



**CIRCULAR
FUTURES**NQ
Innovation & Sustainability Summit

2025 AGENDA

Tuesday 13 May

Opening Welcome Event from 5.30pm Flinders Lane | Manhattan Room

Kick off the Summit at our exclusive CFNQ Welcome Event. An unmissable start to your Summit experience! Connect with fellow attendees, special guests and city leaders as you enjoy great conversation, networking, and entertainment.
Exclusively for Summit Pass ticket holders.

DAY 1

Wednesday 14 May

Yarning on Country – Land, Sea & Sky Business:

Networking Event and coffee thanks to Coffee Presto
For Summit Pass holders & invited guests.

Wednesday 14 May 7.30-9am

Summit Sessions for Summit Pass Holders

Welcome to Country:

Hayden Saltner | Wulgurukaba Walkabouts

Opening Remarks:

Cassandra Cazzulino | Smart Precinct NQ | CEO

Ministerial Address:

Hon. Andrew Powell | Minister for the Environment and Tourism | Minister for Science and Innovation

Keynote: Dr Nicole Garofano

Head of Circular Economy Development | Planet Ark

Morning Tea

BlockTexx:

Graham Ross | Co-Founder

Boody Underwear:

Rebecca Innes | Product Lead

Disruption for Good: On the Couch Q&A

Your opportunity to connect with BlockTexx and Boody Underwear

Remote OP Shop Project:

Tanya Egerton | Founder

Australian Bedding Stewardship Council:

Tracey Pryor | Director of Innovation

The Power of Partnerships: On the Couch Q&A

Join Tracey Pryor and Tanya Egerton as they talk about their exciting shared initiative and answer your questions

1,000,000 Coffees Challenge:

Andrew Crosling | Coles, Jason Lange | Founder | Atlas Soils and Isla | Representing Townsville's youth

Lunch Break & Networking

Natalie Cook OAM:

5-time Olympian

Small Business, Big Impact!:

Dominique Lamb | Qld Small Business Commissioner

ReThinking Impact: Startups x University Partnerships for Cutting Edge Circular Impact:

Moderator John Chandler | Regional Manager | AusIndustry, Luke Deacon | Senior Facilitator | CSIRO RUIC & Co-Founder Infinite Bioworks, Darryl Lyons | Co-Founder | Rainstick, Arnold Mangott | Research Development & Partnership Advisor | JCU, Irene Portelli | We Made It Better for the Planet

Unlocking Logistics for Regional Australia:

Facilitated by Hayley Page | NQROC & insights from special guests

Afternoon Tea

The Role Local Government Plays in Circular Economy:

Amani Kowero, | General Manager | Townsville City Council Resource Recovery Infrastructure and Operations

Using Procurement to Build Resilient and Sustainable Supply Chains:

Elisabeth Lette | Regional Director – QLD and NT | ArcBlue Procurement Specialists

On the Couch Q&A:

Frank Dinneen | Small Business Procurement Advisor – Q - 2032 Games | Department of Customer Services, Open Data and Small and Family Business

Enhancing Sovereign Capability for Global Resilience:

Ken Bellamy | VRM BioLogik

Afterparty Networking:

Close out Summit Day 1 at Tap House with relaxed networking, flowing conversations, and a vibrant atmosphere. Kick back, connect, and enjoy Townsville's hospitality as you reflect on the day's highlights.

Exclusively for Summit Pass ticket holders.

Wednesday 14 May from 5.30pm | TapHouse

MORNING SESSIONS
AFTERNOON SESSIONS
EVENING

DAY 2

Thursday 15 May

Founders of The North:

Networking Event and coffee thanks to Coffee Presto
For Summit Pass holders & invited guests.

Thursday 15 May 7.30-9am

Summit Sessions for Summit Pass Holders

Championing a Future Regenerative City:

Nyree Bolton | Manager, City Growth | Townsville City Council

Achieving a Regenerative City – Vision & Action Through Systems for Change:

Greg Bruce | Chief Sustainability Officer | Townsville City Council

Transforming Regional Agri Manufacturing Through Innovation: The Power of Hemp and Regenerative Agriculture

Steve Tiley | CEO | Wandarra

Reef Credits and the Sustainable Blue Economy RegenAqua:

Ally Vardy-Willsher | Sustainability Officer | Pacific Biotechnologies

Morning Tea

The Great Barrier Reef Economic Zone:

Dr Keith Noble | insideout architects and Jelenko Dragisic, Founder | Roadmender and Global Resilience Collaborative

Funding For the Future:

Georgia Barkell | Managing Partner | Sprint Ventures and Daren Marks | Managing Partner | Black Mountain Capital, Moderator John Chandler | Regional Manager | AusIndustry

Unleashing Innovation Through the Draft New Queensland's Waste Strategy:

Cara McNicol | Director Policy and Legislation Office of Circular Economy

Lunch Break & Networking

Innovative Soil Erosion and Sediment Control:

Dallas Frazier | Sustainability Manager | Fulton Hogan Construction

Reef Authorities Greenstar Fitout Project:

Patrick Lally | Assistant Director of Sustainability and Sascha Thyer | Director Business Operations | Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Micro Grids; Passive Housing & Low Impact Green Energy:

Irene Portelli | Founder | We Made it Better for the Planet and Chair | Circular Economy FNQ and Mohan Jacobs, Lee Smallwood, Jarred Muller

Transforming Circular Systems for a Sustainable Future through AI and IOT:

Professor Ian Atkinson | James Cook University and Simon Igloi | Lixia

NQ Export Hub in a Knowledge Based Economy:

With Jelenko Dragisic, Founder | Roadmender and Global Resilience Collaborative

Afternoon Tea

The Ambition to Restore Reefs – Engineering a Future for Coral:

Stephen Rodan | Director | CHARM

Resilient Technologies Through Tropical Marine Simulation:

Melanie Olsen, Research Team Leader, Technology Transformation, the Australian Institute of Marine Science.

Introduction to Circular Economy Industry-Research Projects:

Panel with Dr Lydia Canovas and CE Project recipients

Collective Social Learning Workshop: What Can Be, What Could Be: Collective Actions for a Regenerative Future

Innovation Pitch Showcase:

Thursday 15 May from 5.30pm | Flinders Lane

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from 5.30pm | Included for Summit Pass ticket holders

An energetic evening with 20+ founders and innovators pitching bold, sustainable solutions for the future to an expert panel. Plenty of networking, new connections and time to let your hair down. Join us for a high-energy pitch event where innovative ideas and bold solutions take centre stage.

Welcome & Networking

Keynote | Innovation Architects:

Philippe Ceulen | Director, Programs | Innovation Architects

Investor & Innovation Panel Q&A:

Featuring Georgia Barkell | Managing Partner | Sprint Ventures, Daren Marks | Managing Partner | BlackMountain Capital, Philippe Ceulen Director, Programs | Innovation Architects

20+ Innovators Pitching:

Networking

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INNOVATION PITCH SHOWCASE

