

## Wednesday 6 March

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8:00 – 9:00		
8:50 – 10:00	<b>ARRIVAL &amp; REGISTRATION</b>	SEC Welcome Welcome to Country, Yvonne Weldon, MLAC Expo keynote
10:00 – 11:30	<b>1A</b> VITAL	<p><b>Renewable energy communities</b></p> <p>Hear from <b>community energy icons</b> about the journey of transforming communities. What can we learn to speed up our own journeys?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stefan Gsaenger, <i>IRENA &amp; WWEA</i></li> <li>• Anne, Kennedy, <i>Zero Emissions Noosa</i></li> <li>• Daniel Redman, <i>Repower Shoalhaven</i></li> <li>• Matt Charles-Jones, <i>Totally Renewable Yackandandah</i></li> <li>• Geoff Park, <i>Renewable Newstead</i></li> </ul>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	
12:00 – 13:15	<b>1B</b> FAIR & VITAL	<p><b>Australia’s energy future</b></p> <p>Chaired by Anne Delaney from RenewEconomy, this is a session with four visionaries, four different visions. Where we’re going, what we need to do, how we can ensure success. CHAIR: Anne Delaney, <i>RenewEconomy &amp; SwitchedOn</i></p> <p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> SAUL GRIFFITHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lauren Mellor, <i>Original Power</i></li> <li>• Scott McDinny, <i>Borrooloola Community</i></li> <li>• Brendan French, <i>ECA</i></li> <li>• Dr Sophie Scamps MP, <i>Federal Member for Mackellar</i></li> </ul>
13:15 – 14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14:00 – 15:45	<b>1C</b> FAIR & FAST	<p><b>The community renewable vision</b></p> <p>What are the most significant things that support households and communities to change? We will share our knowledge about what has worked best in driving change for our own community energy work and in our own communities. This is a facilitated workshop session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Spak, <i>ECA – Lead facilitator</i></li> <li>• Moragh Mackay, <i>Mycelia Renewables</i></li> <li>• Kristy Walters, <i>Community Power Agency</i></li> <li>• Jem Cox, <i>Electrify Bouddi</i></li> </ul>
15:45 – 16:00	<b>AFTERNOON TEA (15 MINS)</b>	
16:00 – 17:15	<b>1D</b> FAST	<p><b>Finance and Partnerships</b></p> <p>Pace relates to resources. Hear about sources of finance and support that successful community energy projects have leveraged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christina Kirsch, <i>Clearsky Solar</i></li> <li>• Jonathan Prendergast, <i>Komo Energy</i></li> <li>• Briony O’Shea, <i>Chair, CORENA</i></li> </ul>

**Thursday 7 March**

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8:00 – 9:00	<b>ARRIVAL &amp; REGISTRATION</b>		<b>OPTION: EXPO KEYNOTE</b>	
9:00 – 10:00				
10:00 – 11:30	<b>2A</b>	<b>Big Renewables and communities</b>	Benefit sharing, creating opportunities for meaningful participation in renewable projects and aligning renewable production with community needs.	
	FAST		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kim Mallee, <i>Community Power Agency</i></li> <li>• Andrew Bray, <i>Re-Alliance</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sabiene Heidl, <i>The Energy Charter</i></li> </ul>
	&			CHAIR: Kath Elliott, <i>Squadron Energy</i>
	FAIR			
11:30 – 12:00	<b>MORNING TEA</b>			
12:00 – 13:15	<b>2B</b>	<b>Batteries, microgrids and controls</b>	What does the technology of the future grid look like? And what can we learn from the pioneering projects that have led the way in Australia?	
	FAST		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marie Lakey, <i>Yarra Energy Foundation</i></li> <li>• Sally Hunter, <i>Geni Energy</i></li> <li>• Chris Wenban, <i>Narara Eco-Village</i></li> <li>• Leon Chanter, <i>ARENA</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Madie Sturgess &amp; Chantelle Johns, <i>Original Power</i></li> <li>• Tricia Hiley, <i>Mallacoota</i></li> <li>• Nick Mason-Smith, <i>Indigo Power</i></li> </ul>
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	VITAL			
13:15 – 14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>			
14:00 – 15:30	<b>2C</b>	<b>Electrify Everything</b>	Community energy groups have always led on this front. Bulk buys, facilitated quotes, independent information, trusted suppliers & support. What works best? And what do we need to learn from successful models?	
	FAST		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karina Donkers, <i>Geelong Sustainability</i></li> <li>• Gavin Gilchrist, <i>Inner West Sydney</i></li> <li>• Lloyd Heathfield, <i>Yarra Energy Foundation</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kristen MacDonald, <i>Rewiring Australia</i></li> <li>• Colin Long, <i>Earthworker Cooperative</i></li> </ul>
	&			CHAIR: Dr Chris Taylor, <i>Reclaim Energy</i>
	FAIR			
15:30 – 15:45	<b>AFTERNOON TEA (15 MINS)</b>			
15:45 – 17:15	<b>2D</b>	<b>Resilience, Equity &amp; Justice</b>	Harder to deliver, and so much more important. Hear from the innovators working out how to bend our energy systems back toward serving everyone and delivering essentials. CHAIR: Moragh Mackay, Mycelia	
	VITAL		<p>Equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bendigo Sustainability, Pingala</li> </ul> <p>Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Totally Renewable Yackandandah, Venus Bay, Geelong Sustainability</li> </ul>	<p>Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original Power, Indigenous Energy Australia</li> </ul>

## CONNECTIONS DAY – DAY 3

8 March 2024 | Narara/DARKINYUNG

### FIELD TRIP – Narara Eco-Village Friday 8 March

7:45 – 9:15	<b>ELECTRIC BUS FROM SYDNEY TO NARARA ECO-VILLAGE!</b> *Or take the train or drive*
9:30 – 10:15	<b>WELCOME</b> <b>Arrival &amp; coffee</b> <b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> Introduction to Narara Workshop selection
10:15 – 11:00	<b>TOURS</b> <b>Smart Grid</b> <b>Battery</b> Sustainable homes Electric transport
11:00 – 11:15	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
11:15 – 12:00	<b>TOURS CONTINUED</b>
12:00 – 1:00	<b>WORKSHOP 1</b> <b>Working with homes &amp; businesses</b> <b>Building renewable infrastructure</b> <b>Reaching community &amp; social glue</b> <b>Advocacy &amp; changing the system</b>
1:00 – 2:00	<b>LOCALLY SOURCED LUNCH &amp; WANDER AROUND</b>
2:00 – 3:00	<b>OPTION</b> <b>WORKSHOP TWO</b> or <b>Permaculture Tour</b>
3:00	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
3:00 – 3:30  Arr. Sydney 5:30	<b>CLOSE</b> <b>Report back and Close</b> <b>ELECTRIC BUS BACK TO SYDNEY!</b> *Or take the train or drive*