

5th annual

WASTE & RESOURCE STRATEGY SUMMIT 2023

DISCOVERING THE FUTURE OF RESOURCE RECOVERY, SUSTAINABILITY AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

29-31 March 2023 | Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel | Sydney | Australia

Meet our line-up of waste strategy experts including:



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Janet Leslie
Manager-Sustainability
Canon Australia



Margaret Stuart
Director, Corporate Affairs & Sustainability, Oceania
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Head of Sustainability & Communications
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Esther Bailey
Head of Systems Transformation
Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO)



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Naomi Martin
Sustainability Manager, Residential Construction
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What is the **WASTE & RESOURCE STRATEGY SUMMIT 2023?**

The **Waste & Resource Strategy Summit** returns for its 5th year to explore the present and future of waste management, resource recovery, the circular economy, and sustainability across the industry.

This year's event focuses on the essential issues impacting both public and private sector operations and their ability to capitalise on the economic and sustainability potential of waste management and resource recovery. Explore how to maximise the circular economy, elevate ESG practices, navigate climate change impacts, improve waste infrastructure, amplify waste to energy initiatives, overcome e-waste challenges, leverage technology, and more.

Join the sector's premier annual gathering of environmental and sustainability leaders, policymakers, private and public sector stakeholders, innovators, entrepreneurs and strategic thinkers to elevate your knowledge, build relationships, exchange ideas, and collaborate on new projects.



A great networking opportunity and an opportunity to expand your current knowledge base with amazing interactive presentations. 🗨️

Kylie Douglas, Senior Landfill Engineer,
City of Greater Bendigo



TOP 6 REASONS TO ATTEND:

- 1 Prepare for the future of waste management, resource recovery, sustainability and the circular economy in Australia
- 3 Discover how to elevate your ESG practices and improve your sustainability efforts by learning from organisations leading the way in waste and resource recovery innovation
- 5 Unlock the power of technology to refine your waste management and resource recovery initiatives

- 2 Drive collaboration and action to solve challenges at an event with leaders and decisionmakers from local councils, government authorities and private enterprise
- 4 Gain practical strategies to reduce waste going to landfill while maximising the efficiency of recycling, refurbishment, and resource recovery efforts
- 6 Develop strategies to overcome the e-waste crisis, efficiently convert waste to energy, and minimise construction & demolition waste

MEET THE SPEAKERS



Lisa McLean
Chief Executive Officer
Circular Australia



Nicole Conroy
Sustainability Business
Partner - Circularity and
Conscious Consumption
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Joanne Hayes
Head of Sustainability &
Communications
Bridgestone ANZ



Aife O'Loughlin
Senior Manager - Circular
Economy
Salvos Stores



Michaela Heinson
Associate Director, Economic
Growth and Sustainability,
Green Industries SA



John McKew
National Executive Officer
Australian Organics Recycling
Association



Kylie Douglas
Senior Landfill Engineer
City of Greater Bendigo



Jeff Angel
Director
Total Environmental Centre &
Boomerang Alliance



Jessica Fordyce
Waste and Recovery Officer
Canberra Region Joint
Organisation



Alice Kuepper
Head of Sustainable Business
& Corporate Responsibility
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Esther Bailey
Head of Systems
Transformation
Australian Packaging Covenant
Organisation (APCO)



Elyse Marcolin
Resource Recovery Education
Officer
Penrith City Council



Leisbet Spanjaard
Executive Director,
Engagement, Education &
Programs
NSW Environment Protection
Authority (EPA)



Anil Gupta
Waste and Sustainability
Education Officer
Randwick City Council



Alina Tamrakar Maskey
Project Officer (Resource
Recovery)
Cumberland City Council



Layla McNeil
Waste and Resource
Coordinator
CSIRO



Margaret Stuart
Director, Corporate Affairs &
Sustainability, Oceania
Nestlé



Maria Cooke
Director, City Development &
Sustainability
City of Kwinana



Alan Jones
Operations & Maintenance
Director
Avertas Energy



Danielle Kent
Project Director, National
Clothing Product Stewardship
Scheme
Australian Fashion Council



Good mix of participants and scope of topics and areas included, with plenty of opportunities for interaction.

Terrie-Ann Johnson, Former Managing Director, Clean Up Australia

MEET THE SPEAKERS



Alice Payne
Dean, School of Fashion and
Textiles
RMIT University



Wade Mosse
Head of Resource Recovery
Coles



Blaise Porter
Director, Group Corporate
Sustainability & Corporate
Responsibility
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Naomi Martin
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Janet Leslie
Manager-Sustainability
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Leela Kempton
Associate Research Fellow,
Sustainable Buildings Research
Centre
University of Wollongong



Professor Leonie Barner
Centre Director, Centre for a
Waste-Free World
Queensland University of
Technology



Andre Gobett
General Manager Recycling
Boral



Omer Soker
Chief Executive Officer
Charitable Recycling
Australia



Jenny Geddes
Chief Executive Officer
Clean Up Australia



Great opportunity to
connect with others
who are passionate
about improving
resource recovery and
waste management in
Australia

Robert Kempton, Team Leader - Project
Management, Cardno

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08:15 Registration and welcome coffee
08:50 Opening remarks from the Chair



Omer Soker
Chief Executive Officer
[Charitable Recycling Australia](#)

BUILDING A THRIVING CIRCULAR ECONOMY

09:00 **Activating Australia's circular economy by 2030**

- Investigating the metrics as part of the national dialogue towards the circular economy
- Setting targets, changing behaviours and measuring our progress in order to advance toward a circular economy
- Striving forward to deliver a zero-carbon circular economy
- Growing Australia's economy and job opportunities by protecting the earth



Lisa McLean
Chief Executive Officer
[Circular Australia](#)

09:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION: What is the path forward for developing a genuine and self-supporting circular economy?**

Moderator:



Aife O'Loughlin
Senior Manager - Circular Economy
[Salvos Stores](#)



Panellists:

John McKew
National Executive Officer
[Australian Organics Recycling Association](#)



Joanne Hayes
Head of Sustainability & Communications
[Bridgestone Australia & New Zealand](#)



Rebecca Hicks
Manager, Sustainability & Circular Economy
[Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation](#)



Glenda Stowell
Strategic Planning Manager - Circular Economy & Resource Recovery
[Sydney Water](#)

10:20 **Leveraging circularity for people and planet positive outcomes: progress from THE ICONIC**

- Examining the challenges and opportunities for material previously viewed as waste
- Creating circular initiatives for textile resources and packaging, from design to end-of-life
- Testing and learning from circular initiatives



Nicole Conroy
Sustainability Business Partner - Circularity and Conscious Consumption
[The ICONIC](#)

10:50 Morning tea

11:20 **Developing a Circular Greater Bendigo council and community**

- Updates and insights on the process from 2022
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions generated by current waste management practices
- Preparing for the closing of the local Eaglehawk Landfill



Kylie Douglas
Senior Landfill Engineer
[City of Greater Bendigo](#)

11:50 **Examining the learnings from REDcycle and recycling plastics in Australia**

- Creating a shift where recycling becomes "the last line of thinking" in tackling plastic waste
- Establishing effective and suitable partnerships to progress Australia's recycling process
- Investigating the issues of voluntary recycling for Australia's population
- Reviewing the role of waste and recycling regulation



Jeff Angel
Director
[Total Environment Centre & Boomerang Alliance](#)

12:20 Lunch in the exhibition hall

CLIMATE CHANGE, NATURAL DISASTERS & WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

13:20 **Preparing for a disaster and prioritising your forward thinking from facilities to households**

- Building and Increasing resilience of recycling service provisions
- Planning ahead for the increased waiting times, expenses and decreased transport access
- Examining the importance of collaboration to ensure facilities and strategies can be successful before, during and after a disaster



Michaela Heinson
Associate Director, Economic Growth & Sustainability
[Green Industries SA](#)

13:50 **Eliminating landfill and transforming residual waste into safe and valuable products**

- Applying the base-metal processing industry's experience in new ways that could solve a major gap in the waste treatment sector
- Transforming hazardous and residual waste into safe products by treating it in a controlled and customised urban plant
- Recovering valuable metals from waste by extracting and monetising them
- Reducing risk and capital investment by adapting a world-leading Australian smelter design to an urban context



Ben Hogg
Principal Metallurgist (Pyrotechnology)
[Glencore Technology](#)

PARTNERSHIPS, ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION

14:10 **Overview of the packaging sector and existing targets**

- Learnings from the packaging targets review
- Evaluating the challenges and opportunities ahead
- Reviewing the next steps for APCO and the packaging sector new topic



Esther Bailey
Head of Systems Transformation
[Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation \(APCO\)](#)

14:40 **Facilitating partnerships to support waste and resource recovery social innovations**

- Creating partnerships with council, private companies and facilities to establish supportive and innovative programs
- Maximising your collaborative advantage and putting in place the essential building blocks of effective collaboration
- Learning from others to advance your own waste and resource recovery strategy



Jessica Fordyce
Waste & Recovery Officer
[Canberra Region Joint Organisation](#)



Robbert Mels
Regional Waste & Resource Coordinator
[Canberra Region Joint Organisation](#)

15:10 Afternoon tea

15:40 **Engaging stakeholders to drive recycling at scale and achieve product stewardship outcomes**

- Overcoming the barrier of convenience for consumers to participate in resource recovery
- Engaging and training your teams to deliver on waste reduction
- The importance of industry collaboration and voluntary stewardship programs



Alice Kuepper
Head of Sustainable Business & Corporate Social Responsibility
[Winning Group](#)

16:10 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Building community education programs to increase and improve recycling behaviour**

Moderator:



Elyse Marcolin
Resource Recovery Education Officer
[Penrith City Council](#)



Liesbet Spanjaard
Executive Director, Engagement Education & Programs
[NSW EPA](#)



Anil Gupta
Waste & Sustainability Education Officer
[Randwick City Council](#)



Alina Tamrakar Maskey
Project Officer (Resource Recovery)
[Cumberland City Council](#)



Daniel Harris-Pascal
Assistant Director, Waste Education & Partnerships, ACT NoWaste
[Transport Canberra and City Services](#)

17:00 Closing remarks from the Chair

17:05 End of Waste & Resource Strategy Summit Day 1

17:10 Networking Drinks

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08:50 Opening remarks from the Chair



Layla McNeil
Waste and Resource Coordinator
CSIRO

09:00 **Nestlé Case Study: Packaging and Sustainability**

Margaret Stuart has been involved in developing Nestlé's vision for a better future for soft plastic packaging in Australia and works across the organisation's environmental sustainability initiatives. Gain insights into the challenges they've faced along the way, the strategies they've developed to overcome them, and the lessons gained from implementing new resource recovery and sustainability strategies.



Margaret Stuart
Director, Corporate Affairs and Sustainability, Oceania
Nestlé

CUTTING EDGE WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGIES ACROSS INDUSTRIES

09:30 **Waste-to-energy in Kwinana - an integral part of a local waste plan**

- Waste-to-energy - how does it work?
- Identifying the challenges involving financial investment, regulations, public opinion and infrastructure in Australia
- Understanding the role of waste-to-energy in sustainable waste management
- Highlighting the opportunities and the disadvantages of waste-to-energy facilities on a micro level (Kwinana)



Maria Cooke
Director, City Development & Sustainability
City of Kwinana



Alan Jones
Operations & Maintenance Director
Avertas Energy

10:00 Partner presentation

10:20 Morning tea

10:50 **Navigating the challenges facing the Australian recycled organics industry**

- Using broad community education to facilitate behaviour change, encourage correct source separation & mitigate contamination risk
- Navigating the impact of compostable packaging
- The need for Commonwealth and State support for innovation pathways to improved processing capability and capacity
- Promoting best practice standards through industry education



John McKew
National Executive Officer
Australia Organics Recycling Association (AORA)

11:20 **FIRESIDE CHAT: Minimising waste in the textiles industry and the new National Clothing Product Stewardship Scheme**

- Insights into Australia's first National Clothing Product Stewardship Scheme
- How do you continue to coordinate action from the whole clothing ecosystem during and after the launch of the scheme?
- How does this scheme improve the design, recovery, reuse and recycling of textiles?
- What is Australia's capacity for change and how can we implement successful strategies to reduce textile waste?



Danielle Kent
Project Director, National Clothing Product Stewardship Scheme
Australian Fashion Council



Alice Payne
Dean, School of Fashion & Textile
RMIT University

11:50 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Journeying towards zero waste**

- What regulatory support is needed to tackle Australia's waste problem?
- What are the biggest challenges when it comes to reducing waste?
- What are the best strategies or solutions to combat those issues?

Moderator:

Jenny Geddes
Chief Executive Officer
Clean Up Australia



Blaise Porter
Director, Group Corporate Sustainability & Corporate Social Responsibility
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Panellists:

Wade Mosse
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Naomi Martin
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12:40 Lunch in exhibition hall

OVERCOMING THE INDUSTRIAL AND E-WASTE CRISIS

13:40 **Managing e-waste using tactical strategies and new technologies**

- Understanding strategies implemented to prevent, reduce and reuse e-waste in a multinational information technology equipment and services company
- Learning about the importance of conducting lifecycle assessment in maximising efficiency and preventing waste
- Identifying the challenges of e-waste management and the future trends in product stewardship
- Highlighting the potential for technological innovation in e-waste management



Janet Leslie
Manager - Sustainability
Canon Australia

14:10 Partner Presentation

14:30 **Case study: Green Square, the built environment & modern waste and resource recovery strategies**

Naomi Martin, Sustainability Manager, Construction, Residential, Mirvac will be joined by Andre Gobett, General Manager Recycling, Boral to outline initiatives to increase efficiency, materials flow visibility and recycling within the concrete supply chain. Andre will outline the principles of the Boral Circular Materials Solution and how the take-back of surplus concrete is helping to maximise recycling outcomes.



Andre Gobett
General Manager Recycling
Boral



Naomi Martin
Sustainability Manager,
Residential Construction
Mirvac

14:50 **Minimising the growing construction and demolition waste problem**

- Educating on the national issues of Construction and Demolition waste
- Recycling and reusing building materials
- Promoting the use of prefabricated products
- Developing strategies to improve recovery rates of recyclable materials



Leela Kempton
Associate Research Fellow, Sustainable Buildings Research Centre
University of Wollongong

15:20 Afternoon Tea

DATA, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

15:50 **The waste challenge from a technology perspective: advancements in the area of plastic, textile and agricultural waste**

- Transforming issues such as bin sorting, rubbish spotting in marine areas and the breaking down of plastic waste
- Unlocking the complete recycling and recovery of waste materials at end-of-life
- Breaking down plastic, textile and agricultural waste and possible tech solutions
- Utilisation of agricultural waste and bioeconomy



Professor Leonie Barner
Centre Director, Centre for a Waste-Free World
Queensland University of Technology

16:20 Closing remarks from the Chair

16:30 End of Waste & Resource Strategy Summit 2023



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- Gain insights into potentially overlooked areas where you can take reduction measures to limit your waste production

Facilitator

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Nadine Venturato, Senior Environmental Officer - Waste, Transport for NSW