

2026 CLIMATE PRACTITIONER NETWORK FORUM

Building Consensus

Location: Sanctuary, Adelaide Zoo

Date: 30 September 2026

Time: 8.30am (for 9.00am start)

Program

Introduction & Welcome

Welcome to Country

Jack Buckskin

Opening Address

Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross (LGA President)

Session 1: Keynote Speakers



Matthew Warren
LMS Energy, Former CE
Clean Energy Council



Dr Scott Hanson-Easey
School of Public Health, Adelaide
University

Morning Tea

Session 2

Short Presentations:

- ◇ **From Spreadsheets to Strategy: An honest account of turning carbon accounting into emissions reductions** Bethany Loates (*City of Charles Sturt*)
 - ◇ **Good Governance for Corporate Emissions Reduction** Ann Gibbons (*City of Port Adelaide Enfield*)
 - ◇ **Climate Positive Playground Framework** Rachael Hamilton/Adam Lohmeyer (*City of Onkaparinga*)
 - ◇ **Finding Common Goals to Build Future Resilience** Tim Carruthers (*Dept. for Environment and Water*)
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The Art of Story-telling Masterclass (Part 1)



David Rawlings
Award-winning Australian author

Lunch Break

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Simon Kneebone
Forum
artist-in-residence

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Session 3

Short Presentations:

- ◇ **Community Support Hubs for Local Resilience** Sophie Millsteed/Karla Billington (*Adelaide Hills Council/BRM Advisory*)
- ◇ **The Greater Adelaide Environment Network (GAEN)** Christy Spier (*Green Adelaide*)
- ◇ **Laying the Runway: Getting climate-ready before the mandate lands** Mark Siebentritt (*Edge Environment*)
- ◇ **From Risk to Action: Building Consensus on Regional Climate Priorities for Resilient East** Anna Pannell (*URPS*)

LGA Update

Anna Rogers

DEW Update

Sarah Witcher

Short Break

Session 4

Short Presentations:

- ◇ **Making Better Homes the New Normal: lessons from Homes for Tomorrow** Greg Sarre (*Mount Barker District Council/Resilient Hills & Coasts*)
- ◇ **AdaptWest Regional Cool Spaces Initiative** Dr Colette Blyth (*AdaptWest*)
- ◇ **Beyond the 5%: How street-level stewardship transforms urban greening** Megan Schartner (*City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters*)

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Wrap-up and Close (approx. 4.30pm)

(optional networking drinks @ The British, North Adelaide)

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