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G21 FORUM 2023



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G21 acknowledges and pays its respects to Wadawurrung, Gulidjan and Gadubanud Elders past, present and emerging.

We recognise their deep connection to the lands and waterways across the G21 region. We acknowledge their custodianship for thousands of years, their advocacy and continuing care of country.

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Program

Registration

8.30 am - 9.15 am

Welcome to Country

Nikki McKenzie & Norm Stanley

Welcome to the G21 Forum

G21 CEO Giulia Baggio with Master of Ceremonies Ali Moore

Keynote Speaker - The Hon. Jacinta Allan

Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop

Session 1

Transport and Housing – Unlocking Our Potential

Keynote Speaker – Dr Allison Stewart

Deputy CEO, Infrastructure Victoria

Panel Discussion

- Dr Allison Stewart
- Tony Brun – CEO, Melbourne-Avalon Airport
- Matt McDonald – CEO, Searoad Ferries

Morning Tea

11.15 am - 11.45 am

2050 Region Plan – Community Survey

Betsy Anderson, G21 Project Leader 2050 Region Plan

Session 2

G21 First Nations Leaders – A Regional Conversation

- Marsha Uppill – Adnyamathanha Woman, Chair of G21 First Nations Pillar, Co-Founder & Director of Arranyinha P/L
- Jodie Sizer – Djap Wurrung/Gunditjmara Woman & CEO of the Great Ocean Road Coast & Parks Authority
- Matt Stokes – Larrakia Man, Managing Director of Larrakia Bilirra, former AFL champion & Cats premiership player
- Corrina Eccles – Wadawurrung Woman, Cultural Strengthening General Manager, Wadawurrung TOAC
- Prof Mark Rose – Gunditjmara Man and Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Strategy, Deakin University

Lunch

1.00 pm – 2.10 pm

Tracey Slatter

CEO, Transport Accident Commission (TAC)

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Session 3

Race Around the Region – Major Projects for G21

- Shaun Cumming – Interim Managing Director, Barwon Water – G21 Renewable Organics Network
- John Riddiford - CEO, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority - Kitjarra-dja-bul Bullarto langi-ut masterplan
- Mark Hudson - Manager Community Engagement & Land Tenure, WestWind Energy

G21 Chair Melissa Stephens – Thanks and Farewell

Drinks

3.00 pm – 3.30pm

SPEAKERS

ALI MOORE Forum Host



Ali Moore has more than 30 years' experience as a journalist and broadcaster, working for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Australia's Nine Network, and for the BBC's global news network, based in Singapore. She has covered major news and current affairs events across the region, including as the ABC's China Correspondent in Beijing.

Ali is a former Vice-Chancellor's Fellow at the University of Melbourne, producing and presenting the 'This is Not A Drill' series of hypotheticals with Asialink, the ABC and the Wheeler Centre. Now a freelance broadcaster and journalist, Ali is a regular host on ABC Radio Melbourne.

THE HON. JACINTA ALLAN Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop

Jacinta is currently Deputy Premier in the Andrews Labor Government.

Throughout her career Jacinta has advocated strongly for Government investment that delivers for all Victorians, by creating jobs and delivering better health, education and transport services for communities.

She was elected to Parliament in 1999 as Member for Bendigo East and is the longest serving female Minister in Victoria's history.



TRANSPORT AND HOUSING

Unlocking Our Potential



DR ALLISON STEWART
Deputy CEO Infrastructure Victoria

Dr Allison Stewart is an experienced capital projects leader, strategist, academic and management consultant specialising in infrastructure and energy. She has worked around the world including in Tanzania, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Prior to joining Infrastructure Victoria, Allison was an executive at the Suburban Rail Loop Authority, the state's largest integrated land use and transport project. She has also led research into infrastructure required to enable automated and zero emissions vehicles.

TONY BRUN
CEO Melbourne-Avalon Airport

Tony has more than 20 years' experience in aviation across Australia, operating various airports including Bunbury, Geraldton and Sunshine Coast, in addition to senior and executive roles at Perth and Melbourne Airports.

An accomplished engineer, Tony has also worked as a CEO in local government in WA. Tony brings extensive commercial, planning, delivery and organisational transformation experience to Avalon Airport.



MATT MCDONALD
CEO Searoad Ferries



Matt is the Chief Executive Officer of Searoad Ferries — Australia's busiest car and passenger ferry service — operating between Queenscliff and Sorrento.

Matt has expertise in maritime operations and holds a Master of Business Administration. He is a qualified ships master, a marine biologist, and has previously captained luxury super yachts. Matt is also Chair of the Victorian Tourism Industry Council.

Appointed CEO of Searoad Ferries in 2011, Matt has transformed the once traditional business into a flourishing tourism operation, moving around one million passengers and 300,000 cars each year.

G21 FIRST NATIONS LEADERS

A Regional Conversation

MARSHA UPPILL

Adnyamathanha Woman, G21 First Nations Pillar Chair, Co-Founder & Director of Arranyinha P/L

Proud Adnyamathanha Woman, Marsha Uppill was appointed in 2022 as the Inaugural Chair of G21's First Nations Pillar. Her life's journey guides her current and future direction as she advocates and works towards generational change for First Nations peoples and our collective communities.

She has more than 30 years' experience in state and local government, alongside federal government and with industry, education and community organisations. Marsha is also a Board Member of Short Black Opera and Reconciliation Advisor to Cotton On Group.



MATT STOKES

Larrakia Man, Managing Director, Larrakia Bilirra Group and former AFL champion and Cats premiership player

Matt Stokes is a Larrakia Man who grew up in Darwin. He is a dual premiership player and Managing Director of Larrakia Bilirra Group, a leading Indigenous Infrastructure Services Company providing a range of services to government and private clients across Australia.

Matt's long term vision is to create a welcoming and empowering working environment, creating job opportunities for Indigenous people, and ensuring they always feel safe and secure.



CORRINA ECCLES

Wadawurrung Woman, Cultural Strengthening General Manager, Wadawurrung TOAC

Corrina Eccles is a proud Wadawurrung woman living and working on Wadawurrung Country in Djilang and across the Surf Coast and Bellawiyin.

Corrina is Cultural Strengthening General Manager for the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (WTOAC) and has over 25 years of employment experience in Aboriginal organisations in the region.

Corrina is a Board Director or Committee Member for various organisations, including Barwon Water, The Gordon TAFE, Barwon Regional Partnerships Advisory Committee, Geelong Football Club, and the Bells Beach Advisory Committee, Deakin University and G21 First Nations Pillar.



JODIE SIZER

Djab Wurrung/Gunditjmara Woman and Chief Executive Officer, Great Ocean Road Authority



Jodie Sizer is a Djab Wurrung, Gunditjmara Woman and one of Australia's foremost Indigenous leaders. She is inaugural CEO of the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority, and has dedicated decades to driving meaningful change in Indigenous communities.

She was inducted to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women, received the Prime Minister's Centenary Medal for her contribution to Australian society and has been listed as one of the 100 Women of Influence in the Australian Financial Review.

Jodie is qualified as a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA), is Chair of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Studies, a director of the Ebony Institute, and the Vice-President of the Collingwood Football Club.

PROFESSOR MARK ROSE

Gunditjmara Man and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous Strategy at Deakin University

Mark Rose is an Aboriginal Man traditionally linked to the Gunditjmara Nation of western Victoria. With a forty-year career in education, Mark has contributed to a broad range of educational settings in Victoria, nationally and internationally. He has served on five ministerial advisory committees and co-chaired the Victorian Implementation Review of Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

For six years, Mark held the Chancellor position at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Education Darwin where he oversaw Indigenous education engagement with Timor. In the last 15 years, Mark has held senior academic positions and in 2020 he became the inaugural Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Strategy and Innovation at Deakin University.



2050 REGION PLAN

Community Survey



BETSY ANDERSON **G21 Project Leader 2050 Region Plan**

Betsy is guiding development of G21's updated 2050 Region Plan.

The first G21 Plan in 2006 was unique in Australia. It was developed collaboratively by the people of the region to define opportunities, tackle barriers and set a long-term vision.

Much has changed since 2006. Climate change, First Nations and massive population growth were missing from the original plan, all of which will be included in the refreshed version.

The research process includes a region-wide survey, with the new Plan to be finalised by the end of 2023.

You can take part in shaping the future of the region by scanning the QR code and completing the survey.

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Transport Accident Commission (TAC)



TRACEY SLATTER **CEO Transport Accident Commission (TAC)**

Tracey is the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Transport Accident Commission (TAC). She was previously CEO of Barwon Water for six years, and before that worked in local government as the CEO of the City of Port Phillip and Colac Otway Shire.

Tracey is Deputy President at the Institute of Public Administration Australia (Victoria) and is also the Interim Chair of the Barwon Regional Partnership.

She holds a postgraduate qualifications in business leadership, a Masters in Commerce and is a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



RACE AROUND THE REGION

Major Projects for G21

SHAUN CUMMING

Interim Managing Director of Barwon Water



With a 25-year career in the water industry, Shaun has a passion for renewable energy, climate change and the environment. He has extensive experience in strategy, transformation, operations, construction, business development, IT and large-scale project development.

Shaun leads Barwon Water's Renewable Organics Network (RON), a cutting-edge approach to transforming organic waste material into renewable energy. The RON creates a circular economy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and creating energy that can be used by businesses and fed back to the grid.

JOHN RIDDIFORD

CEO Corangamite Catchment Management Authority

John is CEO of CCMA which oversees integrated catchment programs including river health, environmental water management, Landcare support, biodiversity conservation and floodplain management.

John has led development of the Kitjarra-dja-bul Bullarto langi-ut Masterplan, shaping the future of the lower Moorabool and lower Barwon River corridor. The recently released draft Masterplan aims to protect and enhance the environmental and cultural assets of the region.

In his previous role as Executive Officer for Vic Catchments, John represented the strategic and collegiate interests of the ten regional Victorian Catchment Management Authorities.



MARK HUDSON

Manager Community Engagement & Land Tenure, WestWind Energy

Mark Hudson heads up WestWind's Land Tenure and Community Engagement divisions nationally. WestWind is building the largest wind farm in Australia in the Golden Plains Shire.

Mark has worked on disability, social housing and retail projects in addition to his current work in the renewable energy sector.

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G21 CEO Giulia Baggio



G21 Chair Melissa Stephens

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