

A *forward* look at what is possible

Conference Program

Day One

MORNING SESSION

- 8:00 **Registration Opens**
- 8:25 **MC Welcome**
Kitty Prodonovich, Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry (RCCIWA)
- 8:30 **Welcome to Country**
Lester Coyne, Menang Elder
- 8:45 **Overview and purpose**
Kristen Pyrz-Brown, Albany Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- 9:00 **Keynote**
Paul Higgins, EmergentFutures
- 9:45 **Opportunities and benefits in investing in regional WA and Great Southern**
Michael Carter, Chamber of Commerce & Industry WA (CCIWA)
- 10:00 **The Future of Agriculture**
Dr Natasha Teakle, AgriStart
- 10:15 **Panel Q&A**
Great Southern Development Commission
Dr Natasha Teakle, AgriStart
Michael Carter, CCIWA
Ryan Martin, CCIWA
- 10:35 **Morning Tea**
- 11:05 **Housing & Planning Discussion (Kalyenup Room)**
John Lysaught, Advance Housing
Joe White, REIWA
Matt Thomson, Decmil
- 12:05 **Housing and Planning Panel Q&A (Kalyenup Room)**
Speaker to be announced

- 11:05 **Agriculture Discussion (Theatre)**
Lucy Anderton, LA.ONE Economics & Consulting
David Plant, Milne Agrigroup
Nelson Aylmore, CBH Group
Richard Kohne, Harvest Road
- 12:05 **Agriculture Panel & Q&A (Theatre)**
- 12:25 **Lunch**

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:05 **Renewable Energy Discussion**
Glen Wilson, Vestas
Dr Wiebke Ebeling, UWA Marine Energy Research AUS
Murray Gomm, Oranje Tractor
Stephen Birkbeck, Raintree Estate
- 2:05 **Renewable Energy Panel Q&A**
- 2:25 **Afternoon Tea**
- 2:45 **Future Education Trends Discussion**
Prof. Cobie Rudd ECU
Linda Adnyana, Curtin University
South Regional TAFE WA representative
- 3:45 **Future Education Panel Q&A**
- 4:05 **Wrap up and close**

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Day Two

MORNING SESSION

- 8:15 Arrival / Event open to delegates
- 8:45 MC Welcome
Kitty Prodonovich, Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry (RCCIWA)
- 9:00 Tourism Discussion
April Walker, WA Spaceport
Carolyn Turnbull, Tourism WA
Kate Marwick, Dune Beer Co
Kym Francesconi, Nexus Airlines
Catrin Allsop, Australia's SouthWest
- 10:15 Tourism Panel Q&A
- 9:00 The future of sustainability in projects
Panel Discussion
Dr Weibke Ebeling, Marine Energy Research Aus.
Paul Mackey, Southern Ports
Ruth March, City Of Albany
Prof. Stephen Hopper, University of WA
Jeff Foley, GHD
Kate McGee, University of WA
Clare Senior, University of WA
- 10:35 Morning Tea
- 11.00 Mining Discussion
Glenda Stirling, Grange Resources
Southdown Project
Keith Wilks, Southern Ports
Rio Tinto rep

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 12.00 Mining Panel Q+A
- 12:20 Lunch
- 1:00 Buses Depart for Tourism Opportunity
Tour of local areas of attraction and interest:
Limeburners Distillery
Oranje Tractor Wines
Albany's Historic Whaling Station
Binalup Walking Tracks and Beach
Porongurup Ranges Tour

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Paul Higgins
EMERGENTFUTURES | CEO

For the last 20 years, Paul has worked as a futurist across a wide range of industries and organisations, assisting businesses with strategic thinking and planning using a futures perspective. Paul immerses himself to deliver a thought provoking and insightful view of what the future holds.



Lucy Anderton
LA.ONE ECONOMICS
& CONSULTING
ECONOMIST AND FARMER

Lucy Anderton combines her profound farming expertise with a keen understanding of economics to create empowering solutions for industry. After years working for government in agricultural economics and policy, Lucy founded LA.ONE Economics & Consulting and developed myFARMSMART, a groundbreaking decision support tool designed to streamline and enhance farm management processes.



Dr Natasha Teakle
AGRISTART/INNOVATION
CLUSTER | MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dr Teakle (Tash) is experienced in business strategy, commercialisation, innovation and investment. Coming from a WA farming family and having spent 8 years as an agricultural researcher and lecturer, Tash is the lead of AgriStart, helping hundreds of startups across regional Australia and is an active angel investor.



Nelson Aylmore
CBH GROUP
HEAD OF NETWORK PLANNING

Nelson and his team consider CBH's long term investment requirements looking at future challenges and opportunities and what we need to do as a business to keep up



Michael Carter
CCIWA TRADE & INVESTMENT
HEAD

Michael brings a wealth of experience spanning more than 28 years, with a multifaceted background in International Engagement and Strategy, Business Development, and Government Liaison. Michael has been instrumental in guiding clients toward international trade success, facilitating ventures across Western Europe, The Middle East, North America, and Asia.



Ryan Martin
CCIWA | DIRECTOR OF
WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Ryan has 15 years of management and industrial relations experience, providing legal advice to businesses across a wide range of industries. Ryan provides workplace solutions that contribute to the strategic thinking and direction of the business, assisting them to meet their core objectives and values by effectively drafting and negotiating contractual agreements.

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Carolyn Turnbull

TOURISM WA
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Carolyn has more than 20 years of international leadership experience in the tourism, hospitality and aviation industries, and spearheaded the development of the western gateway as Chief Aviation Development Officer at Perth Airport.



Glen Wilson

VESTAS
LAND ACCESS MANAGER

Glen Wilson leads new wind farm prospects in Western Australia. Formerly a Service Manager for Vestas, he oversaw Service teams maintaining wind and solar farms nationwide. With a power generation background since 1996, Glen has provided professional guidance globally, emphasizing renewable energy.



Stephen Birkbeck

RAINTREE ESTATE
CHAIR

Stephen Birkbeck advocates supply chains joining forces to use their collective resources to improve regional communities' socio-economic prospects worldwide. He has been invited to present in front of world leaders, which led to establishing The President's Circle, supported by the United Nations Convention on Bio-Diversity. Stephen uses these networks he has established over 40 years to support new emerging global industry standards that generate export demand for regional communities



Kym Francesconi

NEXUS | GROUP EXTERNAL
RELATIONS MANAGER

Kym's background is focused on small business, tourism, and external relations. Kym has had a diverse career that includes being a qualified Dive Master, tour guide, business owner, board member, partnership manager and business advisor. Previous work experience includes Senior Manager Partnerships and Industry with Tourism Western Australia, Business Advisor for the Small Business Development Corporation, and Communications Manager for Destination Perth. Kym has also operated several tourism ventures. Kym now works with the HMC Group, including Nexus Airlines, as Group External Relations Manager.



Murray Gomm

ORANJE TRACTOR WINE
OWNER

Oranje Tractor is a diverse smallholding of wine grapes, over 170 fruit trees. Motivated by a desire to work with nature rather than against it, Murray Gomm and Pam Lincoln achieved organic certification for the farm in 2005. In more recent years Murray and Pam have introduced a range of regenerative farming practices that build soil carbon, a diverse soil microbiome, soil fertility and nutrient dense produce with minimal inputs.

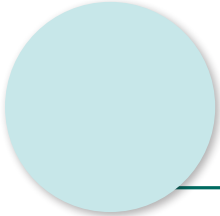


Linda Adnyana

CURTIN UNIVERSITY
DIRECTOR, STUDENT
LIFE & COMMUNITY

Linda is a graduate of Curtin University with a Bachelor of Commerce (HR and IR). She has postgraduate qualifications in corporate governance and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She spent the first 13 years of her professional career in the public health system in senior leadership roles in administration, rural hospital management in the South West of Western Australia, and in major hospital redevelopment projects.

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Matt Thomson
DEC MIL | PROJECT MANAGER

Bio to come



April Walker
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
SPACEPORT | FOUNDER

Based in the City of Albany, WA Spaceport and Azimuth will attribute to Australia's sovereign launch capability by delivering on the vision, 'Space technology and exploration are possible for those who wish to pursue it'. April's professional career comprises of complex defence, infrastructure, health and commercial projects across Australia.



Prof. Cobie Rudd
EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY
VICE-PRESIDENT

Professor Cobie Rudd is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Regional Futures) and Vice-President at Edith Cowan University (ECU) and is focused on increasing engagement opportunities in regional, rural, and remote Western Australia to better support the educational, research, community, and industry needs of the regions. As part of this portfolio, Professor Rudd also heads up ECU South West, including ECU's Bunbury campus, the largest regional campus in Western Australia and a series of learning hubs.



Joe White
REIWA | PRESIDENT

Joe White is the current President of the Real Estate Institute of WA (REIWA) and the Director of JMW Real Estate in Dunsborough. With over 30 years' experience in the real estate industry, he has extensive knowledge of WA's property market, particularly in the regions. Joe has a keen eye for statistics, town planning implications and housing trends and is passionate about housing supply and affordability.



Richard Kohne
HARVEST ROAD | GENERAL
MANAGER - AQUACULTURE

Richard is the General Manger of Aquaculture at Harvest Road Group (Albany), a diversified agribusiness committed to delivering Australia's best sustainable produce to the world. The aquaculture business Richard manages produces premium Rock Oysters and a novel shellfish species called Akoya.



David Plant
MILNE AGRIGROUP
GENERAL MANAGER

With over 40 years' experience in Australian and European pig and poultry industries; David Plant has gained a wealth of experience in staff management, commercial management and business development. In addition, his experience through value chain analysis work with major retailers including Tesco in the UK, he has excellent knowledge of supply chain management.

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Glenda Stirling
GRANGE RESOURCES
COMMUNITY LIAISON MANAGER

Glenda Stirling is a CPA and 30 year veteran of the WA Mining industry. Having grown up on a farm in Youngs Siding and completing schooling in Albany, Glenda obtained her Accounting degree from Curtin University.

Joining the mining industry upon graduation, Glenda has worked on St Georges Tce and in the Pilbara, Gascoyne, Goldfields, and Great Southern in various commodities.



Prof. Stephen Hopper
UWA ALBANY | PROFESSOR

Professor of Biodiversity at UWA Albany since 2012, Steve has 50 years as a conservation biologist and teacher, including 12 years leading Kings Park and Botanic Garden (1992-2004), and six years leading the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (2006-2012). Steve's research focuses on sustainable living with biodiversity, especially with Aboriginal Elders.



Dr Wiebke Ebeling
UWA MARINE ENERGY RESEARCH
AUS | CENTRE MANAGER

Wiebke has a background in the biological sciences and completed a PhD. In 2018, she took on the role of Centre Manager for Marine Energy Research Australia (MERA) based at the UWA regional campus in Albany, now operated as the Great Southern Marine Research Facility, under Wiebke's management.



Clare Senior
UWA | Manager
Grand Challenges and United
Nations Regional Centre for Expertise

Clare Senior is an experienced project manager with a history of managing strategic projects from conception through to completion and evaluation. Clare is passionate about social change, leadership, equity and volunteering.



Ruth March
CITY OF ALBANY | MANAGER
ENGINEERING & SUSTAINABILITY

Ruth is a Chartered Civil Engineer by profession with over 30 years experience delivering small and large scale projects both in the private sector and Local Government. During that time she worked in the Nuclear sector safely demolishing nuclear power stations.



Jeff Foley
GHD ALBANY
SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

Jeff Foley is a Senior Project Manager with GHD, based in Albany. He is also a Technical Director with 23 years' experience in the areas of business management, planning, engineering, climate change research and sustainability.

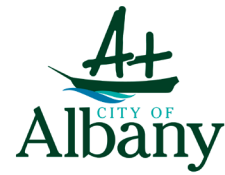


Ms Catrin Allsop
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
AUSTRALIA'S SOUTH WEST

With more than 19 years' experience in the tourism industry, Catrin brings strong leadership, proven strategic implementation and effective stakeholder engagement skills to the organisation and region.

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