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2024 Program

Future Cities Summit

27 March | Sydney



Australia's Future Cities:

The places we need for people and the planet.

Wednesday 27 March

8:00am – 8:30am

Registration

8:30am – 8:45am

Welcome to the Future Cities Summit

Mike Zorbas, Chief Executive, Property Council of Australia

8:45am – 9:35am

Session one

Opening keynote: the future cities Australia needs for people, place and planet global practices review

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Benefit from the expertise of Professor Greg Clark CBE FAcSS, a global cities advocate with an extensive background in shaping over 300 cities and 40 national governments.

Greg is a recognised authority on cities, urban leadership and investment into the sustainable urban transition.

The global perspective keynote will cover:

- Global urbanisation today and in 2080
- Australian Cities in Global Perspective
- People, Place, Planet
- The issues all cities now face

- The new tools and platforms for successful urbanisation
- A new investment thesis and partnership platform for cities
- Opportunity for Australian Cities and Property Sector.

Keynote: Professor Greg Clark CBE FAcSS, Global Advisor and Chairman for Cities, The Business of Cities

9:35am – 10:00 am

Session two

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AI cities are here. Is Australia ready?

Around the world, AI is radically reshaping our cities. In Helsinki, a chatbot already offers citizens 24-hour help with housing services. In Seoul, an AI taxi system analyses millions data points to find the fastest routes and create seamless experiences for passengers. And in Boston, an AI-powered tree-detecting algorithm maps tree canopy and health to tackle the urban heat island effect. These are just three of dozens of examples already logged in the Atlas of Urban AI. Technology is transforming urban planning, design and construction. But are we ready? This session moderated by Procore's Jeremie Henry will bring together government, industry and on-the-ground project specialists to explore how Australia can accelerate action today to create AI cities of tomorrow.

Presenters:

Camille Jasson, Business Innovation Lead, APP
Meredith Hodgman, Digital Infrastructure Lead, Indara

Host:

Jeremie Henry, Industry Relations & Alliances, Procore

10:00am – 10:50am

Session three

Our place: housing more people and building better places, meeting the future housing mix

Australia's recent record of home-building is already way behind our population growth, which will now accelerate and risks a permanent housing deficit that would undermine our economy and our quality-of-life promise. One key focus is on diversifying the types of tenures of new homes to dilute our dependence on single family car-dependent lifestyles.

In this session we will examine the opportunities and barriers, and predict the future state, for each asset class.

Panel:

Angela Buckley, General Manager, Build to Rent, Mirvac
Anouk Darling, Chief Executive Officer, Scape
Michelle Bruggeman, Chief Operating Officer, Levande

Moderator:

Daniel Gannon, Executive Director – Retirement Living, Property Council of Australia

10:50am – 11:20 am

Morning tea

11:20am – 11:50am

Session four

Connected places for vibrant lifestyles

The magic of any city is connections and opportunities. Australia's massive transport infrastructure investment of recent decades requires us to accelerate the place-based opportunities for connected living and working. Combined with digital technologies and platforms, new high-capacity transport systems allow us to re-make our cities around vibrant, dense, and mixed-use hubs that optimise land use, expand human choice, and contain carbon emissions. So where in the world is it being done right and what are the best governance models deliver transit-oriented developments in Australian cities? How do we inspire citizen support for major transport projects?

Moderator:

Professor Greg Clark CBE FAcSS, Global Advisor and Chairman for Cities, The Business of Cities

Panel:

Lissa van Camp, Executive General Manager of Land, Planning, Environment & Sustainability, Melbourne Suburban Rail Loop Authority
Anne Jolic, Director of Operations, Development, Lendlease
Chris Brown, Cross River Rail Precincts Director, QIC

11:50am – 12:20pm

Session five

Australia's future cities from the outside in

How does the rest of world see the future of Australian Cities? Where are we ahead and where are we behind? What do Australian cities need to stay ahead in the global rankings over the next 20 years as the cities across the world make decisive improvements in their quality of life, affordability, sustainability and liveability? Joining us live and in person, meet some of the world's leading analysts of cities.

Panel:

Dr. Tim Moonen, Co-Founder, The Business of Cities

Dr Tm Moonen has led more 20 comparative assessments of Australian cities against their global competitors. Tim is based in the UK.

Chris Fair, CEO, Resonance Consulting

Chris Fair leads the team that produces the World's Best Cities report each year and he convenes and hosts the WRLD CTY congress. Chris is based in Canada.

Rosina Di Maria, Principal, Adelaide Studio Chair, Woods Bagot

Rosina Di Maria MDIA is an interior designer with extensive global experience, having lived and worked across Europe, Russia, Asia. Rosina is based in Adelaide.

12:20pm – 1:30pm

Networking Lunch

1:30pm – 2:15pm

Session six

24 hour districts: places that serve 21st century people

Australian cities work around the clock. Port cities and airport hubs serve our trade and travel economies all day and night every week. Our office and media districts support information, finance, trades, and service economies as they connect with global markets, events, and time zones. Our cultural quarters and entertainment zones stay open late to curate unique experiences and encounters, and to service participation, welcome tourists, and nourish revellers. The city, after dark, is a busy and productive place that needs leadership. How can we optimise the nighttime city without losing sleep?

Panel:

Jessica Christiansen-Franks, Founding Director and CEO, Neighbourlytics
Michael Rodrigues, 24 Hour Economy Commissioner, Department of Enterprise, Investment & Trade, NSW Government
Kate Meyrick, Director, Urbis

Moderator:

Ash Nicholson, Director, Government & Industry, CBRE

2:15pm – 3:00 pm

Session seven

Decarbonisation of cities and precincts

Cities have a special relationship with climate. They concentrate the activities that produce emissions, and the density of cities heat and air pollution. Property is the largest single cause of emissions. Cities are also vulnerable to climate change and concentrate the assets, infrastructures, and systems that must become resilient.

Cities are also the centres on innovation in human living, behaviour change, and technology adoption, and retrofitting, that can drive out carbon and increase quality of life and place at the same time. How will our cities decarbonise? Who will lead and what will governments do? What role for property, and what can we measure in decarbonising in the built environment, and what do we need to be ready for?

Panel:

Scientia Professor Deo Prasad AO LFAIA, CEO, Decarbonisation Innovation Hub, University of NSW
Connor McCauley, Head of Sustainability, Australia & New Zealand, JLL
Davina Rooney, Chief Executive Officer, Green Building Council of Australia

Moderator:

Frankie Muskovic, Director, National Policy, Property Council of Australia

3:00pm – 3:30 pm

Afternoon Tea

3:30 pm – 4:20 pm

Session eight

Future cities hypothetical: resilience and security lense

Our next 50 years will see dramatic rises in droughts, fires, floods, freak weather, noxious air, and cyber & bio warfare. Concern for the security of our water, food, energy, land, waste, atmosphere, infrastructure, technology systems, and buildings will rise accordingly. How can Australia retrofit itself for resilience?

What tools and technologies are needed across our cities to make the adjustment to resilience now?

What leadership is needed from whom, and how well are we equipped to provide it?

For the property sector, how can our built environment take a lead to drive innovation for resilience, creating a competitive advantage for Australian cities and for real estate expertise?

Host:

Professor Greg Clark CBE FAcSS, Global Advisor and Chairman for Cities, The Business of Cities

Speakers:

Michelle Cramer, Future Communities Leader – Australia, GHD

Professor Peter Newman AO, Curtin University

Anita Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer Placemaking NSW

Mike Zorbas, Chief Executive, Property Council of Australia

4:20pm – 4:30pm

Wrap and close

Insights from Professor Greg Clark, Professor Greg Clark CBE FAcSS, urbanist & innovator

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Networking Cocktail Party



2024 Event Information

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