

October 12, 2022 | 8 AM | City Hall

HUNTER INNOVATION FESTIVAL 2022

CONNECTING THE INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

WELCOME.

JOIN US FOR THE 2022 HUNTER INNOVATION FESTIVAL!

Hunter Innovation festival aims to inspire and promote a culture of innovation amongst Hunter businesses, researchers, industry and the wider community to help position the Hunter region as an internationally recognised centre for innovation.

This year our theme is focused on 'connecting the innovation ecosystem', covering six major topics including:

- Renewable energy transition
- Investment and funding
- Sovereign manufacturing capability
- Emerging technology
- Medical technology
- Talent acquisition and retention

We've worked hard to bring you the very best industry thinkers, start-ups and industry innovators from across the Hunter region and beyond to celebrate, network and connect with our diverse local talent.

We hope you enjoy the festival.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

08:00 – 09:00 **REGISTRATION**

Location: CITY HALL, MAIN ENTRANCE

OPEN SESSION
CITY HALL AND CONCERT HALL



09:00 – 09:10 **CONFERENCE WELCOME**

Location: CONCERT HALL

Greetings from Festival Chair, Alex Brennan

09:10 – 09:20 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Bradley Twynham

09:20 – 09:30 **OFFICIAL WELCOME**

Deputy Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Declan Clausen

09:30 - 09:45 **KEYNOTE #1**

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

Speaker: Dr Glenn Platt , The Emergent Group

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09:45 - 10:15

PANEL DISCUSSION #1 THE FUTURE OF REGIONAL INNOVATION

Moderator: Bradley Twynham

Panelists:

Dr Glenn Platt, The Emergent Group

Deputy Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Declan Clausen

Ivan Waterfield - CEO, Hunternet

Rod Henderson - Managing Director, Ampcontrol

Vivian Miles - Executive GM, Strategy & Investments, NRMA



BREAK

10:15 - 10:45

10:45 - 11:15

KEYNOTE #2

HOW TO LEVERAGE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION TO MAXIMISE YOUR TALENT ATTRACTION AND RETENTION

Speaker: Kate Broughton - Tech Girls Movement

11:15 - 11:45

KEYNOTE #3

RENEWABLE ENERGY INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT, REGIONAL DECARBONIZATION AND MANUFACTURING

Speaker: Heidi Lee - CEO, Beyond Zero Emissions

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11:45 - 12:15

PANEL DISCUSSION #2

HOW DOES A TRANSITIONING ECONOMY FUEL SUSTAINABILITY?

Moderator: Greg Hall

Panelists:

Heidi Lee - CEO, Beyond Zero Emissions

Simon Byrnes - Executive, Port Of Newcastle

Steph Hinds - Head Ninja, Growthwise

Sarah Sivyier - Founder & Farmer, Just Been Laid

LUNCH BREAK

12:15 - 1:15

1:15 - 1:45

SPECIAL KEYNOTE - GUS BALBONTIN

FROM NOW TO NEXT - HOW TO LEVERAGE YOUR LEARNINGS INTO ACTIONS

Speaker: Gus Balbontin

BREAK

1:45 - 2:00

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BREAKOUT STREAMS

2:00 - 2:50

STREAM 1 - CONCERT HALL

SOVEREIGN MANUFACTURING

(15 MIN) SOVEREIGN MANUFACTURING'S CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO THE HUNTER REGION

Speaker: Fred Reis, CEO, Milltech Martin Bright

(25 MIN) DISCUSSION PANEL

Moderator: Lea Lewin, Senior Project Manager, BZE

Panelists:

Justin Bain - CEO, 3ME

Mark Chilcote - CEO, Energy Renaissance

Fred Reis - CEO, Milltech Martin Bright

Alexander Post - CTO, MGA Thermal

(10 MIN) Q&A



STREAM 2 - BANQUET ROOM

TALENT RETENTION AND ACQUISITION

(15 MIN) HOW THE HUNTER CAN COMPETE ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE IN THE WAR FOR TALENT

Speaker: Aaron McEwan, RMIT / Gartner

(25 MIN) DISCUSSION PANEL

Moderator: James MacDonald - Director,
NewyTechPeople & RemoteTechPeople

Panelists:

Jeremy Gupta - COO, Loopit

Zanné van Wyk - Strategist, Microsoft

Annabelle Scott - Operations, Atlassian

Arden Jarrett - Business Development, MGA Thermal

(10 MIN) Q&A

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BREAKOUT STREAMS CONT.

2:00 - 2:50

STREAM 3 - HUNTER ROOM

INVESTMENT & FUNDING

(15 MIN) HOW TO FUND FUTURE INNOVATORS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Speaker: Lisa Foster - Partner at PwC

(25 MIN) DISCUSSION PANEL

Moderator: Lisa Foster - Partner at PwC

Panelists:

Matthew Browne - Managing Director, Black Nova VC

Grayson Wolfgang - Regional Director, AusIndustry

Prem Chand - Chair, Hunter Angels Limited

(10 MIN) Q&A

BREAK

2:50 - 3:05

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BREAKOUT STREAMS

3:05 - 3:55

STREAM 1 - CONCERT HALL

RENEWABLE ENERGY

(15 MIN) WHAT IS THE HUNTER RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE, AND WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES?

Speaker: Adam Clarke Manager Planning & Policy - Energy Corporation NSW

(25 MIN) DISCUSSION PANEL

Moderator: Bob Hawes, CEO, Business Hunter

Panelists:

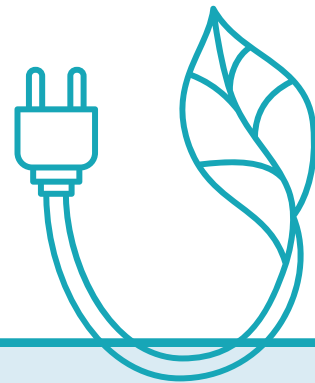
Dr Andrew Mears - CEO, SwitchDin:

Dr Chun Hin Ng - Beyond Zero Emissions

Simon Currie - Energy Estate

Kelly Davies - Partner, EY Law Oceania

(10 MIN) Q&A



STREAM 2 - BANQUET ROOM

MED TECH

(15 MIN) DESIGNING MEDICAL DEVICES FOR THE WORLD

Speaker: Prof Paul Dastoor

(25 MIN) DISCUSSION PANEL

Moderator: Kate O'Mara, RDA Hunter

Panelists:

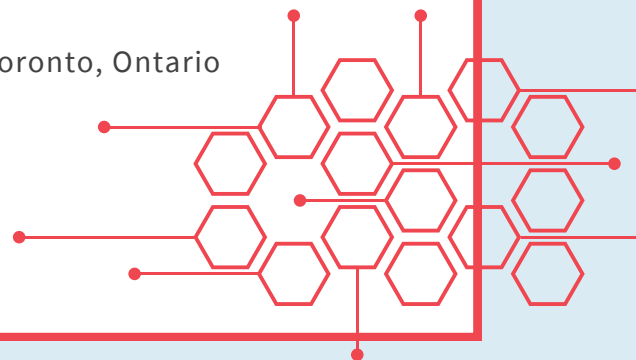
Andrew Goodwin - The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario

John Lancken - Head of D+I Newcastle

Tim Eckersley - NSW Health Pathology

Jess Chadbourne - PoF

(10 MIN) Q&A



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BREAKOUT STREAMS CONT.

3:05 - 3:55

STREAM 3 - HUNTER ROOM

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

(15 MIN) WHAT IS EMERGING AT THE EDGES OF TECHNOLOGY?

Speaker: Dr Jessica Allen

(25 MIN) DISCUSSION PANEL

Moderator: Aron Robertson, Strategic Group

Panelists:

Adam Amos - CEO, Robotic Systems

Joanne Wust - CEO, 4Tel

Dan Lawrence - Wholesale and Strategic Sales, Leading Edge Data Centres

Wendal Keuneman - General Partner, Tidal Ventures

(10 MIN) Q&A

BREAK

3:55 - 4:10



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4:10 - 4:40

OUTCOMES OF CONFERENCES

Actions delivered by Mariane Power, The Posify Group

4:40 - 4:50

FINAL WORDS

Alex Brennan - FESTIVAL CHAIR

NETWORKING SESSION - CUMMINS ROOM

5:00 - 6:00

NETWORKING DRINKS



CONFERENCE CLOSE

6:00pm

POST FESTIVAL - CLARENDON HOTEL

6:30 - 8:30

FURTHER NETWORKING AND FOOD

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THANK YOU.

With the approval to run the Festival only being given eight weeks prior to this date you can only imagine how many sponsors, speakers, committee members and attendees there are to thank.

In eight short weeks we asked the Innovation community to spread the word and keep the dream alive and in response we have witnessed an incredibly supportive community.

Thank you to everyone involved, we can't wait to make next year even bigger! Stay tuned via socials and the websites.



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