



Greening Cities

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Greening Cities is a leading forum for urban greening professionals committed to reimagining our urban landscapes and making it happen, from current best practice to disruptive horticultural ideas. Greening Cities will ignite meaningful conversations to educate, inspire, and support attendees to get greening.

Day 1: The University of Melbourne, Burnley Campus

Day 1: 7.30am – 4.15pm, Tuesday 25 June

7.30am Registration & Breakfast

8.30am Welcome, Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Heath McKenzie, Master of Ceremonies

8.40am Welcome Address

Anthony Kachenko, Hort Innovation

8.50am Session 1: What's growing on?

Belinda Bean, Greener Spaces Better Places

As cities grow, we need more greening, and see some great examples of this happening in the public realm. While learning from success is key, we also need to understand the opportunities and challenges to increase urban greening. The professions in policy, planning and design have an important role to play in linking green with growth.

9.20am Session 2: From negative to positive: the policies growing to restore nature.

Gail Hall, Australian Green Infrastructure Network

A round up of what is happening with Global Nature Requirements, Australia's Nature Positive Plan and national tools to measure biodiversity in development.

9.40am Session 3 – Greening the garden state.

Matt Bolton, Mosaic Insights

The benefits of increased tree canopy and other green infrastructure in cities are well understood. Despite significant investment by local and state governments to increase urban greening through tree planting and new and expanded open spaces, analysis shows that tree canopies are decreasing in metropolitan Melbourne. Matt will talk about an NGIV-funded project recently completed by Mosaic Insights that explored the barriers and potential opportunities to increase urban greening in urban areas in Victoria.

10.00am Session 4 - A landscape led future: a collaborative approach to a nature-based city.

Naomi Barun, GHD / Australian Institute of Landscape Architects

10.20am Q & A Panel Discussion

10.30am Morning Tea

11.00am Session 5: How a Community of Practice can help species selection.

Belinda Moody, City of Whitehorse and Adrian Murone, Merri-Bek City Council

While the science of climate resilience is invaluable, there is also benefit in sharing observations in real time. The Climate Resilience Vegetation Community of Practice aims to gather the observations and lived experience of those managing our urban forest and facilitate knowledge sharing with those who need to know.

11.20am Session 6: Learning plants: improving plant literacy among professionals will improve urban landscapes and 'grow' the industry.

John Rayner, Associate Professor in Urban Horticulture, The University of Melbourne University / Rayner Landscape Consultants

Plants may be key to 'greening cities' but there remains a significant deficit of knowledge around plant identification and use, including among landscape professionals. This presentation will describe why learning plants is critical to improving landscapes, how to identify high quality sources of plant information, and what we can do to improve 'plant literacy' across the wider industry.

11.40am Session 7: Yarra Valley Water

Ruth McDonnell, Divisional Manager Place Based Planning and Resilience, Yarra Valley Water

12.00pm Session 8: Major Roads Project Victoria

Austin O'Malley, Senior Manager, Ecology, Major Roads Project Victoria

12.20pm Q & A Panel Discussion

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Session 9: Green infrastructure supply chain guided discussions.

- Green infrastructure Strategy and Design – **Naomi Barun, GHD/AILA**
- Plant and tree selection – **Samantha Newton & Gwilym Griffiths, Which Plant Where**
- Sourcing, establishment, and maintenance – **Belinda Bean, Greener Spaces Better Places**
- Skills and education – a discipline challenge – **John Rayner, The University of Melbourne / Rayner Landscape Consultants**

2.30pm Afternoon tea

3.00pm Session 9: continues

4.00pm Day 1 wrap up

4.15pm Event concludes

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Day 2: Flemington Racecourse, Flemington

Day 2: 7.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 26 June

7.30am Complimentary parking available on site

7.50am Welcome, Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

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8.00am – 10.00am Flemington Racecourse tour

David Da Silva, Arboriculture Manager, Victorian Racing Club

Liam O'Keefe, Senior Manager Racecourse, Victorian Racing Club

Michael Ryan, Keeper of the Roses, Victorian Racing Club

Suzie Shearer, Founder, Coolabah Turf

10.00am – 2.00pm Wyndham City Council

Alomora Estate, Tarneit and Alamanda Estate, Point Cook

Leigh Tolhurst, Urban Forest Planner, Wyndham City Council

Leanne Gillies, Research & Innovation Manager, Fleming's Nurseries

Sanctuary Lakes Resort

Mark Brown, Resort Presentation Manager, Sanctuary Lakes Resort Services

10.40pm Morning tea

12.30pm Lunch

2.00pm - 4.00pm Brimbank City Council

Civic Green, Hampshire Road; MB Lynch Memorial Gardens; HV McKay Garden Memorial Gardens; West Sunshine Woody Meadow; and Glengala Rd Pocket Park

Harish Shirodkar, Senior Urban Designer, Brimbank City Council

Hasan Mustafa, Senior Urban Designer, Brimbank City Council

Liz Chapman, Urban Design Coordinator, Brimbank City Council

Damien Weaver, Parks Development Coordinator, Brimbank City Council

John Rayner, The University of Melbourne

Scott Spedding, General Manager, Coolabah Turf

3.30pm Afternoon tea

4.30pm Event concludes at Flemington Racecourse

Day two guest audio presenters include:

Kathryn Oosthuizen, Arborgreen

Todd Gallagher, Evergreen Connect

Bec Clayton, Turf Australia