

DRAFT NENA 2025 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

“PATHWAYS TO A THRIVING FUTURE”

61-89 Sunshine Boulevard, Broadbeach, Gold Coast, Qld

3 DAY PROGRAM OVERVIEW – 10-12 October 2025

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 2025 - DAY 1 OF CONFERENCE

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
8.00am	Registration opens	
8.40am	Welcome to Country + Opening of conference	Uncle John, Yugambah Welcome NENA Conference Organisers
9.00am	Indigenous perspectives - pathways to a thriving world	Mary Graham, Anne Poelina & Yin Paradies
10.00am	Building wellbeing economies for people and planet	Katherine Trebeck
10.30am	<i>MORNING TEA</i>	
11.00am	Panel discussion: Pathways to sustainable, ecological economies	Katherine Trebeck, Mark Diesendorf, Sally Hett, Warwick Smith - Facilitated by Nina Gbor, Australia Institute
12.00pm	Imagining new economic futures	Bayo Akomolafe (online)
12.30pm	<i>LUNCH</i>	
1.20pm	Climate, energy and the urgent need for cultural and economic transitions	Sara Hicks, Ian Dunlop and David Hood
2.00pm	The role of Local Government in building new economies	Elected Local Councilors Jonathan Cassall (NSW), Elena Pererya (VIC) and Gold Coast Council (tba)
3.00pm	<i>AFTERNOON TEA</i>	
3.30pm	Pathways to Degrowth	Anitra Nelson (online) and Ben Robra
4.00pm	Bioregional Futures: localization and regenerative economies	Michelle Maloney, Mary Graham, Anne Poelina, Henry Coleman
5.00pm	Close of Day 1	
6.00pm	Social event (details available soon)	

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025 - DAY 2 OF CONFERENCE

TIME	SESSION		
8.00am	<i>Registration</i>		
8.50am	<i>Welcome to Day 2</i>		
9.00am	Richard Denniss – The Australia Institute		
9.30am	Sally Hett - Building a Wellbeing Economy in New Zealand		
10.00am	Panel discussion: The role of ‘professional mavericks’ in paving the way for new economies: Bronwen Morgan + Catherine Reynolds + Kiran Kashyap		
10.30am	<i>MORNING TEA</i>		
11.00am	CONCURRENT SESSION 1 – see page 3 of program		
S1 (60mins)	Session 1.1	Session 1.2	Session 1.3
12.00pm	CONCURRENT SESSION 2 – see page 3 of program		
S2 (60 mins)	Session 2.1	Session 2.2	Session 2.3
1.00-1.45	<i>LUNCH</i>		
2.00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3 & 4 – see page 4 of program		
S3 (45 mins)	Session 3.1	Session 3.2	Session 3.3
S4 (45 mins)	Session 4.1	Session 4.2	Session 4.3
3.30pm	<i>AFTERNOON TEA</i>		
4.00pm	‘Arts and the Economy’ - Catherine van Wilgenburg, Barbara Lepani, Andy Grodecki, Angharad Wynne-Jones & Jo Fay Duncan		
5.15pm	CLOSE of Day 2		
6pm	Social event (details available soon)		

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025 - DAY 3 OF CONFERENCE

TIME	SESSION		
9.50am	Welcome to Day 3		
10.00am	New economy stories from around the world – guest speakers from the Post Growth Alliance (online) – speaker details available soon		
10.30am	Session 5 – Concurrent Presentations (see page 5 of program)		
S5 (45mins)	Session 5.1	Session 5.2	Session 5.3
11.15am	Developing strategies for the new economy – interactive plenary workshop - facilitated by Tiyana Jovanovic, NENA Strategy Group		
12.30pm	<i>LUNCH</i>		
1.30pm	WORKSHOPS		
S6 (45mins)	Session 6.1	Session 6.2	Session 6.3
S7 (45mins)	Session 7.1	Session 7.2	Session 7.3
3.00pm	<i>AFTERNOON TEA</i>		
3.30pm	CLOSING SESSION – Building our new economy together – facilitated by Susan Wanmer, NENA Board		
4.30PM	CLOSE OF CONFERENCE		

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: Sat 11 & Sun 12 October

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – SAT 11 OCTOBER

SESSION 1

SESSION 1 (60 MINS) SAT 11am-12.00pm		
1.1 DEGROWTH	1.2 FOOD SYSTEMS & TRANSITIONAL STRUCTURES	1.3 TRANSITIONS - THEORY AND PRACTICE
CARLA LIUZZO - Academic activism and resistance through degrowth pedagogy: A suggested framework	ROB PEKIN – The need for transitional infrastructure	SARAH HOUSEMAN - Towards collective empowerment in community-based energy transitions
JANE O’SULLIVAN - Shrink toward abundance: how degrowth can make most of us better off	MORAG GAMBLE – Permaculture and the new economy	KATE FAWCETT & MONIKA CORREA - DisasterWISE: Learning and Unlearning for Thriving Futures
MARTIN TYE – Sustainable Degrowth (ONLINE)	TIANDA WILLIAMS - Nourishing Our Communities, Re-Localising Our Food System	ROBIN KRABBE - Community Based Income as a transformative response to the metacrisis

SESSION 2

SESSION 2 (60 MINS) SAT 12.00pm-1pm		
2.1 GOVERNMENTS AND THE PUBLIC GOOD	2.2 NATURE KNOWLEDGE/EDUCATION	2.3 THEORY FOR CHANGE
MARCUS CHAMP – Pathways through crisis (what governments can really do)	AUDREY BARUCCHI - Building Knowledge as a foundation for resilience	SCOTT MATTER - Theory for change: conceptual tools for designing and driving systemic transformation
KENT GETSINGER - Why we need Public Money for Our Public Good (ONLINE)	ELIZABETH MCDUGALL - The Role of Pedagogy in Cultivating New Economies	TIYANA JOVANOVIĆ - Resilience Economics: Towards a Meta-Theory for Non-Linear Development
PHIL JONES – Building a new economy from the top down (ONLINE)	HELEN LEWIS – Regenerating Outcomes, Decision by Decision (Ecological outcome verification)	SCOTT HUETTE - Toroidal Economics: Integrating Loops for Emergent Resilience (ONLINE)

SESSION 3 AND 4

SESSION 3 (40 MINS) SAT 2pm-2.40pm		
3.1 FIRST NATIONS INITIATIVES	3.2 RETHINKING BANKING AND FINANCE	3.3 MANAGING THE COMMONS
PANEL DISCUSSION KRISTEN LYONS, BRIAN WARNER, JAGJIT PLAHE - Indigenous and Local Community Led Carbon Offset: Australia and Kenya Experiences"	JP PARKER - EarthFi and HumaniFi: Parallel Economies for the 21st Century (ONLINE)	BEN ROBRA - Sufficiency through commoning relationality: Transcending business as usual
	RUTH IRWIN "EX NIHILO finance and emissions growth" (ONLINE)	HAMED HOSSEINI - Revalorizing Value Beyond Capital: From De-commonization to Re-commonization for Liberating Life (ONLINE)
<i>2.40-2.50PM (10 mins to change sessions)</i>		
SESSION 4 (40 MINS) Sat 2.50pm-3.30pm		
4.1 FIRST NATIONS	4.2 INVESTING IN NEW ECONOMIES	4.2 COOPERATIVES WORKSHOP (40 mins)
MIKE WINER – Indigenous projects in Cape York/Starke River (ONLINE)	PETER MORRIS – The Great Regeneration Possibility	CLARE FOUNTAIN - Co-op Curious: Redefining Wealth Through Ownership, Agency and Collective Action
FIRST NATIONS PROJECTS JIM TURNOUR & KERON MURRAY - A place-based approach to achieving sustainable development a Wuthathi First Nation case study	KEVIN COX - Permanent Asset Markets - Capital with Purpose (ONLINE)	

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – SUN 12 OCTOBER

Our Sunday Program features “Sunday Showcase” Workshops in Sessions 6 and 7.

Please join us to connect, learn and share your ideas about building a new economy.

Help shape the collective vision of NENA's future work and impact.

SESSION 5

SESSION 5 (40 MINS) 10.30am-11.10am		
5.1 FOOD SYSTEMS	5.2 POWER AND PARTICIPATION	1.3 COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS
JORGE CANTELLANO - Ediblescapes: Bridging Food Security, Climate Action, and Regenerative Conservation in Urban Agroforestry	PETER TAIT – How to win against capitalism: participatory democracy	CARMEN STEWART – Reimagining Northern Rivers
LAURA DIMENT – The Murray Mallee Low-Rainfall Food Forest (ONLINE)	COOPER SMOUT – Valuing what matters: a participatory framework for collective recognition and coordination	ROSEMARY LEONARD – Valuing social capital: research at Narara ecovillage

SESSION 6 & 7 – Sunday Workshops

SESSION 6 WORKSHOPS 1.30-pm-2.10pm (40 MINS)		
6.1 Communication tools for social change – SUSAN WANMER	6.2 Systems change – SARAH HOUSEMAN	6.3 Building circular economies – KERRY TOZER

SESSION 7 WORKSHOPS 2.20pm-3pm (40 MINS)		
7.1 Community Finance - DENISE NOGUEIRA	7.2 The philosophy of co-operation: ethics, values, principles - and people – ANTONY MCMULLEN	7.3 Rethinking Power: Practical Tools for Participatory Governance with Sociocracy - YOLANDA VAN GELLECUM