIBAITI TAOABA

Regional Director - Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) Pacific

Karibaiti first joined CLGF in November 2006 as a Senior Project Officer based at the Pacific office in Suva, Fiji. She became Regional Director in 2009 and has overall responsibility for CLGF Pacific in achieving its strategic vision and outcomes including planning, resourcing and staffing.

Before joining CLGF, Karibaiti worked for the Government of Kiribati for 18 years at middle and senior positions. She served as Permanent Secretary for three ministries in Kiribati which included the President's Office (1996-1998), the Ministry of Environment and Social Development (1998 - 2003) and the Ministry of Internal and Social Development (2003 - 2006). As Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Internal and Social Affairs, Karibaiti had oversight for the overall implementation of policies and administration in local government, support services to 22 island councils and 3 urban councils and decentralisation and rural development for all island councils in Kiribati. Karibaiti was in charge of the Electoral Commission and the national and local government elections in Kiribati from 2003 to 2006.

Karibaiti holds a BA in Administration and Politics from the University of the South Pacific and an MSc (Human Resource Development) from Victoria University, Manchester, UK.



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### JOHN THWAITES

Chair - Monash Sustainable Development Institute  
and Chair - ClimateWorks Australia

John Thwaites is a Professorial Fellow, Monash University, and Chair of the Monash Sustainable Development Institute, ClimateWorks Australia and BehaviourWorks Australia.

John is Chair of Melbourne Water and a Director of Fair Trade Australia New Zealand. He has been Chair of the Australian Building Codes Board, President of the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) and a director of the Australian Green Building Council.

John is the Chair of the National Sustainable Development Council, which has developed the Transforming Australia: SDGs Progress Report 2018. He was previously Chair of the National Sustainability Council an independent Council appointed by the Australian Government, which produced the Sustainable Australia Report in 2013.

He is a Co-Chair of the Leadership Council of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network ("SDSN") launched by the Secretary General of the United Nations to provide expert advice and support to the development and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

John is the only Australian who has been appointed to The Lancet Covid-19 Commission. He has also been appointed to a number of government reviews and committee including the Victorian Government's Independent Review of the Retail Energy Market and as Co-Chair of the Victorian Cladding Taskforce.

In 2013, John was named as one of the 100 Global Sustainability Leaders by ABC Carbon Express. In 2015, he was awarded the "Planning Champion" award by the Planning Institute of Australia and in 2016 was awarded the Richard J Evans Award for excellence in recognition of outstanding contributions to planning in Victoria.

John Thwaites was Deputy Premier of Victoria from 1999 until his retirement in 2007. During this period he held various Ministerial portfolios including Health, Planning, Environment, Water and was Victoria's first Minister for Climate Change. In these portfolios he was responsible for major reforms in social policy, health, environment and water.



### ALEXEI TRUNDLE

Research Fellow in Sustainable Urban  
Development – Connected Cities Lab

Alexei is a Research Fellow in Sustainable Urban Development and coordinates the Future Cities Research Cluster at the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute. His current research focuses on the way that cities are contributing to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as urban climate resilience and adaptation planning in Pacific Small Island Developing States.

Formerly employed at RMIT University's Global Cities Research Institute, Alexei managed a range of climate change adaptation research projects across the Asia-Pacific region, holding a research associate position with the United Nations Global Compact – Cities Programme. He led the development of an Urban Resilience and Climate Adaptation Plan for Honiara, capital of the Solomon Islands, and Port Vila, Vanuatu, and has an interest in the development of integrated climate change adaptation methodologies.

Alexei is a Scientific Advisor to the UN-Habitat Cities and Climate Change Initiative in the Pacific region and was previously a Visiting Scientist at the United Nations University in Bonn, Germany. His PhD was based at the Australian-German Climate & Energy College, examining how informal settlements in Pacific Small Island Developing States interacted with Climate Resilient Development initiatives in post-disaster settings.

Alexei tweets as [@AlexeiPT](#)

## PANELLISTS



### CLARE WALKER

Associate Director, Sustainability, Chief Operating Officer portfolio, University of Melbourne

Clare Walker is Associate Director, Sustainability at The University of Melbourne, providing strategic direction and governance of sustainability, overseeing integration into all University activities.

Clare led development of the University's Sustainability Charter, Plan to 2020 and annual reporting. The role involves identifying and scoping strategic opportunities, connecting people across teams and externally to develop projects with impact. This work positions sustainability as a delivery mechanism for the broader strategic priorities of the University.

Clare reports to the Chief Operating Officer, is on the advisory group of ISCN (global higher education sustainability network), is a Board Director of the AUS/NZ ACTS network.



### CHINGYU YAO

Director General, City of New Taipei

Chingyu Yao was a Taiwanese career diplomat for 15 years, during which time her work spanned a wide area, including the UN, North America and Europe, both at the Headquarters and during her tenure in New York. She later worked as the official Chinese-English interpreter and PR officer at the Legislative Yuan for two years (2007–2009).

From 2013 to 2018, Ms Yao was the principal advisor to the Taipei City mayor on international and cross-strait affairs, also acting as executive secretary to the Taipei City International Affairs Advisory Council and Mainland Affairs Council. In addition, Ms Yao was deputy executive officer at the Gender Equality Office.

Since December 2018, Ms Yao has been using her unique blend of experience—both domestic and international, executive and legislative—in her work as the Director-General of Secretariat of New Taipei City Government. She is recognised for her pivotal role of promoting SDGs on the local level and sharing the city's experience of combatting COVID-19 with the world.

Also, Ms Yao is a long-term volunteer and board member of the Taipei chapter of the Columbia University alumni association.

## CURATORS



### JUDY BUSH

Lecturer, Urban Planning  
Faculty of Architecture, Building  
and Planning

Judy Bush is a lecturer in urban planning in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning. Her research is focused on urban environmental policy and climate change, and with a particular interest in the roles of urban green spaces, urban ecology and nature-based solutions for liveable cities.



### CATHY OKE

Enterprise Senior Fellow in  
Informed Cities  
Connected Cities Lab - Faculty  
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