



CITIES POWER PARTNERSHIP

SUMMIT 2018

ACCELERATING LOCAL ACTION

October 18-19, 2018 | The Pavilion, Kiama NSW

Thursday 18 October 2018

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Registration and arrival coffee

9:00 am - 9:20 am

Acknowledgement of country

9:20 am - 9:30 am

Welcome

Councilor Mark Honey, Mayor, Kiama Municipal Council

9:30 am - 9:40 am

Summit overview

MC: Bruce Roberts, Journalist and Newsreader, Win Television

9:40 am - 10:25 am

International Keynote address

R. Rex Parris, Mayor, City of Lancaster, California

Lancaster reborn - how we became the clean energy capital of California

10:25 am - 10:55 am

Climate science update

Professor Lesley Hughes, Climate Councillor and Distinguished Professor of Biology, Macquarie University

Impacts for towns and cities.

10:55 am - 11:25 am

Morning Tea

11:25 am - 12:25 am

Establishing carbon reduction or carbon neutral targets

Nik Midlam, Manager Carbon Strategy, City Sustainability, City of Sydney

Daniel Murphy, Manager of Economic Development, Bega Valley Shire Council

Dr Matthew Nott, Founder, Clean Energy for Eternity

- Where to start - how to get Councillors on board?
- What are the information needs?
- Setting targets within the context of council change
- Broadening to community wide emissions – what's involved?

12:25 pm - 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

LOCAL ACTION IN FOCUS

Power Partner Best Practice Case studies

How innovative local government carbon emission reduction projects have either demonstrated leadership, a novel approach or overcome barriers.

Renewable Energy

Dr Sonia Marshall, Strategic Policy Officer, Sustainability, Liveability and Natural Assets, Sunshine Coast Council, Qld

How Council's policy framework has underpinned its 15 MWh solar farm and energy efficiency, demand management and sustainability initiatives.

Council Media Spokesperson Training

2:00 – 3:00pm: Presentation & key messages exercise - "By invitation"

3:30-4:30pm: One on one interview training for invited spokespeople

Run by the Climate Media Centre, this afternoon session for Mayors, elected representatives and delegated media spokespeople will assist in messaging for media opportunities including:

- Policy of strategy launches
- Responding to climate disruption (eg extreme weather events)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate solutions & new initiatives.
<p>Energy Efficiency Julie McMinn, Co-ordinator, Switch Your Thinking! Program, City of Gosnells, WA</p> <p><i>Switch Your Thinking!</i> is a regional approach developed to reduce administration and pursue ambitious mitigation projects across Metropolitan Perth. Working collectively with 16 Local Governments the licensed program services 1.1 million residents, 90,900 businesses and 300 schools. Efficiency projects include early adoption of green building practices, revolving energy funds, demand response alerts, negotiation of community purchase incentives and innovative residential trials</p>	<p>FREE for registered delegates.</p> <p>Numbers limited.</p> <p>Being held in the Saddleback Room on the Lower Ground Level of The Pavilion.</p> <p>Download flyer HERE.</p> <p>RSVP to info@cppsummit.org.au</p>
<p>Sustainable Transport Anna McGuire, Senior Policy Officer Climate Change, ACT Government</p> <p>Overview of the ACT's Transition to Zero Emissions Vehicles Action Plan 2018-2021, fleet electrification, charging infrastructure rollout and electric / hybrid bus & e-bike fleet trials.</p>	
<p>Work Together & Influence Anthony Weinberg, 3-Council Regional Environment Program Coordinator, Waverley, Woollahra & Randwick Councils, NSW</p>	

Nicola Saltman, Engagement Lead, 3 Council Regional Environment Program, Waverley, Woollahra & Randwick Councils, NSW

Solar my School Program, a free Council-run initiative designed to help primary and secondary schools “go solar” through feasibility, funding, installation, promotion & education assistance. In 12 months 36 of 64 schools are participating representing 1.3MW of identified and installed solar.

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Afternoon Tea

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

CARBON CERTIFICATION & RISK MANAGEMENT

Participating in the voluntary carbon market

Chris Wilson, Director of Sustainability Advisory Services, Pangolin Associates

To pursue a carbon neutral certification or to meet a greenhouse gas emission reduction target, Councils are increasingly interested in identifying the processes to participate in the voluntary carbon market.

- Performance to date – what is the participation of Australian councils?
- Where to start – establishing a baseline, data management & collection, supply chain research, offset purchasing guidelines
- How affordable is the process?
- Can councils be both proponents and purchasers of carbon offsets?

Case study: Brisbane City Council goes carbon neutral

Vicky Petterson, Senior Program Officer, Carbon Policy and Administration, Brisbane City Council

Australia's largest local government authority in population & budget received received formal certification as a carbon neutral organisation under the Australian Government's Carbon Neutral Program in early 2018.

- Lessons learned from measuring GHG emissions from landfill operations, electricity and fuel use and council supply chains

- Emissions reduction projects - landfill gas capture and combustion, energy & fuel efficiency and renewable energy
- How Council approached purchasing eligible carbon offsets to negate all residual emissions

4:30 pm - 5:10 pm

Understanding and managing climate liability for councils

Professor Karen Hussey, Climate Councilor & Director, Centre for Policy Futures, University of Queensland

- How much can we assess climate risk & exposure?
- Overview of risk management assessments
- Mitigation & adaptation activities

5:10 pm - 5:30 pm

Closing Remarks

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Networking drinks

7:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Power Partner Inaugural Awards

Award categories:

- Renewable Energy Achievement Award
- Energy Efficiency Achievement Award
- Sustainable Transport Achievement Award
- Community Engagement Award
- Best Buddies Award
- CPP Ambassador (individual)

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9:00 am - 9:05 am

Welcome and Day two preview

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9:05 am - 9:40 am

Local Keynote Presentation

Shane Rattenbury MLA, Minister for Climate Change & Sustainability, ACT Government

9:40 am - 11:00 am

- The role of local government action
- Report back from the San Francisco Global Climate Action Summit
- ACT progress on carbon neutral 2050 & 100% renewable energy targets

MANAGING ENERGY & PRICE RISK - Session Chair:

Katie Vines, Director of Sustainable and Resilient Cities, Climate-KIC Australia

Melbourne Renewable Energy Project (MREP) Power Purchase Agreement

John Griffiths, Senior Sustainability Officer, Urban Sustainability, City of Melbourne

Brett McDonald, Senior Greenhouse Project Officer, Sustainability & Transport, City of Port Phillip

- MREP Overview - who, when, how & why
- The appeal of linking electricity retail contracts to carbon neutrality
- What were the decision making steps Councils had to undertake to join the City of Melbourne led initiative of 14 members
- How did members measure and assess risk and financial impacts & environmental benefits
- What are the key learnings & opportunities for local government

Energy procurement & carbon neutrality

Anne Fitzsimmons, Senior Sustainability Officer, Inner West Council NSW

- Our carbon neutral pathway
- Models for accessing renewable energy (PPAs, microfarms and more)
- Lessons learned in procuring renewable energy
- Communicating the benefits for different audiences

The NSW Solar PPA Program for Councils - simplifying the process

Tim Wong, Senior Project Manager, Sustainable Government Team, NSW Office of Environment & Heritage

- A shared model overview between the Council & solar supplier
- What are the opportunities for cost savings?
- Benefits of a standardised contract, solar financing tool & pre-qualified panel of suppliers

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Morning Tea

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SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT - WHAT ROLE FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES? Session Chair:

Claire Painter, EQ Infrastructure Readiness Manager, Mercedes-Benz Australia

The state of EVs in Australia, an update & Victorian Local Government EV fleet readiness

Claire Connell, Project Officer, ClimateWorks Australia

Public charging infrastructure: the Carbon Neutral Adelaide story

Peter Nattrass, Technical Specialist Sustainability, City of Adelaide

- Providing charging as a public service
- Incentivising our communities for electric bike and car charging
- How can car parks be part of the solution?

Learnings from our NSW & ACT fast charging EV network rollout

Bernhard Conoplia, Program Director, NRMA Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Network

- Avoiding pitfalls
- Future opportunities for councils

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LOW CARBON PROJECT FINANCING OPTIONS

Wait for grant or act now – understanding the opportunity costs

Greg Bourne, Climate Councillor

Overview of the CEFC Local Government Financing program lending options & project funding evaluation criteria

Victoria Adams, Director, Corporate and Project Finance, Clean Energy Finance Corporation

Case study: Council developed mid scale 5MW solar farm on former landfill site – the funding story

Adam Clarke, Program Co-ordinator - Corporate & Community Planning, The City of Newcastle

1:30 pm - 2:20 pm

Lunch

2:20 pm - 2:50 pm

What role can councils play in the energy transition?

Understanding the solar potential in your community to facilitate solar uptake

Dan Stevens, Community Engagement Manager, Australian PV Institute

- The SunSPoT tool - empowering users with site specific solar knowledge

Delivering on community wide emissions reductions

Kate Nicolazzo, Head of Development, Moreland Energy Foundation

- Exploring local government's role in community energy – case studies from around Australia.
- Protecting our most vulnerable community members – the health, economic, environmental and social benefits of energy efficiency retrofitting.

Closing panel discussion: Cities Power Partnership reflections on year one

Mayor Damien Ryan, Alice Springs Town Council & Vice President Australian Local Government Association

Alix Pearce, Director, Cities Power Partnership, Climate Council

Helene Forsythe, Team Leader Sustainability, Canterbury-Bankstown Council

Councillor Andrew Sloan, Councillor, Kiama Municipal Council

- How has participating in the CPP benefited our emissions reduction mission?
- Where to from here - what would we like to see in year 2 & beyond?

Summary remarks & close

2:50 pm - 3:20 pm

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