



## GREEN BUILDING DAY SYDNEY

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*Speaker biographies – by program order*

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### **Romilly Madew, Chief Executive Officer, GBCA**

Romilly Madew is passionate about creating sustainable buildings, communities and cities. Since 2006, Romilly has led the Green Building Council of Australia has built a global reputation as an influential advocate and change agent.

A vocal advocate of diversity, Indigenous issues, flexibility in the workplace, and women in sport. Romilly's collaborative style has led to many board and committee appointments. She is a member of the federal government's Cities Reference Group, Member of the Executive Committee of the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council, Independent Chair of the Currawong State Park Advisory Board, a member of the Sydney Olympic Park Authority and Chief Executive Women board's and President Bilgola Surf Life Saving Club.

Romilly is also a current and past member of numerous federal and state government ministerial panels.

Romilly was awarded the 2017 World Green Building Council Chairman's Award, the 2015 International Leadership Award by the US Green Building Council and was made an Honorary Fellow by the Planning Institute of Australia the same year. She has previously been named one of the '100 Women of Influence' by the Australian Financial Review and Westpac, and a National and NSW winner of the Telstra Business Women's Awards. In 2016 she was named Pittwater's Citizen of the Year.

Romilly as well as being President for the past five seasons is also a Patrol Captain of Bilgola Beach Surf Life Saving Club. She competes in Ocean swims and other charity walks and runs.

### **Jonathan Cartledge, Head of Public Affairs, GBCA**

Jonathan leads the Public Affairs team encompassing government relations, marketing and communications to drive the uptake of more liveable, productive, resilient and sustainable buildings, cities and communities.

Jonathan brings over 15 years experience in senior management, government relations, strategy and project management roles in the public and not-for-profit sectors in Australia and the UK.

Jonathan is chair of the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council Cities Task Group, he has a Master of International Studies with Honours from the University of Sydney, and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

**Justin Smirk, Senior Economist, Westpac**

Justin has 17 years' experience in Financial Markets. He joined Westpac in 1999 following his early training at the Reserve Bank of Australia. He has spent time in Westpac's London office and has had a secondment as Chief Economist at St George Bank. Justin's areas of interest are the international economy, commodity markets and the resources sector. He also analyses the Australia labour market and prices.

**Dr Stefan Hajkowicz, Senior Principal Scientist - Strategy and Foresight, CSIRO**

Dr Stefan Hajkowicz, Principal Scientist - Stefan is a senior principal scientist working in the field of strategic foresight at CSIRO's Data61 and is Brisbane based. Stefan is also director of the Data61 Insight Team – a group of researchers and consultants who examine digital economy trends, risks and opportunities. Stefan is a world leading researcher in the field of decision theory and has published seminal works on multiple criteria decision making. He is widely published in the international scientific literature and his most recent book titled "Global Megatrends" is available through CSIRO Publishing. Stefan has a doctorate in geography from the University of Queensland and postgraduate qualifications in economics from the University of New England.

**Rod Fehring, Chief Executive Officer, Frasers Property Australia**

Rod Fehring is Chief Executive Officer of Frasers Property Australia. He is also Chair of the Green Building Council of Australia. Rod has over 30 years' experience in the property industry around Australia including terms as CEO of Lend Lease Primelife Ltd and CEO of Delfin Lend Lease. Rod also served 8 years as Chair of the Australian Housing & Urban Research Institute Ltd.

**Siobhan Toohill, Head of Group Sustainability and Community, Westpac**

Siobhan is the Group Head of Sustainability at Westpac which has been ranked by the Dow Jones Sustainability Index as the world's most sustainable bank for the past four years. Her role covers sustainability strategy and governance including climate change and human rights policies, and progressing the Sustainable Development Goals. Her team also has responsibility for community programs, Indigenous engagement (Reconciliation Action Plan), Westpac Foundation (backing community organisations and social enterprises tackling social disadvantage), and Westpac Scholars (awarding 100 scholarships every year, forever).

A pioneer in corporate sustainability in Australia, including establishing property group Stockland's leading sustainability position, Siobhan is passionate about the capacity of business to create positive impact - building on her early career in design and urban policy.

**Barry Mann, Chief Executive Officer, Urban Growth**

Barry was appointed Chief Executive Officer of UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation in September 2017. His agency is responsible for promoting, co-ordinating, managing and securing the orderly economic development of five growth centres within metropolitan Sydney, including The

Bays, Redfern-Waterloo and Parramatta North.

Barry has more than 30 years' experience in the property and development sectors, working for listed organisations as well as in local government. He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) from UNSW and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment.

**Tracy McLeod Howe, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS).**

Tracy is a legally trained advocate with a commitment to human rights, addressing community disadvantage and gender inequality. Previously, Tracy has worked in both government and non-government settings, including with Domestic Violence NSW as Chief Executive Officer and as a senior legal advisor in federal government.

Tracy currently sits on many advisory boards in government and community including the NSW Government's Social Impact Investment Expert Advisory Group, the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council and the NSW Premier's Council on Homelessness.

Tracy has also been a delegate at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations in New York over the past 6 years.

Tracy is an Ambassador of the Australian Centre for Leadership for Women and is proud to sit on the NSW Council for Women's Economic Opportunity (CWEO).

Tracy's passion is to explore new ways of creating social change, working with business and collaborating with communities. She completed a post-graduate certificate in Business at the Cambridge Judge Business School, Cambridge University in 2017.

**Paolo Bevilacqua, General Manager, Sustainability & Real Utilities, Frasers Property Australia**

Paolo is the General Manager, Sustainability and Real Utilities at Frasers Property Australia. Real Utilities is a recently established authorised energy retailer and utilities business wholly owned by Frasers Property.

Prior to his role at Frasers Property, Paolo held a range of sustainability positions at Lendlease.

Paolo is the Chair of the Living Future Institute of Australia, and a member of the Property Council National Sustainability Roundtable.

**Jorge Chapa, Head of Market Transformation, GBCA**

Jorge ensures that GBCA's strategic priorities, partnerships, and product and services, including Green Star, accelerate the transformation of Australia's built environment – delivering more liveable, resilient, and sustainable places for everyone.

He has an architecture degree from the University of Monterrey in Mexico and a Masters in Design Science from the University of Sydney.

**Kevin Hydes, Chief Executive Officer & Founder, Integral Group**

Kevin Hydes, PE, PEng, CEng, RAIC(hon), FCIBSE, LEED® Fellow  
President & CEO, Integral Group

Former Chair of USGBC and World Green Building Council

Kevin is internationally recognized as a leader in sustainable design and for his contributions to the building industry. He has earned a reputation as an innovator, pioneer, and green business leader by creating transformative strategies. Kevin guides the growth and innovation at Integral Group as President and CEO. He has been engaged as an Industry Expert and Technical Advisor for: Clinton

Climate Initiative, Climate Carbon Positive Community; EcoDistricts; Building Health Initiative, USGBC-NCC; One Planet Communities; GSA National Peer Professional, and Office of Chief Architects of the U.S. General Services Administration. Kevin has also served as Chair of the USGBC, was a founder and director of the Canada GBC and a former Chair of the WorldGBC.

#### **James Fitzgerald, Development Manager, Impact Investment Group**

James leads Impact Investment Group's rejuvenation projects, including the Younghusband Wool Store development in Kensington Victoria.

Combined with background in advocacy and political science, James is passionate about the intersection between design, technology and social change. He is committed to impact investment as a major change pathway for values-aligned individuals and businesses.

As a Chartered Professional Engineer, James developed significant experience in designing and delivering major civil projects in roads, rail, urban water and natural resource management at both WorleyParsons and Alluvium Consulting.

Recently, James was Director of Business Development at Engineers Without Borders Australia, Australia's largest humanitarian engineering organisation. He is currently serving on various Boards across the west of Melbourne regarding economic development, urban renewal and creative spaces. James has a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) and Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) from The University of Melbourne.

#### **Danielle McCartney, Manager, Sustainability, University of Technology Sydney**

Danielle is the Manager of Sustainability at UTS where she is responsible for improving the University's sustainability performance through the planning, delivery and communication of sustainability initiatives. Danielle has a degree in Architecture, which included study in Stockholm and practical experience in Belgium. After working in architectural practice in Sydney for a few years she completed a Masters in Environmental Design at the University of Cambridge. Danielle then worked in sustainability consultancy in London and Sydney for over 10 years before moving to UTS in 2011. With her experience in integrating sustainability into the built environment Danielle provides strategic sustainability advice and review for University building projects and infrastructure. She also works collaboratively across the governance, operations, engagement, research and teaching / learning areas of the University to deliver sustainability outcomes. The University's efforts have been recognised in recent years with Green Globe and Green Gown Awards.

#### **Lauren Kajewski, Senior Manager - Sustainability and Housing Outcomes, Landcom**

Lauren Kajewski is a sustainability professional within the property and development sector. Having led social and environmental sustainability across corporate and government sectors, Lauren is particularly interested in fostering partnerships and shared value outcomes.

Lauren currently leads sustainability for Landcom, the NSW government developer – and is focused on advancing the organisation's international status for sustainable development. Lauren was the driving force behind Landcom's new Sustainable Places Strategy, which is committed to delivering excellence in urban development, and is aligned to international frameworks such as COP 21, the Sustainable Development Goals and 100 Resilient Cities.

Lauren has a Masters of Sustainability & Environmental Management at Harvard University, and is most interested in the liveability of urban places, and innovative education models to advance the achievement of at risk communities.

**Ian Lieblich, Sustainability Manager, Investa**

Ian has a wide array of experience having worked in international law and as a civil engineer prior to prior to joining the sustainability team at the Investa Property Group.

Working in the Sustainability team at Investa, Ian has helped shape the Funds' responses to climate change, dealing with the physical and transitional risks and opportunities posed by climate change in accordance with the TCFD's recommendations.

In addition to his role at Investa, Ian has continued involvement with an NGO lending capacity support and assistance to Small Island Pacific Nations on the front line of the fight against climate change. This work has taken him to the last three UNFCCC Climate Change Conferences including the historic 2015 Paris Conference of Parties where the Paris Agreement was signed.

Ian holds Bachelors of Laws (Honours) and Civil Engineering (Honours) from Monash University.

**Nicole Sullivan, Senior Manager - Green Star Solutions, GBCA**

Leading the Green Star Solutions team, Nicole is responsible for Green Star certification and technical development of the rating system. With a combination of technical expertise and marketing experience, Nicole is able to communicate the complexities of sustainable design and construction in accessible language that resonates with customers. She is focused on maintaining the integrity of Green Star ratings while providing a flexible customer experience.

**Andrew Cole, General Manager, Sustainability, Lendlease**

Andrew joined Lendlease in 2006 from the Sustainability Unit at the NSW Department of Planning, where he worked coordinating industry consultation, training and communications for the Building and Sustainability Index (BASIX).

Having held senior positions across sustainability and corporate affairs for Lendlease Corporation, where Andrew had oversight of international partnerships for Sustainability and Corporate Reporting, Andrew joined Lendlease's Australian property business – where he is responsible for sustainability strategy and strategic communications for the Property businesses and projects (new and existing). He is a trusted advisor to Lendlease's Global Leadership Team and Board, bringing more than 15 years' experience in sustainability for the built environment and demonstrating value for the end user of these places.

**Ben Gin, ESD Engineer, AECOM**

Ben Gin is a ESD Engineer working in the AECOM Buildings Applied Research team. Since joining in 2016, he has worked on a number of projects including the Sydney Metro Over Station Developments, Sydney Crown Hotel, Bays Precinct, University of Newcastle Honeysuckle City Campus Redevelopment and the Taronga Wildlife Retreat project. Ben graduated from UNSW with a First Class Honours in his Renewable Energy Engineering undergraduate degree, and while studying, he has worked globally across different fields including governmental regulatory bodies in Hong Kong, a cleantech private equity firm in Beijing and a biofuel plant in Malaysia. He also took part in the 'Low Carbon Arena Competition' run by World Wide Fund for Nature in 2010 and was one of the eight finalists chosen to embark on a China Climate Study Trip to explore different low carbon technologies and practices. Ben is a GBCA future Green Leader and has a passion for sustainability, especially the role of technology and innovation in improving building performance and sustainability.

**Simon Carter, Director, Morphosis**

Simon Carter is the founding director of Morphosis, a corporate sustainability strategy practice specialising in the real estate sector in Australia and internationally.

Spanning almost 20 years, Simon's career in the sustainability space started with sustainable design as an architect, moved to pushing market uptake of green building as head of sustainability for a large property services group and is now focused on organisational strategy and capacity development as a management consultant.

Simon's clients include large and small, listed and private property groups, specialist fund managers, corporations and governments.

In recent years, Simon's attention has been turning towards digitalisation, which he finds both highly exciting and deeply concerning.

**James McWhinney, State Sales Manager for NSW and ACT, Interface**

James McWhinney is the State Manager NSW/ACT for Interface. Interface are a global leader and manufacturer of commercial modular carpet tiles using materials and processes that take less from the environment. From repurposing fishing nets in Asia, to innovating industrial waste in their smart factory right here in Minto, Sydney; Interface are leading the industry on what it means to be zero waste, incorporating biophilic design for over 20 years.

**Richard Palmer, Director Sustainability, WSP**

Richard is an engineer by training, a consultant by profession and an ecologist at heart. He leads the Sustainable Places offering for WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff in Australia/New Zealand, providing design and advisory services on green buildings, sustainable infrastructure and urban renewal projects. He has over 10 years international expertise in sustainable design and urban resilience approaches to the built environment in industrialised and emerging economies.

**Fiona Beynon, Director, Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy**

Fiona Beynon is currently Director of the Fuel Policy Section from the Energy Security Branch of the Department of the Environment and Energy. Fiona is an ecology and natural resource graduate and has worked for the State and Commonwealth Government, industry partners and non-government organisations. She has over 20 years' experience in the development of environmental standards, including under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. Her experiences range from on-the-ground activities, as a field based ecologist, through to the review, development and regulation of major environmental and energy related legislation, policies and programs.

**Tom Davies, Director and Co-Founder, Edge Environment**

Tom is Director and Co-founder of Edge Environment. Edge have been working on bringing more plants into the Built Environment with Horticulture Innovation, GBCA and ISCA.

**Robin Mellon, Chief Executive Officer, Supply Chain Sustainability School**

Robin has combined his passion for the environment, qualifications in property and finance, and understanding of construction and heritage to become one of Australia's acknowledged experts on built environment sustainability. After nine years with the GBCA working on the Green Star rating tools, government relations and international advocacy, Robin is now the Chief Executive Officer of the Supply Chain Sustainability School and Chair of the NSW Green Globe Awards.

**Davina Rooney, General Manager Sustainability, Stockland**

Davina Rooney is General Manager, Sustainability and Corporate Procurement at Stockland. Her role is to develop strategy and ensure sustainable practices and policies are adopted across Stockland, and implement corporate purchasing strategies. Davina is an engineer and has extensive experience in sustainability and building consulting. Davina has a variety of sustainability experience, from environmental projects, not-for profit boards and overseas community development work, spending 8 months working in the Indian Himalayas on the construction of a school which won multiple international awards. Davina has been recognised by industry awards including NAWIC NSW Sustainability 2016, PCA 2014 Future Leaders Award and Sydney University Engineering Young Alumni Award. She is currently Chair of the Property Council's National Sustainability Roundtable and on the Green Star Steering Committee.

**Beck Dawson, Chief Resilience Officer, Resilient Sydney**

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**Greg Johnson, National Sustainability Manager, Commercial Property, Stockland**

Greg Johnson is Stockland's National Sustainability Manager, providing support to the Commercial Property business. With 35 years of experience in the property industry in building services and asset management, Greg has been responsible for the development and implementation of sustainability policy and strategy over the last 13 years, and at Stockland since 2007.

With his background in building services, operations and asset management, Greg has a comprehensive understanding of the issues of measuring the performance of buildings and the integration of sustainability into operations for existing buildings and in design for new developments. Climate change adaptation is an emerging challenge for the property industry. Greg has been leading the work to develop a methodology to assess vulnerability and resilience of its buildings and has conducted assessments of its commercial property portfolio over the last two years. More recently, assessments have been completed on a range of retirement living villages and some of Stockland's master planned residential communities.

With an understanding of the climate predictions for regions where it has a presence, Stockland can determine how it may be impacted by changing climate conditions and implement short and long term actions to improve the resilience of its assets and the communities it helps to create.

**Nik Comito, Director, Environmental Sustainability, Optus**

Nik Comito is the Director, Environmental Sustainability since September 2014. The core focus areas of his role are implementing the environmental strategy across Australia and Singapore under the Singtel Group banner. With a focus on creating long-term value for organisations and communities, Nik evaluates emerging issues (from climate change risk, product stewardship to sustainable supply chain) and works to reframe these issues as opportunities. Nik is a member of the Australian Business Roundtable for Disaster Resilience and Safer Communities and a member on the United Nations Global Compact Environmental Committee.

Prior to his appointment, Nik headed the Veolia Water Environmental Sustainability program across Australia and New Zealand was the National Environmental Manager at StarTrack, Environmental Integration Manager at Australia Post and worked in Canada in the Oil and Gas sector in an

environmental capacity. Additionally he has worked at the local government level in Environmental and Sustainability roles.

**Rebecca Miller, Principal Sustainability and Resilience Specialist, AECOM**

Rebecca Miller brings 15 years' experience working across a broad spectrum of sustainability and resilience projects. She has a wealth of experience relating to sustainable communities; infrastructure sustainability; sustainability frameworks, assessment and reporting; climate change risk and resilience; and, stakeholder engagement. Rebecca has provided input and advice to inform the development of climate risk and resilience credits, and subsequent training, for both the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia's (ISCA) Infrastructure Sustainability Tool and the Green Buildings Council of Australia's Green Star Communities Tool. She has recently completed a Masters of Sustainability Leadership with distinction through the University of Cambridge where the focus of her research was Climate Resilient Cities, from Planning to Action Lessons for Success.

**James Cahill, ESD Engineer, Mirvac**

James works as an ESD Engineer at Mirvac. He's currently based at Australian Technology Park - a precinct-scale mixed-use development in Eveleigh - where he's responsible for Green Star submissions, solar PV works and various other sustainability initiatives. Prior to joining Mirvac, James was a member of KPMG's Sustainability Services team.

He has completed a combined Bachelor of Environmental Engineering / Bachelor of Laws degree at UTS and has recently commenced a Master of Sustainable Built Environment, which he studies part-time at UNSW.

In 2018, James was named GBCA's 'Future Green Leader of the Year'. He maintains a strong interest in green buildings and infrastructure, sustainable urbanism and transport policy.

**Kathryn O'Flynn, Manager Environmental Performance and Governance, Transport for NSW**

Kathryn O'Flynn is the Manager Environmental Performance and Governance at Transport for NSW. She has 23 years' experience in developing government policy supporting the delivery of state significant projects. This includes prior roles as Manager Environment Policy at the Olympic Coordination Authority for the 2000 Olympic Games, and Manager Planning Policies at the Sydney Olympic Park Authority. Kathryn was the Manager Sustainability on the Sydney Metro and inner west light rail extension projects. She is now responsible for coordinating the environment and sustainability effort across the Transport cluster, as well as leading the environmental sustainability component of the Future Transport Strategy 2056.

**Sally Hamilton, Director Environment & Planning, Sydney Olympic Park Authority**

As Director Environment and Planning, Sally is responsible for the delivery of the Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan 2030 to create a vibrant, sustainable community whilst maintaining the Parks Olympic Legacy as a major events precinct and a world class regional parkland.

Sally has over two decades experience in urban regeneration, environmental planning and sustainability across all levels of government, most notably with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and the restoration and revitalisation of former Sydney Harbour defence sites such as Cockatoo Island.

Prior to joining Sydney Olympic Park Authority Sally was Environment Manager at Willoughby City Council leading a team of environmental and sustainability professionals who together transformed

the City into one of the most sustainable local government areas in NSW and earning several awards and accolades including the United Nations Award for 'Excellence in Overall Environmental Management'.

Sally is passionate about creating sustainable urban spaces and places for the community to enjoy happiness and wellness with a minimal environmental footprint.

**Scott Clohessy, Development Manager, Frasers Property Australia**

Scott Clohessy joined Frasers Property Australia in 2011, and focused on the delivery of various projects at Central Park including; RMS, Sydney Water and Ausgrid major upgrade works, Chippendale Green, the Central Thermal Plant and Tri-generation Facility and two residential projects, Connor and Wonderland. Scott moved onto the Ivahoe project in early 2017 working on the Masterplan and stage 1 SSDA submissions.

Scott's career spans over 13 years in the property industry in both construction and development. Scott has spent the majority of his career working for developers, notably on the City Quarter and Central Park precincts.

**Michael Manikas, Head of Market Engagement, GBCA**

Michael is the Head of Market Engagement with the Green Building Council of Australia.

Michael has had a long association with the GBCA dating back to 2005 having contributed to numerous research projects and publications over the years as well as presenting at GBCA events including several Green Cities conferences.

In his current role Michael is overseeing the engagement with new and existing members and the growth and uptake of Green Star.

Michael also manages key international partnerships with the South African Green Building Council and the New Zealand Green Building Council as well as representing the GBCA on the World Green Building Council Asia Pacific Regional Network.

**Dr Jackson Clarke, Associate Director and Lead Physicist, Brookfield Scientific Solutions Group**

Jackson Clarke has a background in particle physics having won The University of Melbourne Chancellors Prize for his 2016 PhD in Physics Beyond the Standard Model. He contributes to SSG in research and development through his understanding of the fundamental principles governing energy and motion.

**Kris Eckstein, Project Consultant - Commercial & Industrial, Big Ass Fans**

Kris joined Big Ass Fans six months ago coming from a background working in technology communications. The opportunity to work in a role combining the latest ceiling fan technology with energy efficiency made Kris dive into Big Ass Fans.

Kris now works with architects and specifiers helping them make their projects more sustainable and energy efficient through Big Ass Fans' ability to minimise ductwork needed, reduce construction costs, and increase comfort.