

BUILDING WELLBEING INTO POLICY AND ACTION IN AUSTRALIA

Second National Forum: Setting Australia's Wellbeing Agenda

26th to 28th June 2024

National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton ACT

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Day 1: Building wellbeing into policy and action – the state of the nation

9.30am: Keynote speech



DR KEN HENRY

Chair of the Nature Finance Council
Australian Climate & Biodiversity Foundation & Wildlife Recovery Australia

Non-Executive Director of Accounting
Nature Ltd & Digital Finance CRC

PRESENTS

The role of Nature Positive in securing the wellbeing of future generations

BIOGRAPHY

Dr Henry served as the Secretary to the Treasury from 2001 to 2011. He chaired the Howard Government's tax review taskforce in 1997-98, the Rudd Government's tax review published in 2010, and the Gillard Government's White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century (2011 and 2012). In 2022-23, he led the independent statutory review of the Biodiversity Conservation Act (NSW).

Dr Henry was the Chair of National Australia Bank from 2015 to 2019 (non-executive director from 2011 to 2019) and a non-executive director of the ASX and affiliated entities from 2012 to 2022.

Dr Henry is a recipient of the Centenary Medal and was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2007. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences Australia, the Australian Institute of International Affairs, and the Australia New Zealand School of Government.

Dr Henry was awarded a PhD in Economics from the University of Canterbury in 1983. He has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Business from the University of New South Wales and an honorary Doctor of Laws from the ANU.

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10.45am-12.00pm: Wellbeing in Australia: the state of the nation



CATIE BRADBEAR

Assistant Commissioner

Indigenous Policy and Reporting, Productivity Commission

PRESENTS

Improving life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, governments committed to overcoming the entrenched inequality faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Catie will provide an update on progress towards the outcomes identified in the Agreement in areas such as health and wellbeing, education and justice. She will also talk about the actions required from governments if the objectives of the Agreement are to be realised.

BIOGRAPHY

Catie is Assistant Commissioner for Indigenous Policy and Reporting at the Productivity Commission, the Australian Government's independent economic research and advice agency. Her branch manages the Information Repository that reports on progress towards the Closing the Gap targets and conducts research into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy. Catie has been at the Productivity Commission since 2012. In that time, she has worked on a diverse range of inquiries, including a review of the Future Drought Fund, Resources Sector Regulation, the Economic Regulation of Airports, Consumer Law Administration and Enforcement, Migrant Intake.

Catie started her career at the Treasury in Canberra, followed by a stint at the Australian National University, conducting research through the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health.

Catie is actively involved in the Women in Economics Network, taking a keen interest in the role of mentoring in retaining women in economics and in the stories of women in economics throughout history.

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DR KATE LYCETT

SEED Lifespan
Deakin University

PRESENTS

The Australian Unity Wellbeing Index: 22 years of tracking subjective wellbeing and how it can shape policy

The Australian Unity Wellbeing Index is a holistic, subjective understanding of wellbeing and is one of the longest-running nationally representative surveys of personal wellbeing in the world. Since 2000, it has monitored the Subjective Wellbeing of Australian adults. Kate will share key insights for policy-makers and discuss new directions for the survey.

BIOGRAPHY

Kate is a Senior Research Fellow at Deakin University with a background in psychology and epidemiology. Her research focuses on creating environments that can wrap around and nurture health and wellbeing, particularly for children and young people. She is the research lead on three major projects, including The Breathe Melbourne Citizen Science project, The Future Health Countdown 2030 and the long-standing Australian Unity Wellbeing Index.

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PROF JACKI SCHIRMER

Director, Centre for Environmental Governance
Lead, WellRes Unit, Health Research Institute
Chair, Climate change Adaptation and Resilience Research Network
University of Canberra

PRESENTS

With Mel Mylek (see below)

The wellbeing of different Australians in 2024

Jacki and Mel Mylek will discuss how the opportunity for good wellbeing varies for different Australians, and illustrate the importance of understanding the varying drivers of wellbeing outcomes amongst different groups of Australians. Drawing on data from two national surveys – the *Regional Wellbeing Survey* and the *Carer Wellbeing Survey* – this talk will highlight key wellbeing opportunities and challenges for Australians, and what these mean for shaping Australia's future wellbeing agenda.

BIOGRAPHY

Jacki's work focuses on understanding how we can maintain a good quality of life in situations of change and challenge, with a particular focus on climate change, natural resource management change, and natural hazards (drought, bushfire etc). She is a specialist in the measurement of human wellbeing and resilience, and measurement of change in socio-economic conditions and resilience of rural and regional communities in Australia.



DR MEL MYLEK

Research fellow, Health Research Institute
University of Canberra

BIOGRAPHY

Mel is a research fellow at the Health Research Institute. Her area of research focusses on the health and wellbeing of different groups of Australians, focusing on wellbeing measurement and indicator production. Mel leads the annual Carer Wellbeing Survey, and has recently partnered with Carers Australia and the Australian Government Department of Social Services, with funding from the Australian Research Council, to continue the Carer Wellbeing Survey for a further three years.

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12.45-2.15pm: Embedding wellbeing across government and society



DR CRESSIDA GAUKROGER

Lead, Wellbeing Government Initiative
The Centre for Policy Development

PRESENTS

"It's not what you do, it's the way that you do it: Embedding a wellbeing approach into government"

There are many international and domestic examples of attempts to embed a wellbeing approach into government, which have had different degrees of success. This talk will discuss some of the principles common to successful wellbeing approaches, and what we can learn from attempts that have not (or not yet) achieved change in the way governments operate.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr Cressida Gaukroger is a writer, philosopher and Lead of the Wellbeing Government Initiative at the Centre for Policy Development (CPD). The initiative is focused on working with Australian governments at all levels to put wellbeing at the heart of government decision-making. Cressida has a PhD in Philosophy and was a Departmental Lecturer in Practical Ethics at Oxford University until 2019. She has also taught at University College London, New York University, and City University of New York. Alongside her work at CPD she regularly writes op-ed pieces for Australian media, appears on national radio and television, teaches ethical leadership courses, and writes children's books.

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DR MARY-KATHRYN ADAMS

CEO

Simetrica-Jacobs

PRESENTS

"Lessons from around the globe: Leveraging the power of human-centred decision-making through wellbeing"

When people are at the heart of decision-making, policy becomes a catalyst for enduring and meaningful change. Wellbeing is a key lens through which we can reimagine delivery mechanisms to ultimately ensure we're making the right decisions, the first time – maximising finite resource to direct investment effectively. But what does 'good' look like when integrating wellbeing into policy? What should we consider, and how do we operationalise this meaningfully? We'll talk through some examples from the UK and around the world.

BIOGRAPHY

Mary-Kathryn (MK) is the Chief Executive of Simetrica-Jacobs. Simetrica-Jacobs focuses on improving society by focusing on wellbeing, working with organisations to help them conceptualise, embed and measure their impact. MK has worked with high profile clients across different sectors, developing frameworks and tools to enable them to operationalise social value, ultimately driving positive change for individuals, for communities, and for businesses. She works on a range of projects with high profile clients, developing and implementing end-to-end social value strategies at corporate level to embed human-centred decision-making. MK has worked extensively in the areas of housing and urban development, helping organisations demonstrate their impact. She has a doctorate in social anthropology, specialising in understanding how people experience space, place and public services. MK joined Simetrica-Jacobs from HACT (the Housing Associations' Charitable Trust), where she was the Deputy Chief Executive. In addition to business-wide strategic leadership and business planning, she led major projects and brokered partnerships between housing, research, technology and data and played a key role in leading HACT's work on social value. She also established the UK Housing Data Standards partnership with OSCRE International in 2017. In 2021, she was appointed as a Non-Executive Director for Abri Group, a large social housing provider operating across the south of England with a commitment to investing in communities to improve health and wellbeing.

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SIOBHAN HENDERSON

Strategy & Impact Manager
Australian Unity

PRESENTS

With Adam Vise (see below)

'Measuring and investing in wellbeing – an enterprise perspective'

In 2021, Australian Unity launched its Community & Social Value framework that seeks to measure wellbeing outcomes of our customers and the broader community. Built in partnership with Social Ventures Australia, the framework uses principles based on Social Value and allows the company to measure the impact of its business activities to its members, customers and the community, in a dollar value measure that allows for trade-off and comparison.

More recently, Australian Unity has embedded the framework across its business, applying the measurement to inform strategic decision making and investments. This enables Australian Unity to maximise its positive wellbeing outcomes alongside scalable financial returns.

Ultimately, this has provided a pathway to third party capital, in what could become a wellbeing capital market.

BIOGRAPHY

Siobhan Henderson is Australian Unity's Strategy & Impact Manager, joining the company in 2013 with various roles across Wealth, Banking and Group Operations. She has previously specialised in project management, strategic development and execution, operational efficiency and process improvement. More recently, Siobhan played an integral role, as part of the Group Strategy Team, in the development of Australian Unity's wellbeing outcomes measurement framework (known as the Community & Social Value Framework). Launched in 2021, the framework seeks to apply a financial value to the social impact created by the company and is used by Australian Unity to report its social impact, shape strategic and investment decisions and as a benchmark for continuous improvement. Siobhan has a diverse background in journalism, political science and policy, with a particular interest in aligning organisational strategy with meaningful positive ESG impact.

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ADAM VISE

Group Treasurer & General Manager – Strategy & Impact
Australian Unity

BIOGRAPHY

Responsible for financing (treasury), strategy and impact at Australian Unity. Our goal is to deliver scalable impact and commercial returns by systematically and methodically measuring wellbeing outcomes (i.e. we systematically measure the S in ESG). We provide health, care, and wealth services to our members while ensuring strategic clarity and financial resources to help one of Australia's oldest and most successful companies achieve real wellbeing for our members and the broader Australian community. Adam is also Chair of Birchal, Australia's leading equity crowd-sourced funding platform.

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KRISTY BAKER

Assistant Secretary
Social Policy Division of Commonwealth Treasury

PRESENTS

Measuring what matters

BIOGRAPHY

Kristy Baker is an Assistant Secretary in the Social Policy Division of Treasury. Her Branch is responsible for Measuring What Matters. Prior to that she worked as an Adviser to the Indonesian Fiscal Policy Agency. Kristy has also worked in the Treasury's Structural Reform Division, as an Adviser to the Papua New Guinea Treasury Department and as Manager of the International Tax Unit in Corporate and International Tax Division.

Kristy has worked in the Australian Treasury since 2002 in roles across Revenue Group, Fiscal Group and Macroeconomic Group. Kristy has focussed on areas including the Labour Market, Gender Equality, Early Childhood Education and Schools, First Nations Policy and Transfer pricing. Kristy has experience working with a range of international forums including the OECD, APEC and G20.

Kristy has a Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws.

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PETER ROBINSON

Co-Executive Branch Manager
ACT Government Wellbeing Program

PRESENTS

With Robert Gotts (see below)

From Here to Eternity – Steps towards a wellbeing informed approach to government

This presentation will focus on some of the more significant aspects of transitioning from the initial development of a wellbeing framework to the gradual embedding of a wellbeing eco-system and wellbeing architecture needed to support a deeper wellbeing informed approach to government.

BIOGRAPHY

In partnership with Robert Gotts, I'm currently the Executive Branch Manager for the Wellbeing Program in the ACT Government. I have been involved in the ACT wellbeing journey since the inception of the project to develop our Wellbeing Framework in 2019. I am a relative newcomer to ACT Government, having spent my career in Australian Government. Part of the attraction in coming to ACT Government was the opportunity to help make a difference at the local level. And what better opportunity than to bring a focus to the wellbeing of Canberrans.



ROBERT GOTTS

Co-Executive Branch Manager
ACT Government Wellbeing Program

BIOGRAPHY

In partnership with Peter Robinson, I'm currently the Executive Branch Manager for the Wellbeing Program in the ACT Government. I've come to this role after a varied career across the ACT and Australian Governments. Most recently I was responsible for ACT Education data, as well as chairing a National Education data strategy group and chairing a national working group on student wellbeing. I've also led reforms across the community sector in the ACT including leading the ACT response to the community sector equal remuneration case. And too many other roles to list here.

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DR MICHELLE MORGAN

Senior Policy Analyst
Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet

PRESENTS

Progress of Tasmania's Wellbeing Framework

In May 2022, Tasmania's Premier announced the development of the state's first Wellbeing Framework. In this presentation, Michelle will provide an update on the progress of this important initiative. She will discuss the challenges encountered, the opportunities identified, and outline the next steps in developing and implementing the Wellbeing Framework.

BIOGRAPHY

Michelle Morgan is a Senior Policy Analyst with the Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet. Her key responsibility in this role is to lead the development of Tasmania's first Wellbeing Framework. Over the past 18 years, Michelle has worked in a variety of senior policy roles in the Tasmanian Government that have aimed to improve population-level health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequities. In March this year, Michelle graduated with a PhD from the University of Tasmania, supported by the Tasmanian Department of Health and The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre. Using systems thinking methodologies, her PhD research explored the factors that shape local government's roles in community health and wellbeing and identified opportunities to enhance those roles from a state government perspective. One of these opportunities was the development of a wellbeing framework for Tasmania, due to the potential such frameworks have in facilitating systems change to improve people's quality of life.

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BRENTON CAFFIN

Executive Director of Economic Environment & Infrastructure Policy
South Australian Department of Premier and Cabinet

PRESENTS

Embedding wellbeing in South Australia – recent experience

South Australia has long experimented with ways of articulating and measuring wellbeing outcomes. In this session, Brenton will walk through these developments, up to and including last year's Economic Statement, which sought to cultivate 'an economy fit for the future, improving the wellbeing of all South Australians'.

BIOGRAPHY

Brenton Caffin is Executive Director of Economic Environment & Infrastructure Policy in the South Australian Department of Premier and Cabinet.

He has twenty-five years of experience at the intersection of public policy, innovation and reform, during which time he has advised governments and multilateral institutions in over twenty countries on ways to strengthen their innovation capabilities.

Brenton was the founding Executive Director of States of Change, a global learning collective of public innovation practitioners, as well as the founding CEO of The Australian Centre for Social Innovation in Adelaide. He was an Executive Director at the UK Innovation Foundation Nesta from 2013-19.

He began his career as a graduate in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Brenton holds a Master's degree in Public Administration, and Bachelor degrees in Economics and International Relations.

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XUAN DENG

Director of Performance Budgeting Framework
NSW Treasury

PRESENTS

NSW Performance and Wellbeing Framework

- Evolution of performance budgeting and reporting in NSW
- Lessons learn
- Future directions

BIOGRAPHY

Xuan is a public policy professional with extensive experience across Federal and State government. She has advised on a broad range of policies including budgeting frameworks, economic evaluation, regulation and competition, federal financial relations, water, energy and climate change, industry policy, innovation and public sector performance. Currently, Xuan leads a team that uses economic wellbeing frameworks, data and evidence to improve the living standards of NSW residents, through better government decision making.

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4.00-5.10pm: Making the paradigm shift: getting to the wellbeing economy



WARWICK SMITH

Program Director

Wellbeing Government, Centre for Policy Development

PRESENTS

What a wellbeing economy can do for all Australians

By reimagining the purpose of the economy, from an entity whose interests we need to serve, to a tool that serves us and the environment, we can transform the lives of all Australians - and beyond. Despite all of our economic progress, including a world-beating record run of economic growth, many of the things important to human and natural flourishing are going backwards, and the cult of business sees people working harder today than they did 50 years ago. A wellbeing economy could see a shorter working week, healthier Country, and thriving communities. We already have everything we need to achieve these goals.

BIOGRAPHY

Warwick Smith is an economist, ecologist, writer and policy analyst. He has worked across many areas of economic research including wellbeing, labour, environmental, gender, development and taxation economics.

Warwick is also an honorary fellow at the University of Melbourne's School of Social and Political Sciences and co-founder and economist at the Castlemaine Institute. He has previously worked at Per Capita Australia, the University of Melbourne and for state and territory governments.

Warwick lives with his family in Castlemaine, on Dja Dja Wurrung Country in central Victoria, and has a strong interest in regional development and industry policy.

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DR KATHERINE TREBECK

Economic Change Lead
The Next Economy

PRESENTS

Panel session at Making the paradigm shift: getting to the wellbeing economy
Dinner keynote speaker

BIOGRAPHY

Katherine is a political economist, writer and advocate for economic system change. Her roles include writer-at-large at the University of Edinburgh, Economic Change Lead for The Next Economy, and Strategic Advisor for the Centre for Policy Development. She co-founded the Wellbeing Economy Alliance (WEAll) and also WEAll Scotland, its Scottish hub, and she instigated the group of Wellbeing Economy Governments (WEGo). She is a member of the Club of Rome and her board roles have included a range of groups such as Hands Across Canberra, the Wellbeing Economy Lab in Denmark, and The Democracy Collaborative. She is 2024 thinker-in-residence at the Australian Health Promotion Association and was 2023 thinker-in-residence at the ANU's Planetary Health Hothouse.

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PROF TONY CAPON

Director

Monash Sustainable Development Institute

PRESENTS

Wellbeing Elsewhere: Acknowledging spillovers that affect wellbeing in other countries

Actions in one country can have positive or negative effects in other countries. One example is coal and gas exports which can harm the health of people via air pollution in the countries where they are burnt. A globally responsible nation accounts for spillover in wellbeing policy and action.

BIOGRAPHY

Tony Capon directs the Monash Sustainable Development Institute and holds a chair in planetary health in the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Monash University. A public health physician and authority in environmental health and health promotion, his research focuses on urbanisation, sustainable development and human health. Tony is a former director of the International Institute for Global Health at United Nations University (UNU-IIGH), and has previously held professorial appointments at the University of Sydney and Australian National University. He is a member of the Rockefeller Foundation–Lancet Commission on Planetary Health that published its report Safeguarding human health in the Anthropocene epoch in 2015, and the International Advisory Board for The Lancet Planetary Health.

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DR ARUNIMA MALIK

Associate Professor in Sustainability
School of Physics and Business School, University of Sydney

PRESENTS

Environmental and Social spillover impacts embodied in international supply chains

Consumer demand for goods and services can either promote or hinder progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. In today's highly globalised world, international supply chain embody a range of environmental and social impacts. Consumption-based supply chain assessments shed light on international outsourcing of resource and emission-intensive production that drives spillover impacts across sectors and regions.

BIOGRAPHY

Arunima Malik is an Associate Professor in Sustainability at the School of Physics and Business School at the University of Sydney. She undertakes big-data modelling to quantify sustainability impacts at local, national and global scales, and has carried out supply-chain assessments of health care, biofuel production, construction materials, global energy use, global nitrogen and greenhouse gas emissions, and tourism. Arunima's research is interdisciplinary, and focusses on the appraisal of social, economic and environmental impacts using input-output analysis.

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CHRIS COSGROVE

Director
Sustenance Asia

Adviser
Australian Cotton Industry

PRESENTS

Embedding wellbeing in sustainability reporting

The Australian cotton industry is working to put the “so what” into wellbeing and social sustainability by defining how wellbeing impacts industry workforce objectives and how these can be measured to guide R&D and extension investments. Chris will describe how a truly collaborative, strategic, and long-term approach is needed by governments, industries and communities to allocate resources for maximum impact to society and the economy.

BIOGRAPHY

Chris Cosgrove is one of Australia's most experienced agrifood sustainability practitioners. He has been involved in corporate sustainability since 2002, and has specialised in agrifood sustainability since 2014, working in the cotton, beef, grains, horticulture and other industries. He previously worked in investor relations, corporate communications, and government. Chris was raised on a Darling Downs farm, attended a one-teacher school, has authored a young adult sustainability novel, speaks intermediate level Mandarin Chinese, and has worked in Australia and Hong Kong. He now lives in Hobart, Tasmania.

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11.00am-12.45pm: Wellbeing for all ages and for future generations



DR CAROLYN WALLACE

Manager of Research & Impact
VicHealth

PRESENTS

Future Healthy Countdown 2030: Measuring what matters for good health and wellbeing for all of Australia's children and young people

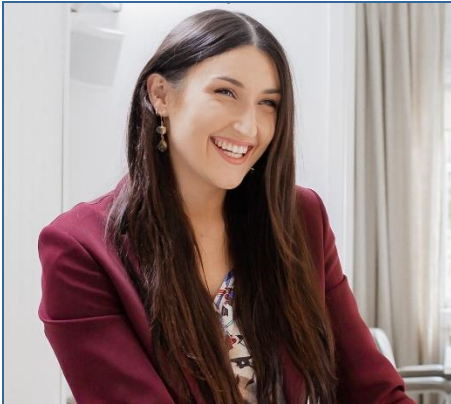
Future Healthy Countdown 2030 (The Countdown) provides a national framework to build wellbeing into policy and action for Australia's children and young people. By presenting 7 domains necessary for children and young people to thrive and flourish and a policy priority with associated indicators for each domain, the Countdown is a concise tool to hold decision makers to account. The Countdown has been developed by a coalition of leading academic experts, young people and policy makers, and we invite further input as we advocate for our priorities and continue to build the case to translate knowledge to action.

BIOGRAPHY

Carolyn is an experienced social policy practitioner and advocate at national state and local levels, with extensive management experience in local government and community services. This has included executive roles with responsibility for child, youth and family services in organisations such as Anglicare Victoria, Merri Health and Mount Alexander Shire Council, through to managing a national network for social inclusion in Ireland during the Global Financial Crisis. In a career of over 25 years, she has brokered, lead and fostered numerous partnerships to bring community, business and government together to work at community level and use local knowledge to influence state and national policy. She is currently the Manager of Research and Impact at VicHealth, with a focus on developing and applying public health research to influence policy and practice.

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TAYLOR DEE HAWKINS

Managing Director
Foundations for Tomorrow

PRESENTS

A uniquely Australian approach to future generations policy

Foundations for Tomorrow has now worked with MPs and Senators across the Federal Parliament, worked with thousands of young people and championed the imperative for future generations policy across Australia and internationally. Drawing together the insights from this work, Taylor will share insights on what a uniquely Australian approach to future generations policy should look like, and what's required to get us there.

BIOGRAPHY

Taylor is Managing Director of [Foundations for Tomorrow](#), a non-profit with the mission of advancing the protection of future generations' interests in Australia, which has also recently launched the [Australian Parliamentary Group for Future Generations](#). Taylor is also an Advisor to the [Our Future Agenda](#) initiative of the [United Nations Foundation](#).

Taylor's professional background is rooted in her work as a [leadership development specialist](#) working with organisations such as Google, Adidas and Salesforce to foster leadership fit for the future. This includes ongoing work with [Leading Initiatives Worldwide](#) and developing programs for the office of the [Future Generations Commissioner for Wales](#), including the [Future Generations Leadership Accelerator](#) and [Policy Leader Toolkit](#). Taylor is also an active member of [EveryGen](#), a coalition of multidisciplinary policy experts collaborating to create an equitable, just and transformative path towards intergenerational justice.

Taylor's work has been recognised through the [Smart Company's 30 under 30](#), the [NSW Young Achiever Awards \(finalist\)](#), [YAlIA's Young Women to Watch in International Affairs](#), [the MBAus Awards Social Impact Awards](#), the [NSW Young Australian of the Year Award \(finalist\)](#) and was selected as one of the 12 [Kofi Annan Changemakers for 2023](#).

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ROSLYN DUNDAS

Acting CEO

Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY)
Every Child Thriving

PRESENTS

The Nest Effect: Weaving Child Wellbeing in National Policy

The Nest, Australia's wellbeing framework for children and young people developed by ARACY goes beyond rhetoric. We will discuss how policymakers can embed child wellbeing as the foundation of their work towards a smarter, healthier and happier Australia. While "Future Made in Australia" prioritizes resources, how are we investing in our most valuable asset - our children? This talk calls for a systems-based approach, breaking down silos to nurture children holistically. Learn how The Nest can unlock national prosperity by ensuring every child thrives.

BIOGRAPHY

Currently Acting CEO of ARACY – Every Child Thriving, Roslyn has over 20 years' experience leading not-for-profits and working in the political sphere, including as CEO of ACT Council of Social Service and Ausdance – the Australian Dance Council, and as a volunteer with the World YWCA.

Having been voted into the ACT Legislative Assembly, as the then youngest woman ever elected to a parliament in Australia (at 23 years old), Roslyn remains passionate about ensuring the voices of children and young people are heard in policy creation and by decision makers. She holds a BA (History and Political Science) and Graduate Certificate in Law from ANU as well as being an Australian Progress Fellow and graduate of the AICD Company Directors Course.

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1.30-2.45pm: Wellbeing and resilience in the land of drought and flooding rains



PROFESSOR LISA GIBBS

Director of Disaster, Climate and Adversity Unit

Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne

PRESENTS

Protecting wellbeing in times of climate change & increased disaster exposure

Increasing awareness of climate change is causing widespread distress, and increasing exposure to multiple disasters is complicating the process of individual and community level preparedness, response and recovery. This presentation will discuss what is known, emerging and needed to protect wellbeing in the context of climate change and related increases in disaster exposure.

BIOGRAPHY

Lisa Gibbs is a Professor of Public Health and Director of the Disaster, Climate and Adversity Unit in Melbourne School of Population and Global Health at the University of Melbourne. Her research focuses on disaster recovery and resilience particularly relating to the interplay between individual and community level outcomes. She works in close partnership with government and leading disaster resilience agencies to ensure her research has a direct influence on policy and practice.

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JOHN RICHARDSON

Manager of Knowledge Development

Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience, University of Melbourne

PRESENTS

It's all about being well

Disaster impacts are often framed as losses, loss of life, buildings, and money. We count these things. We rarely talk about wellbeing, let alone count it. The Sustainable Development Agenda outlines the lives that we seek to live. This should be the starting point for thinking about what we seeking to protect in our efforts to reduce risk and adapt to a changing climate. Thinking about wellbeing can help us shift our approaches to framing our DRR/CCA actions

BIOGRAPHY

John Richardson is the Manager of Knowledge Development, for the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience, which is the national institute for disaster risk reduction and resilience. Having grown up in the decade of disaster movies (the 70s), he developed a strong interest in things that blow up, or collapse, shake or flood. More importantly for him was the rebuilding of countless Lego towns, and the stories that went with that. He studied geography at ANU, took a left turn and became a registered nurse, did a bunch of other things before answering a job ad for an emergency management professional in 1997.

Since then, he was the State Recovery Manager for Victoria in the 2000s, the National Resilience Adviser for Australian Red Cross, and has been involved in a number of major, and hidden, disasters in that time. He also is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Melbourne in the Melbourne School of Global and Public Health and has represented Australia in International fora.

He has a keen interest and eye for patterns and connections in disasters, both at a practice and a policy level. He has a strong interest in bereavement in the public realm and how music represents the disaster experience. He blogs occasionally at sastrugi.me.

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3.00pm: Keynote speech



KATE SCRIVENS

Manager of OECD Knowledge Exchange Platform

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

PRESENTS

International knowledge exchange on well-being measurement and policy practice in a changing world: OECD update on current developments and activities

BIOGRAPHY

Kate Scrivens has been working on well-being frameworks and related topics for 15 years and is part of the team that created the OECD Well-being Framework. She has managed research on multiple topics including well-being in Latin American countries, migrant well-being, social connectedness, and the policy use of well-being frameworks. She currently manages the OECD Knowledge Exchange Platform on Well-being Metrics and Policy Practice (KEP for short) and is responsible for all substantive aspects of the upcoming 7th OECD World Forum on Well-being. She has a M.A. in International Relations and Spanish from the University of St. Andrews and a M.Sc. in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics.

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3.30-5.00pm: Wellbeing across diverse regions



PROF. PHIL DUNCAN

Galambany Professorial Fellow
Centre of Applied Water Science, University of Canberra

PRESENTS

Water, Country and First Nations wellbeing

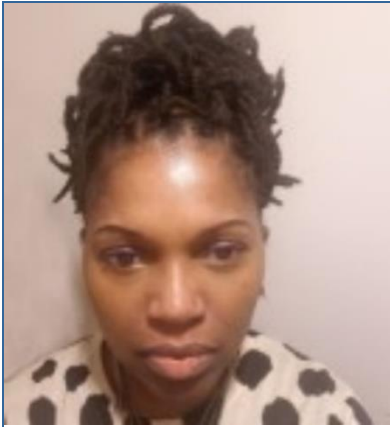
BIOGRAPHY

Professor Leslie (Phil) Duncan is from Moree, NSW, and is a member of the Gomeroi Nation. His homelands are Moree and Terry Hie Hie. Phil has over 40 years' experience working with Aboriginal people and government to improve the lives of Aboriginal people through recognition of our rich cultural history, the return of our lands, the improvement of our living conditions and education of our next generation, through both his employment and active volunteer community work. Phil provides high-level policy and strategic advice and leadership to key Indigenous representative organisations, universities, state and federal government agencies and key external stakeholder groups. His strategic advice, leadership and engagement is around issues of culture and heritage significance and community engagement in on-ground projects, as well as the design, delivery and implementation of programs in partnership with government. Phil has made significant contributions in a variety of domains from education and organisational reconciliation action through to areas of focus such as natural resource management, freshwater river management, forestry, native fish, water rights and allocations.

Phil is extremely passionate about promoting greater partnerships and collaborations using 2-way knowledge exchanges and enhancing the voices of Traditional Owners in land and water management via the integration of cultural science into western scientific frameworks and models.

Day 2: Wellbeing for people and planet

3.30-5.00pm: Wellbeing across diverse regions



BETTY-ANN BRYCE

Senior Policy Analyst and Rural Policy Coordinator
Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

PRESENTS

Applying a rural and indigenous lens to wellbeing to enable more effective policy actions

BIOGRAPHY

Betty-Ann Bryce is a Senior Policy Analyst and Rural Policy Coordinator at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in the Centre for Entrepreneurship, Regions, and Cities in the Regional and Rural Unit. She joined the OECD from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), where she served as a Special Advisor for Rural Affairs. She was detailed to ONDCP from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture where she held different roles including Senior Policy Advisor, Rural Health Liaison, and Financial Investment Specialist in the Rural Development Agency. Betty-Ann is a licensed Attorney with a MPA in Economic and Territorial Development from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences-Po) in France, and a MPA in Economic and Political Development from Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) in the United States.

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DR GEOFF WOOLCOCK

Australian National Development Index (ANDI)
Senior Research Fellow
Institute for Resilient Regions, University of Southern Queensland

PRESENTS

Building wellbeing into regional decision-making: supporting and enabling Australia's rural leaders

Investing in the wellbeing of rural communities is central to their future success. To be able to invest in wellbeing, rural leaders need local information on wellbeing that is relevant to their community. Australia's rural communities are highly diverse, and the factors impacting local wellbeing can similarly vary. This presentation will focus on a two year project set to commence mid-2024 focusing on develop and test a suite of resources designed to: i) Enable Australia's rural leaders to better understand and monitor wellbeing in their communities, and ii) Build the capacity of community leaders to use and integrate this understanding of wellbeing into discussion and decision making processes in their communities.

BIOGRAPHY

Geoff Woolcock is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Southern Queensland's [Institute for Resilient Regions](#). His long-standing work with the public, private and not-for-profit sectors concentrates on developing qualitative and quantitative measures of progress and community wellbeing, closely collaborating with local communities in place-based, early intervention/prevention initiatives. Geoff is an experienced social researcher with considerable expertise in social and community service planning and evaluation, including social impact assessment and project evaluation, [social capital](#) and community capacity building. As a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (MAICD), he is a board director of the [Brisbane Housing Company](#) (since 2009), the [Australian National Development Index \(ANDI\)](#) (since 2012, Chair since 2019), [Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership \(TQKP\)](#) and co-established Logan Child-Friendly Community Ltd in 2012 overseeing the high-profile collective impact initiative, [Logan Together](#). Geoff is also a Research Fellow of the [Wellbeing Economy Alliance](#), a member of the [Anglicare SQ Research Evaluation and Advocacy Reference Group](#), and on the [Centre for Just Places](#) Advisory Board. As a founder and co-director of Global Talent Tracker, he has worked closely with the Australian Football League (AFL) for over a decade and is a Visiting Professor at [Loughborough University's Institute for Sports Business](#). He was the Australian member on the executive committee for the Asia-Pacific Child-Friendly Cities Network (2010-2013) and the inaugural Queensland convenor for the [Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth \(ARACY\)](#) from 2013-2014. Geoff is a frequent public speaker and commentator about social and community development using a whole-of-community approach.

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NATALIE EGLETON

Chief Executive Officer
Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR)

PRESENTS

Investing in rural wellbeing: the critical ingredient for vibrant places and resilient economies

BIOGRAPHY

Natalie Egleton is the Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR). With a 25-year career in the non-profit and philanthropic sector in consulting, fundraising and partnerships, and organisation development roles, she is passionate about facilitating effective and enduring responses to issues facing rural communities.

Since becoming CEO of FRRR in 2015 she has led the organisation through a period of significant growth and impact, facilitating over \$80m in funding to remote, rural, and regional communities through hundreds of partnerships and collaborations. Before joining FRRR, Natalie consulted with Matrix on Board, working with numerous not-for-profit organisations in program evaluation, undertaking research analysis and developing business plans. She also worked with clients to develop financial policies and procedures, strategic plans, organisation reviews, service mapping, feasibility studies and governance models. Natalie has also held in-house roles at Evolve (Typo Station) and at ANZ Banking Group, implementing projects that made a tangible difference to the lives of people living in rural, regional and remote Australia. She has also held voluntary roles on Boards and Committees of a rural RTO and her local Pre-school.

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SUSI TEGEN

Chief Executive
National Rural Health Alliance

PRESENTS

Recent advancements in rural wellbeing: Understanding Australian policy through a global lens

As Australia approaches another election, it is imperative that we consider the future of one of our most vulnerable populations: rural Australians. Despite equating to one third of our total population and contributing over \$500 billion, with 2/3 of our export income, to our economy every year, rural Australians still face significant disadvantages in the health system. Through discussing current innovative global initiatives that have been implemented, we explore opportunities for the advancement of wellbeing for over 7 million Australians currently living with disadvantage.

BIOGRAPHY

Susi Tegen is the Chief Executive of the National Rural Health Alliance, which has a remit to ensure the 30 per cent of people who live in rural Australia has access to services which improve their health outcomes, support medical and health practitioners as well as health researchers and train the future rural medical and health practitioner workforce. Susi has spent most of her working life living and working in rural, remote, and regional Australia, advocating for these areas. Susi is passionate about improving access to health and education, primary industries, and economic development in rural and remote areas. She has also focused on access to telehealth and asynchronous healthcare, farm safety, mental health, multidisciplinary planning, and remote monitoring to support medical and health service access in these areas.

Day 3: Setting Australia's wellbeing agenda

9.00-10.15am: Setting Australia's wellbeing agenda: what do we need?



MIKE SALVARIS

Director of Australian National Development Index (ANDI) Limited, Hon Senior Research Fellow
School of Education, University of Melbourne

PRESENTS

Wellbeing: good policy or democratic keystone?

The global movement to build sustainable wellbeing into policy has relied heavily on critiques of GDP as a measure of societal progress and the overriding goal of government. But an older and weightier argument has been largely overlooked: the wellbeing of citizens is the essential priority of democratic government and the core rationale of human rights.

BIOGRAPHY

With a background in social justice and human rights, Mike Salvaris has worked for the past 25 years to develop new citizen-engaged goals and measures of progress and wellbeing that go 'beyond GDP'. He has advised many Australian and international organisations and governments, including the OECD, the UN, the governments of New Zealand, Canada and Bhutan, the Senate and local governments.

Mike is a Director of ANDI (the Australian National Development Index): see www.andi.org.au. ANDI aims to develop an Australian national progress index measuring equitable and sustainable wellbeing and based on extensive community engagement.

Mike and ANDI Ambassador Prof Fiona Stanley are currently working with the community and government of Western Australia to develop a holistic model for a state wellbeing index with comprehensive citizen input.

Mike is also a convenor of the Australian Hub of the international Wellbeing Economy Alliance (WEAll): see <https://weall.org>. He has a particular interest in the question 'What kind of economy will best promote equitable and sustainable wellbeing?'

In 2017 Mike received the international CIC 'Hall of Heroes' award for 'his significant, long term impact on the indicators field and the improvement of community conditions and well-being.'

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BENSON SAULO

Community Leader & Liberal Candidate for Macnamara
School of Education, University of Melbourne

PRESENTS

Shaping Systems

Shaping Systems is a call to action for organisational and community leaders to set a vision and work with persistence and grit to achieve it. Inspired by Dr Martin Luther Kings description of a 'Disciplined Non-

Conformist' Benson Saulo will draw on his personal and professional experiences of working within systems to shape systems.

BIOGRAPHY

Benson Saulo is a descendant of the Wemba Wemba and Gunditjmara Aboriginal nations of Western Victoria, and New Ireland Province in Papua New Guinea. Benson has a background in banking, economic development and social impact, which provides a strong foundation for his most recently role as Co-Managing Partner at First Australians Capital, a national Indigenous-led investment fund and business advisory organisation.

Benson was the first Indigenous person to be appointed an Australian Consul-General and Senior Trade and Investment Commission, delivered the Australian Governments diplomacy, economic and trade agenda in the US. In 2011, Benson was appointed the Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations in which he undertook a national engagement tour to gain a deeper understanding of issues impacting Australian youth, which included a key focus on mental health and wellbeing.

Benson's was named the National NAIDOC Youth of the Year, a finalist for Young Australian of the Year (VIC), and the Human Rights Medal for Youth by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Benson is the current the Liberal Candidate for the Federal Seat of Macnamara.

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KATE CHANEY MP

Independent Federal Member of Parliament for Curtin, Western Australia
Australian House of Representatives

PRESENTS

Creating a mandate for a federal wellbeing agenda

BIOGRAPHY

Kate Chaney is the Independent Federal Member for Curtin, Western Australia.

In 2022 Kate was elected on a platform of climate action, integrity, future-focused economic management and a commitment to building connected, inclusive communities. She sits on three Parliamentary committees: the Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, the House Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs and is the first lower house crossbencher to sit on the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

As an Independent, Kate's policies are informed by the voices of the Curtin community rather than a party. She holds regular public catch-ups with her constituents to hear their thoughts on various issues and actively engages with her community to hear their feedback on specific issues such as aged care, NDIS, and housing.

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DR ROSEMARY GOODYEAR

Kaitātari Matua (Principal Analyst) Census Insights
Statistics NZ

PRESENTS

Linking wellbeing across domains: New Zealand General Social Survey and Te Kupenga (Māori Social Survey)

The New Zealand General Social Survey (GSS) and Te Kupenga provide the basis for measuring wellbeing across different domains and allow us to measure what matters for New Zealanders. These surveys include the suite of wellbeing questions recommended by the OECD (such as life satisfaction, eudaimonia, happiness, sense of control, trust and loneliness) as well as questions developed with our stakeholders. In Te Kupenga, and to some extent in GSS, these have included questions that attempt to measure collective wellbeing. In this talk I will briefly discuss our consultation process, and how we have used this data to build a more holistic understanding of our population.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr Rosemary Goodyear is a principal analyst at Statistics New Zealand working on both the New Zealand Census and household surveys. Her research focus has been on the intersection between housing and wellbeing, with a particular focus on inequalities, including energy hardship and household crowding. Recent publications include Pacific housing: people, place and wellbeing, and Housing in Aotearoa: 2020. Rosemary is also president of the Population Association of New Zealand and co-editor of the New Zealand Population Review.

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ASS PROF REBECCA GLAUERT

Director of Australian Child and Youth Wellbeing Atlas
University of Western Australia

PRESENTS

The Australian Child and Youth Wellbeing Atlas: Democratising data for improved decision making and advocacy

The Australian Child and Youth Wellbeing Atlas is a freely available data asset that maps information on children and young people in communities across Australia. This enables the visualisation, analysis, and monitoring of health and wellbeing metrics for children and young people. The Atlas empowers researchers, community, state and Commonwealth organisations and the not-for-profit sector to identify priorities for child and youth wellbeing in meaningful and cost-effective ways.

BIOGRAPHY

Associate Professor Rebecca Glauert is the Scientific Director of the Raine Study and Principal Research Fellow at the School of Population and Global Health at the University of Western Australia. For over 15 years, Rebecca has been instrumental in the strategic development of cross-agency data linkage in Western Australia and has been awarded significant funding for projects related to data linkage innovation, data discoverability and accessibility. In addition, A/Prof Glauert has made significant contributions to the understanding of child health and wellbeing, particularly around child mental health.

Rebecca led the development of the West Australian Child Development Atlas, a freely available data visualisation platform that enables community, researchers, policy makers and service providers with access to important data on children's health and development, by geographical area. This important platform has been used by stakeholders from across the country to help determine where programs should be located, to evaluate the health and wellbeing of children in particular communities and enables a greater understanding of the influences of child health and development. Given the success of the WA Atlas, Rebecca led the creation of the Australian Child and Youth Wellbeing Atlas, which is a large collaboration with stakeholders from across Australia. The national atlas platform will enable the systematic monitoring of children's health and wellbeing, leading to improved services and outcomes for all Australian children.

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MIN SETO

Executive Officer
Australian Social Value Bank

PRESENTS

Wellbeing Valuation and Its Role in Decision Making

Wellbeing Valuation translates the wellbeing improvements created by social outcomes into monetary terms, enabling their inclusion in Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA). This ensures positive social impacts are considered in investment decisions and standardises wellbeing as a key measure across various policy areas, ultimately leading to better wellbeing outcomes for individuals.

BIOGRAPHY

Min Seto has led the development of the Australian Social Value Bank and its management under the not-for-profit social enterprise, Alliance Social Enterprises.

Min's background is in the Management of Community Services, but she has spent the last seven years advising and supporting hundreds of organisations on their social impact measurement journey. Min's area of expertise is in social value and the wellbeing valuation methodology. She believes that we need to transition to a #wellbeingeconomy where the impacts to people's wellbeing and the planet become a central part of our decision-making and sit at the heart of what we value.

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JULIAN SZAFRANIEC

Principal & Partner, Executive Director
SGS Economics and Planning

PRESENTS

SGS Cities and Regions Wellbeing Index – Learnings from an Objective approach

SGS released the latest edition of the Cities and Regions Wellbeing Index in April 2024. The index draws on open source and nationality consistent spatial data to form 24 metrics across seven dimensions of Wellbeing for over 500 Local Government Areas. It takes an objective approach to help complement existing subjective Wellbeing research and national measures. Julian will talk about the challenges and learnings around sourcing and assembling data on the many factors of Wellbeing at a national and small geographic scale.

BIOGRAPHY

Julian Szafranec is a Principal at SGS Economics and Planning. Julian advocates for data-driven policy development as an economist to support efficient and sustainable communities and places. His aim is to collaborate across a range of sectors facilitating the exchange of ideas to understand the links and opportunities between them. He sees new data and technology as essential to how we understand and plan for our cities and regions in the future. Julian's expertise has been instrumental in advising all tiers of government and the private sector, contributing to informed policy-making and investment strategies spanning housing, transportation, social infrastructure, and the broader economy.

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1.30-2.20pm: Keynote speech



PROFESSOR EMERITA JULIANNE SCHULTZ

Professor Emerita AM FAHA FRSN

Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research, Griffith University

PRESENTS

Learning from the past to reimagine the future

Australia has a long, but largely forgotten, history of social and political innovation. In this address Julianne Schultz will reflect on how this tradition might be revived in a challenging 21st century environment. By learning from the past new pathways to strengthening social cohesion, shared values and innovation may be within reach, so that the idea of Australia is richer and more robust.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr Julianne Schultz AM FAHA FRSN is professor emerita in the Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research. She is the author of *The Idea of Australia - The Search for the Soul of the Nation* and is working with Blackfella Films on an adaptation of the book for SBS TV. She also writes a regular column for *The Guardian*. She was the founding editor of *Griffith Review*, chair of *The Conversation* and *Australian Film TV and Radio School* and has served on a number of boards including the ABC, Grattan Institute.