

CONFERENCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER – DAY 1

8.00 – 8.40	Registration
8.40 – 9.00	Welcome to Country – Uncle John Graham, Yugambeh Language Peoples
9.00 – 9.10	Opening of Conference – Dr Michelle Maloney, Co-founder, New Economy Network Australia (NENA)
9.10 – 10.00	Building Relationalist Economies – Mary Graham, Anne Poelina and Yin Paradies
10.00 – 10.30	Wellbeing Economies for People and Planet – Katherine Trebeck

10.30-11.00 MORNING TEA

11.00 – 12.00 **Pathways to Sustainable, Ecological Economies** – Katherine Trebeck, Mark Diesendorf, Sally Hett and Warwick Smith – facilitated by Nina Gbor, The Australia Institute

12.00 – 1.00 LUNCH

1.00 – 1.40 **Climate, Energy and the Urgent Need for Cultural and Economic Transitions** – Sara Hicks, Simon English and David Hood

1.45 – 2.30 **The Role of Local Government in Building New Economies:**
Cr Jonathan Cassall (Coffs Harbour Council) and Cr Jennie Fenton, (Bellingen Council)

2.30 – 3.00 AFTERNOON TEA

3.00 – 3.30 **Pathways to Degrowth** – Anitra Nelson and Ben Robra

3.30 – 4.30 **Bioregional Futures: Localisation and Regenerative Economies** – Michelle Maloney, Mary Graham, Anne Poelina and Henry Coleman

4.30 – 5.00 **Imagining New Economic Futures** – Bayo Akomolafe (online)

5.00 – 5.10 CLOSE OF DAY 1

7.00-8.30 *Social Event* – Informal Dinner – Afghani Charcoal Kebab House
34 Trickett Street, Surfers Paradise, QLD 4217
RSVPs required by 11am Fri 10 Oct – inika.nisbet@gmail.com

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SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER – DAY 2

8.00 – 8.45	Registration
8.50 - 9.00	Welcome to Day 2
9.00 – 9.30	Australia's Economic Future – Richard Denniss, The Australia Institute
9.30 – 10.00	Building a Wellbeing Economy in New Zealand – Sally Hett, WEAll New Zealand
10.00-10.40	The Role of 'Professional Mavericks' in Paving the Way to New Economies – Bronwen Morgan, Catherine Reynolds, Kiran Kashap, Peter Walsh, Michelle Maloney

10.40 - 11.00 MORNING TEA

11.00 - 12.00	Concurrent Session 1 (S1) – 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 – 60 mins
12.05 - 1.05	Concurrent Session 2 (S2) – 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 – 60 mins

1.05 – 1.55 LUNCH

2.00 – 2.45	Concurrent Session 3 (S3) – 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 – 45 mins
2.50 - 3.35	Concurrent Session 4 (S4) – 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 – 45 mins

3.35 - 4.00 AFTERNOON TEA

4.00 - 5.00	Creative Pathways to a New Economy: The role of the arts – Catherine van Wilgenburg, Barbara Lepani, Andy Grodecki, Angharad Wynne-Jones and Jo Fay Duncan – facilitated by Tarik Cutuk, New Economy Network Australia
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7.00-8.30	Social Event – Pool Side Sausage Sizzle – Chateau Beachside 52 Esplanade, Surfers Paradise, QLD 4217 RSVP by 11am Sat 11 Oct – inika.nisbet@gmail.com
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SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER – DAY 3

9.30 – 9.50	Registration, tea and coffee
9.50 – 10.00	Welcome to Day 3 – Susan Wanmer, NENA Director
10.00-10.30	Strategies for Building Commercially Successful, Sustainable Economies – David Hood and Terence Jeyaretnam
10.30 – 11.15	Concurrent Session 5 – (S5) – 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 – 45 mins
11.15 – 12.30	Vision Mapping: Your Pathway to a New Economy – facilitated by Tiyana Jovanovic, NENA Strategy Group

12.30 – 1.30	LUNCH
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1.30 – 2.10	WORKSHOPS – Session 6 (S6) – 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 – 40 mins
2.20 – 3.00	WORKSHOPS – Session 7 (S7) – 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 – 40 mins

3.00 – 3.30	AFTERNOON TEA
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3.30 – 4.30	CONFERENCE 2025 SUMMARY: Looking ahead to New Economy Action Plan 2026-2027 – Facilitated by Susan Wanmer and the NENA Team
4.30	Close of Conference

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – SAT 11 AND SUN 12 OCTOBER 2025

CONCURRENT SESSION 1 – SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025

SESSION 1 (60 MINS)		
SAT 11am-12pm Auditorium	SAT 11am-12pm Multi-purpose Hall	SAT 11am-12pm Activity Room
1.1 FOOD SYSTEMS & TRANSITIONAL STRUCTURES	1.2 DEGROWTH	1.3 TRANSITIONS - THEORY AND PRACTICE
ROB PEKIN – The need for transitional infrastructure	CARLA LIUZZO - Academic activism and resistance through degrowth pedagogy: A suggested framework	SARAH HOUSEMAN - Towards collective empowerment in community-based energy transitions
MORAG GAMBLE – Permaculture and the new economy	JANE O’SULLIVAN - Shrink toward abundance: how degrowth can make most of us better off	ROBIN KRABBE - Community Based Income as a transformative response to the metacrisis
TIANDA WILLIAMS - Nourishing Our Communities, Re-Localising Our Food System	MARTIN TYE – Sustainable Degrowth (ONLINE)	JP PARKER - EarthFi and HumaniFi: Parallel Economies for the 21st Century (ONLINE)

CONCURRENT SESSION 2 – SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025

SESSION 2 (60 MINS) SAT 12.05pm-1.05pm Auditorium	SAT 12.05pm-1.05pm Multipurpose Hall	SAT 12.05pm-1.05pm Activity Room
2.1 NATURE KNOWLEDGE/EDUCATION	2.2 GOVERNMENTS AND THE PUBLIC GOOD	2.3 THEORY FOR CHANGE
AUDREY BARUCCHI - Building Knowledge as a foundation for resilience	MARCUS CHAMP – Pathways through crisis (what governments can really do)	SCOTT MATTER - Theory for change: conceptual tools for designing and driving systemic transformation
HELEN LEWIS – Regenerating Outcomes, Decision by Decision (Ecological outcome verification)	KENT GETSINGER - Why we need Public Money for Our Public Good (ONLINE)	TIYANA JOVANOVIĆ - Resilience Economics: Towards a Meta-Theory for Non-Linear Development
ELIZABETH MCDUGAL - The Role of Pedagogy in Cultivating New Economies (ONLINE)	PHIL JONES – Building a new economy from the top down (ONLINE)	SCOTT HUETTE - Toroidal Economics: Integrating Loops for Emergent Resilience (ONLINE)

CONCURRENT SESSION 3 – SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025

SESSION 3 (45 MINS)		
SAT 2pm-2.45pm Auditorium	SAT 2pm-2.45pm Multipurpose Hall	SAT 2pm-2.45pm Activity Room
3.1 FIRST NATIONS INITIATIVES	3.2 MANAGING THE COMMONS	3.3 RETHINKING BANKING AND FINANCE
PANEL DISCUSSION KRISTEN LYONS, BRIAN WARNER, JAGJIT PLAHE & EMILY McCONOCHIE - Indigenous and Local Community Led Carbon Offset: Australia and Kenya Experiences"	BEN ROBRA - Sufficiency through commoning relationality: Transcending business as usual	TOM ALGIE - How crypto currency (eg Bitcoin) can help facilitate the transition to a new economy
	HAMED HOSSEINI - Revalorizing Value Beyond Capital: From De-commonization to Re-commonization for Liberating Life (ONLINE)	RUTH IRWIN "EX NIHILO finance and emissions growth" (ONLINE)
2.45-2.50PM (5 mins to change sessions)		

CONCURRENT SESSION 4 – SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025

SESSION 4 (45 MINS)		
Sat 2.50pm-3.35pm Auditorium	Sat 2.50pm-3.35pm Multipurpose Hall	Sat 2.50pm-3.35pm Activity Room
4.1 FIRST NATIONS	4.2 COOPERATIVES WORKSHOP (40 mins)	4.3 INVESTING IN NEW ECONOMIES
MIKE WINER – Indigenous projects in Cape York/Starke River (ONLINE)	CLARE FOUNTAIN - Co-op Curious: Redefining Wealth Through Ownership, Agency and Collective Action	PETER MORRIS – The Great Regeneration Possibility (ONLINE)
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 SESSION 5 – SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

SESSION 5 (45 MINS)		
Sunday 10.30am-11.15am Auditorium	Sunday 10.30am-11.15am Multipurpose Hall	Sunday 10.30am-11.15am Activity Room
5.1 COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS	5.2 FOOD SYSTEMS	5.3 POWER AND PARTICIPATION
CARMEN STEWART – Imagining Regenerative Futures	JORGE CANTELLANO - Ediblescapes: Bridging Food Security, Climate Action, and Regenerative Conservation in Urban Agroforestry	PETER TAIT – How to win against capitalism: participatory democracy
ROSEMARY LEONARD – Valuing social capital: research at Narara ecovillage	LAURA DIMENT – The Murray Mallee Low-Rainfall Food Forest (ONLINE)	COOPER SMOUT – Valuing what matters: a participatory framework for collective recognition and coordination

CONCURRENT SESSION 6 & 7 – SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

SUNDAY WORKSHOPS

*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 6 WORKSHOPS		
1.30-pm-2.10pm (40 MINS) Auditorium	1.30-pm-2.10pm (40 MINS) Multi-purpose hall	1.30-pm-2.10pm (40 MINS) Activity Room
6.1 Communication tools for social change – SUSAN WANMER	6.2 Systems change – SARAH HOUSEMAN & KATHRYN McLACHLAN	6.3 Building circular economies – KERRY TOZER

2.10 -2.20pm (10 mins to change sessions)

SESSION 7 WORKSHOPS		
2.20pm-3pm (40 MINS) Auditorium	2.20pm-3pm (40 MINS) Multipurpose Hall	2.20pm-3pm (40 MINS) Activity Room
7.1 Building commercially successful, sustainable economies – DAVID HOOD AND TERENCE JEYARETNAM	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 GELLEUM