



## NEW ECONOMY NETWORK AUSTRALIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020 *\*CALL FOR PROPOSALS\**

Proposals are invited for the New Economy Network Australia (NENA) Annual Conference, which will be held in Newcastle, New South Wales, from 9am Friday 20th to 4pm Sunday 22nd November, 2020.

The theme of NENA’s 2020 Conference is “New Economy—Work in Progress” and the intention is to share the amazing work being done by individuals and organisations across Australia, to build a new economy, focused on ecological health & social and economic justice.

This year’s conference will bring together people from around Australia, to discuss topics as diverse as food, energy, housing, health, sustainability, local economies, commons, local currencies, cooperatives, social enterprises, universal basic income, creating systems change, degrowth and the steady state economy, participatory democracy, Modern Monetary Theory, alternatives to GDP and much more.

NENA’s Annual Conferences offer a space for NENA members and the wider community to meet up, share experiences, ideas, research and project updates, spark connections and collaborations and work together to progress our network and shared vision for a new economy.

### PLEASE NOTE — COVID-19 & VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

The dates for our 2020 conference were set in late 2019, before the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. If public health and safety requires us to NOT hold an in-person conference on 20-22 November 2020, we will create a virtual conference, to ensure our NENA community can meet via Zoom, without any health risks. So please be sure to lodge your proposal by 1 July and we’ll provide regular updates about our conference plans.

#### KEY CONFERENCE DATES:

- Call for Proposals Opens 1 April
- Call for Proposals Closes 1 July
- Program Available in August
- Conference Dates: 20-22 November
- NENA AGM—Sunday 22 November
- Side Events and Site Tours—details available in August

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

First Nations people, social justice advocates, social entrepreneurs, small businesses and cooperatives, community development workers, change makers, environmentalists, local government, academics and researchers, students & interested members of the community

#### CONFERENCE COORDINATORS

New Economy Network Australia  
2020 Conference Working Group:  
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#### MORE INFORMATION

- Email: [events@neweconomy.org.au](mailto:events@neweconomy.org.au)
- Website: [www.neweconomy.org.au/conferences/2020-conference/](http://www.neweconomy.org.au/conferences/2020-conference/)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/192105585182952/>





## CALL FOR PROPOSALS — Closing date 1 July 2020

Proposals are invited from people who would like to share research and project updates, and work together to progress collaborative projects, at NENA's Annual Conference in Newcastle, NSW from 20-22 November 2020.

Please submit your proposal by 1 July 2020, [via our online form](#).

### Proposals can include:

- Short presentations (15 minutes)
- Panels, training sessions and interactive workshops (50 minutes)
- Discussion groups and yarning circles (25 & 50 minutes)
- Performances and experiential activities (5, 10 or 20 minutes)
- NENA Hub Work Spaces (50 minutes or longer if required, for NENA Hubs to meet and progress their work together) \*\* Please note all requests from NENA Hubs, for a work space during the conference, will be accommodated \*\*

### Proposals are encouraged to connect to any of the following topics:

- Life and the Earth community
- Work, labour and industry
- Challenges, threats and opportunities
- Networks, collaboration and cross-pollination
- Health, care and wellbeing

With the above topics in mind, the 2020 NENA Conference invites participants to address any of the following questions:

- How are elements of the new economy succeeding/progressing?
- What barriers are we finding as we build the new economy?
- Which tools, processes and leveraging practices do we find most useful for building the new economy?

