

Connecting People, Connecting Nature conference

18-19 October 2022
Queensland Multicultural Centre

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1, TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER		
8.30 - 9.00am	REGISTRATION	
9.00 - 9.10am	Welcome to Country	TBC
9.10 - 9.20am	Welcome and context setting	Gary Howling, CEO of Great Eastern Ranges
Session 1: Setting the scene		
9.20 - 9.30am	Opening Address	TBC
9.30 - 9.50am	Keynote 1: The global status of connectivity conservation	Dr Gary Tabor, Founder and President of the Centre for Large Landscape Conservation, and Chair IUCN WCPA Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group
9.50 - 10.10am	Keynote 2: How connectivity conservation can help meet our global climate, biodiversity and health goals.	Prof Brendan Mackey, Director of the Griffith Climate Action Beacon, Griffith Climate Change Response Program, and the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility, Griffith University
10.10 - 10.40am	MORNING TEA	
10.40 – 10.55am	Delivering Nature-based Solutions through connectivity	Virginia Young, Board Member, Great Eastern Ranges
10.55 – 11.10	The UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration	United Nations Environment
11.10 - 11.25am	The importance of First Nations involvement in caring for Country	Ricky Archer, CEO, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance
11.25 - 11.40am	The essential role of NRM organisations in connectivity conservation	Stephen Robertson, Chairman NRM Regions Queensland

11.40 – 11.55 am	TBC	
11.55 – 12.25pm	PANEL SESSION	
12.25 - 13.25pm	LUNCH	
Session 2: The science and practice of connectivity conservation		
13.25 - 13.40pm	Session intro and context setting	Lynn Baker, Ecologist, Researcher and Partner of Canines for Wildlife
13.40 – 13.55pm	Connecting people with the land as a vehicle for positive environmental and social transformation	Reconnecting Northland
13.55 – 14.10pm	Combining restoration with public health	Professor James Aronson, Co-founder, Global Ecohealth Network
14.10 – 14.25pm	Building capacity and empowering Aboriginal communities to create healthy, functional and resilient landscapes	Rachael Cavanagh, Community Partnerships and Stakeholders Engagement Manager at Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corporation
14.25-14.55	AFTERNOON TEA	
14.55 – 15.10pm	Animating the carbon cycle through rewilding	Magnus Silven, Co-Director, Global Rewilding Alliance
15.10 – 15.15	Reducing barriers to wildlife movement	Dr Rodney Van der Ree, National Technical Executive at WSP Australia and Adjunct Associate Professor at The University of Melbourne
15.15 – 15.30	Integrating cutting edge science into planning	Dr Patrick Norman, Griffith University
15.30 - 15.45	Evaluating our impact	Annette Lees, Director of Alternative Endings
15.45 – 16.16	PANEL SESSION	
16.15 -16.30	Wrap-up of day	Gary Howling, CEO of Great Eastern Ranges
16.30-19.30pm	EVENING NETWORKING EVENT IN FOYER SPONSORED BY GER PARTNER, THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE (IFAW) AUSTRALIA	

DAY 2, WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER

8.30 – 9.00am	REGISTRATION	
Session 3: Taking inspiration from others		
9.00 – 9.15 am	Session intro and context setting	Jimmiel Mandima, Vice President for Global Programs at the International Fund for Animal Welfare

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9.15 – 9.30am	The Great Eastern Ranges initiative	Bob Debus AO, Chair Great Eastern Ranges
9.30 – 9.45am	Employing a One Health lens to farming	Prof Robyn Alders, Grazier, Chair of Upper Lachlan Branch of NSW Farmers Federation and Senior consulting fellow with the Chatham House Global Health Program
9.45 – 10.00am	Working on Country in Gondwana Link	Keith Bradby, CEO, Gondwana Link
10.00-10.30	MORNING TEA	
10.30 - 10.45am	TBC	
10.45 – 11.00am	Engaging landholders to create corridors for koalas	Linda Sparrow, President of Bangalow Koalas
11.00 – 11.15am	Connectivity in the Lockyer	Liz Gould, Principal Scientist, QLD Healthy Land & Water
11.15 – 11.30am	TBC	
11.30 – 12.00pm	PANEL SESSION	
12.00 - 1.00pm	LUNCH	
Moving beyond business-as-usual		
13.00 - 13.15pm	Conservation Futures project	Dr Rebecca Spindler, Executive Manager, Science and Conservation, Bush Heritage Australia
13.15 - 13.30pm	Developing social enterprises that care for Country while returning economic benefits	Shilo Villaflor, Regional Manager, Aboriginal Carbon Foundation
13.30 - 13.45pm	Exploring climate ready, nature-based solutions	Christopher Ewing, Program Manager, Landscape Restoration and Protection, WWF-Australia
13.45 - 14.00pm	Improving biodiversity offsetting for threatened species and communities	Prof Martine Maron, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Queensland
14.00 - 14.15pm	Using reproductive science for species conservation (TBC)	
14.15 - 14.45pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
14.45 - 15.00pm	Encouraging commercial models to fund conservation and restoration	Dr Jody Gunn, CEO of Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA)
15.00 - 15.15pm	Empowering young people to save the natural world	James Forbes, CEO of Jane Goodall Institute Australia
15.15 - 15.30pm	Community led resilience planning	Dr Melissa Jackson, Transdisciplinary Research Fellow, Griffith University
15.30pm – 15.45pm	The power of citizen science – creating informed communities	TBC
15.45 - 16.15pm	PANEL SESSION	

16.15 - 16.30pm	Conference wrap-up	Gary Howling, CEO, Great Eastern Ranges
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