

## Connecting People, Connecting Nature conference

18-19 October 2022  
Queensland Multicultural Centre

### AGENDA

DAY 1, TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER		
8.30 - 9.00am	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
9.00 - 9.10am	Welcome to Country	Aunty Kathy on behalf of Turrbal Elder, Songwoman Maroochy
9.10 - 9.20am	Welcome and context setting	Gary Howling, CEO of Great Eastern Ranges
Session 1: Setting the scene		
9.20 - 9.40am	<b>Opening Address</b>	Dr Fiona Fraser, Threatened Species Commissioner, Biodiversity Conservation Division, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
9.40 – 10.00am	<b>Keynote 1:</b> 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
10.00 - 10.20am	<b>Keynote 2:</b> How connectivity conservation can help meet our international climate, biodiversity and health goals	Prof Brendan Mackey, Director of the Climate Action Beacon at Griffith University
10.20 - 10.50am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	
10.50 – 11.05am	Delivering Nature-based Solutions through connectivity	Virginia Young, Board Director, Great Eastern Ranges
11.05 – 11.20am	The importance of First Nations involvement in caring for Country	Rachael Cavanagh, Community Partnerships and Stakeholders Engagement Manager at Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corporation

11.20 - 11.35am	Achieving better outcomes for species and communities in an era of offsets	Prof Martine Maron, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Queensland
11.35 - 11.50am	The essential role of NRM organisations in connectivity conservation	Stephen Robertson, Chairman NRM Regions Queensland
11.50 – 12.20pm	<b>PANEL SESSION</b>	
12.20 - 13.20pm	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>Session 2: The science and practice of connectivity conservation</b>		
13.20 - 13.40pm	Session intro and context setting	Lynn Baker, Ecologist, Researcher and Partner of Canines for Wildlife
13.40 – 13.55pm	Animating the carbon cycle through rewilding	Magnus Sylvén, Co-Director at Global Rewilding Alliance
13.55 – 14.10pm	Extending biodiversity indicators to better inform connectivity planning at local to global scale	Dr Simon Ferrier, Chief Research Scientist, CSIRO Land & Water Honorary Fellow, UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre
14.10 – 14.25pm	The role of rivers and wetlands in continental connectivity	Prof Jamie Pittock, Professor at the Fenner School of Environment & Society, Australian National University
14.25 – 14.55pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>	
14.55 – 15.10pm	Empowering communities to create healthy, functional and resilient landscapes	Eamon Nathan, Pou Manatū (General Manager) of Reconnecting Northland
15.10 – 15.25pm	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
15.25 – 15.40pm	Weaving resilience thinking into on-ground efforts	Tim Cronin, Senior Manager, Landscape Restoration and Protection, WWF-Australia
15.40 – 15.55pm	Using soundscapes to monitor change at the continental scale <i>(Pre-recorded presentation)</i>	Prof David Watson, Professor in Ecology at Charles Sturt University
15.55 – 16.25	<b>PANEL SESSION</b>	
16.25 -16.30	Wrap-up of Day 1	Gary Howling, CEO of Great Eastern Ranges
16.30 – 19.30pm	<b>EVENING NETWORKING EVENT IN FOYER SPONSORED BY GER PARTNER, THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE (IFAW)</b>	

**DAY 2, WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER**

<b>8.30 – 9.00am</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
9.00 – 9.10am	Welcome and introduction to the day	Gary Howling, CEO of Great Eastern Ranges
<b>Session 3: Taking inspiration from others</b>		
9.10 – 9.30 am	Session intro and context setting	Jimmie Mandima, Vice President for Global Programs at the International Fund for Animal Welfare
9.30 – 9.45am	The Great Eastern Ranges initiative – creating corridors of effort	Bob Debus AM, Chair of Great Eastern Ranges
9.45 – 10.00am	The many hands of connectivity conservation in Queensland’s south east	Liz Gould, Principal Scientist, Healthy Land & Water
10.00 – 10.15am	Employing a One Health lens to farming	Dr Robyn Alders AO, Chair of Upper Lachlan Branch of NSW Farmers Federation and Senior consulting fellow at Chatham House Global Health Program
<b>10.15-10.45am</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	
10.45 – 11.00am	Securing a future for elephants in India <i>(Pre-recorded presentation)</i>	Vivek Menon, Founder and Director of Wildlife Trust of India, IUCN Councillor, and award-winning wildlife conservationist, author and photographer
11.00 – 11.15am	Engaging landholders to create corridors for koalas	Linda Sparrow, President of Bangalow Koalas
11.15 – 11.30am	Working on Country in Gondwana Link	Keith Bradby, CEO of Gondwana Link
11.30 – 11.45am	Creating bush corridors on the north coast through assisted natural regeneration	Alan Goldstein, Projects/Grant Manager, Goonengerry Landcare Group
<b>11.45 – 12.15pm</b>	<b>PANEL SESSION</b>	
<b>12.15 - 13.15pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>Session 4: Moving beyond business-as-usual</b>		
13.15 - 13.35pm	Session intro and context setting	Dr Rebecca Spindler, Executive Manager, Science and Conservation, Bush Heritage Australia
13.35 - 13.50pm	What’s the risk?	Mick Callan, Director – Principal Terrestrial Ecologist and Carl Tippler, Director – Principal Aquatic & Riparian Ecologist, Habitat Innovation & Management

13.50 – 14.05pm	Developing social enterprises that care for Country while returning economic benefits	Shilo Villaflor, Regional Manager, Aboriginal Carbon Foundation
14.05 - 14.20pm	Ecological restoration and human health: let's identify and strengthen the linkages  <i>(Pre-recorded presentation)</i>	Dr James Aronson, Co-Founder, Ecological Health Network and Senior Scientist Emeritus, Missouri Botanical Gardens
14.20 – 14:45pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>	
14.45- 15.00pm	Using reproductive science for species conservation	Dr Justine O'Brien, Manager Conservation Science, Taronga Conservation Society Australia
15.00 - 15.15pm	Encouraging commercial models to fund conservation and restoration	Dr Jody Gunn, CEO of Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA)
15.15 - 15.30pm	Empowering young people to save the natural world	James Forbes, CEO of Jane Goodall Institute Australia
15.30 - 15.45pm	Community-led resilience planning	Dr Melissa Jackson, Transdisciplinary Research Fellow, Griffith University
15.45 - 16.15pm	<b>PANEL SESSION</b>	
16.15 - 16.30pm	Conference wrap-up	Gary Howling, CEO, Great Eastern Ranges

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