



Time	Theme	Speaker	Speaking topic
8.30am	Registrations		
9am	Welcome and official opening by Mayor Val Schier		
9.05am	What is a sustainable future?	Maree Grenfell, Coordinator Sustainability and Climate Change, Cairns Regional Council	<b>What is a sustainable future and how do we get there?</b> What does it mean to be a leader in sustainability?
9.15am	60,000 years and counting – an Indigenous perspective on sustainability	Joann Schmitter, Mamu Traditional Owner	<b>Sustainability leadership from an Indigenous perspective.</b> How can we incorporate learnings from the long history of Indigenous cultures into our plans for a sustainable future?
9.30am	Reinventing progress: Welcoming a changing world.	Prof. Ian Lowe AO, Emeritus Professor, Griffith University, President Australian Conservation Foundation	<b>Welcoming change and recognising opportunities.</b> Leading through changing times - a discussion of progress, growth and opportunities for a better future.
10am	<i>Questions</i>		
<b>10.15-10.30</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>		
10.30am	<b>Leadership for an uncertain future</b>	Kate Harris, Sydney Director, Centre for Sustainability Leadership	<b>What makes a good sustainability leader?</b> How do we build our capability in anticipation of future challenges? Why position ourselves as leaders in sustainability?
10.55am	<i>Questions</i>		
11.00am	<b>Cutting emissions fast – the nuts and bolts of reducing greenhouse gas emissions</b>	Allan Jones MBE, Chief Development Officer, Energy and Climate Change, City of Sydney	<b>Can cities generate their own electricity?</b> Outlining a practical strategy for reducing emissions, creating energy independent cities, and building efficient, decentralised energy, water and waste infrastructure.
11.30am	<b>Facilitator: Dr Allan Dale, Chair Regional Development Far North Queensland and Torres Strait.</b>	Mathew Wright, Founder and Executive Director, Beyond Zero Emissions.	<b>A Zero Carbon Future – what will it take?</b> A look at some ambitious and detailed plans for achieving zero carbon electricity, transport, buildings, farming and exports for Australia.
12pm		Amandine Denis, Research Director, ClimateWorks Australia	<b>Making sense of the carbon economy.</b> How can we position ourselves as leaders in the carbon economy? How effective will current carbon pricing policies be? How can we further reduce emissions?
12.30pm	<i>Questions and discussion</i>		
<b>12.45-1.30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		
1.30pm	<b>Thriving by design: Designing vibrant, low carbon communities</b>	Prof. Peter Newman, Author and Professor of Sustainability, Curtin University	<b>What will sustainable cities and towns of the future look like?</b> And most importantly how do we get there?
1.55pm	<b>Facilitator: Dr Sharon Harwood, James Cook University.</b>	Nikki Huddy, Director Planz Town Planning Consultancy	<b>The importance of planning for happiness and well-being.</b> How can we design towns and cities that promote healthy communities?
2.20pm		Dr Paul Downton, Award-winning architect, author and urban evolutionary	<b>Building resilient and sustainable cities – is it possible?</b> How can we build cities that create strong communities?
2.45pm	<i>Questions and discussion</i>		
<b>3-3.15</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>		
3.15pm	Strategic futures – what does the future hold globally and for our region?	Marcus Barber – Strategic Futurist and Value Systems specialist	<b>Thinking our way ahead.</b> Strategic thinking and planning to keep us one step ahead of the next challenge. Exploring options and ideas for the future and assessing the steps needed to get there.
4.20pm	Positioning our region as a leader in sustainability.		<b>Facilitated panel discussion with all speakers.</b> Can our region become a leader in sustainability? What are the key steps to making this happen? An opportunity for questions and discussion.
4.55pm	Conclusion		

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