

# HUNTER INNOVATION FESTIVAL 2024

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**#2024HUNTERINNOVATIONFESTIVAL**

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# Conference Program.



8:00 - 9:00 AM	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; NETWORKING</b> Location: CITY HALL, MAIN ENTRANCE
9:00 - 9:15 AM	<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY</b> Midnight Dreaming
9:15 - 9:30 AM	<b>CONFERENCE WELCOME</b> Location: CONCERT HALL Speaker: Lord Mayor Dr Ross Kerridge
9:30 - 9:45 AM	<b>CONFERENCE OPEN</b> Speaker: Alex Brennan Speaker: Mariane Power
9:45 - 10:30 AM	<b>THE HUNTER'S FUTURE REQUIRES MORE THAN TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTIVITY</b> Speaker: Professor Deen Sanders
10:30 - 11:15 AM	<b>HARNESSING THE SUN: SUNDRIVE'S SOLAR INNOVATION JOURNEY AND AUSTRALIA'S RENEWABLE FUTURE</b> Speaker: Natalie Malligan
11:15 - 12:00 PM	<b>UNLOCKING POTENTIAL: NAVIGATING CHALLENGES AND CHAMPIONING DIVERSITY IN AUSTRALIA'S STARTUP ECOSYSTEM</b> Speaker: Carolyn Breeze
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> Location: WHEELER PLACE

**STREAM ONE (1:00 - 1:45 PM) – BANQUET ROOM**

**What can the Hunter learn from the world's most innovative brands?**

**STREAM TWO (1:00 - 1:45 PM) – HUNTER ROOM**

**Transform Your Workplace - Empowering leaders to tackle workplace cultures and burnout**

**STREAM THREE (1:00 - 1:45 PM) – CONCERT HALL**

**Innovation ecosystems: advancing the conversation for place-based transformation**

**STREAM FOUR (1:00 - 1:45 PM) – ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TENT**

**The Truth About Start Ups**

**STREAM FIVE (1:00 - 1:45 PM) – TECHNOLOGY TENT**

**The Unseen Heroes of Energy - Gravity and Green Waste**

**STREAM SIX (1:00 - 1:45 PM) – CLEAN ENERGY TENT**

**Enabling people-centric innovation for the energy transition**

**1:45 - 2:00 PM**

**BREAK**

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**STREAM ONE (2:00 - 2:45 PM) – BANQUET ROOM**

**Measuring the Impact of Regional Innovation**

**STREAM TWO (2:00 - 2:45 PM) – HUNTER ROOM**

**The Secret Sauce to navigating Change & Innovation successfully: growing, attracting and retaining great people**

**STREAM THREE (2:00 - 2:45 PM) – CONCERT HALL**

**Understanding Indigenous Innovation**

**STREAM FOUR (2:00 - 2:45 PM) – ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TENT**

**The Power of Collaboration - Innovation in Practice**

**STREAM FIVE (2:00 - 2:45 PM) – TECHNOLOGY TENT**

**From the plough to the now: How AgTech is transforming ancient agricultural practices to keep pace with the accelerating demands of society**

**STREAM SIX (2:00 - 2:45 PM) – CLEAN ENERGY TENT**

**Finite versus Infinite - Resource Maximisation in Solar Panel Manufacturing**

2:45 - 3:00 PM

**AFTERNOON TEA BREAK  
(MULIBINA & CUMMINGS ROOMS)**

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**STREAM ONE (3:00 - 3:45 PM) – BANQUET ROOM**

**Powering the Hunter into the future: Get your burning questions answered from leading clean energy experts**

**STREAM TWO (3:00 - 3:45 PM) – HUNTER ROOM**

**What do VCs really think about your startup?**

**STREAM THREE (3:00 - 3:45 PM) – CONCERT HALL**

**Should we all live to 150 years old? A live debate with HMRI**

**STREAM FOUR (3:00 - 3:45 PM) – ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TENT**

**Looking to a Future Made in the Hunter - High Speed Rail**

**STREAM FIVE (3:00 - 3:45 PM) – TECHNOLOGY TENT**

**Startup Pitfalls and Power Moves**

**STREAM SIX (3:00 - 3:45 PM) – CLEAN ENERGY TENT**

**Miraculous Organics - fuel for your mule, gas for your ass**

**3:45 - 4:00 PM**

**BREAK**

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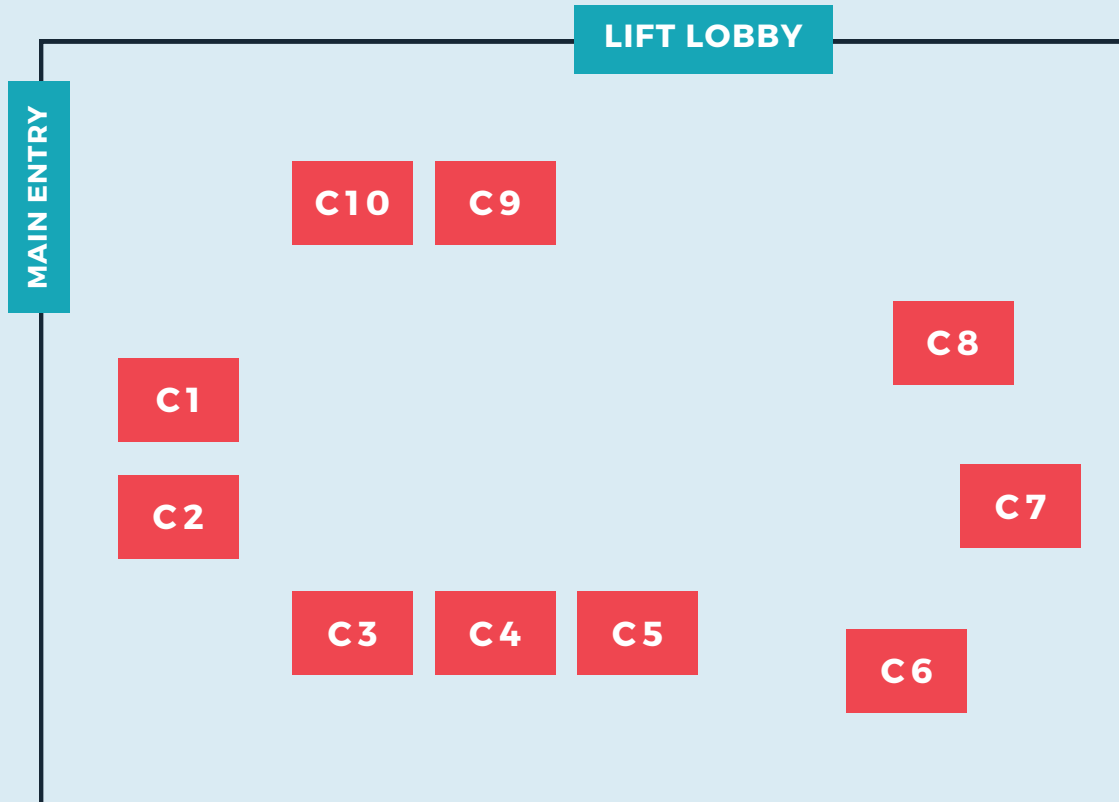
4:00 - 4:30 PM	<b>AN UPDATE FROM OUR 2023 FESTIVAL ACTION GROUPS</b> Location: CONCERT HALL
4:30 - 4:45 PM	<b>CONFERENCE CLOSE</b> Speaker: Alex Brennan, Festival Chair
4:45 - 6:30 PM	<b>NETWORKING DRINKS</b> Sponsored by Hall & Wilcox Location: HUNTER ROOM



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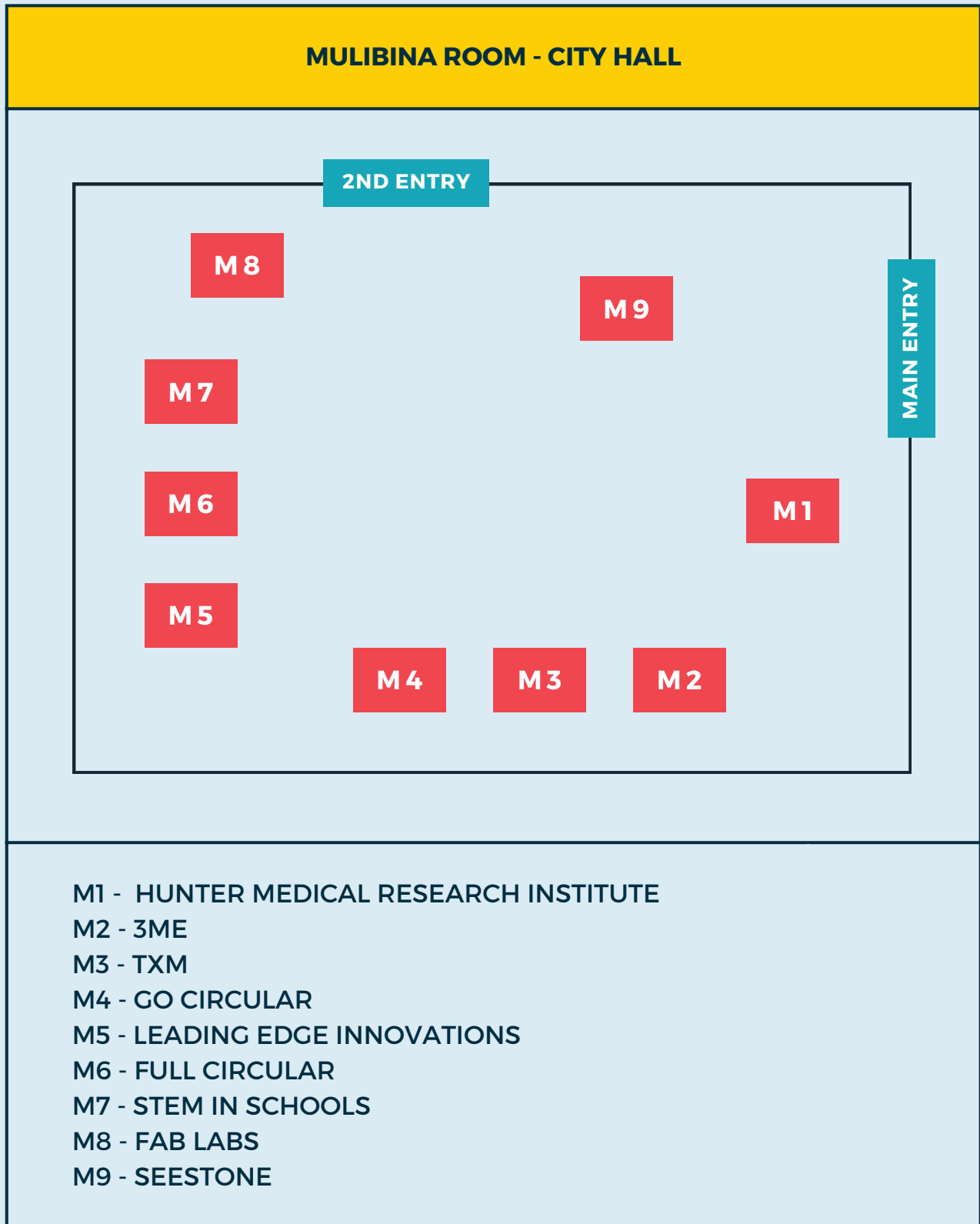
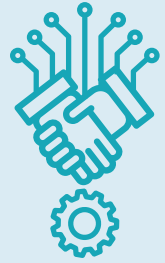
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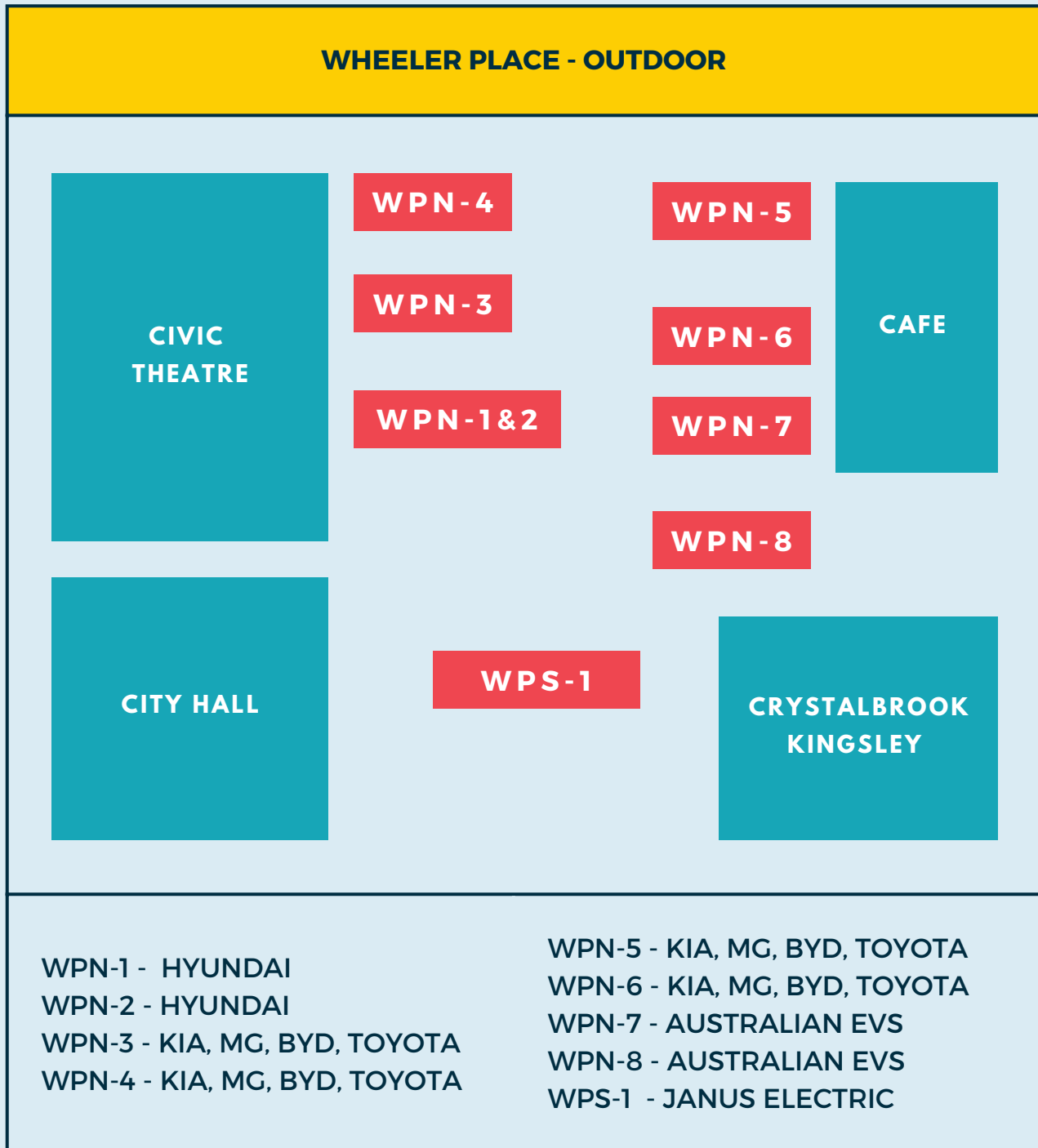
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- C9 - DESIGN ANTHOLOGY
- C10 - UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE



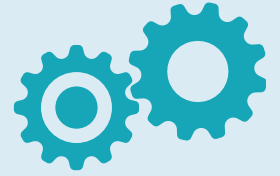
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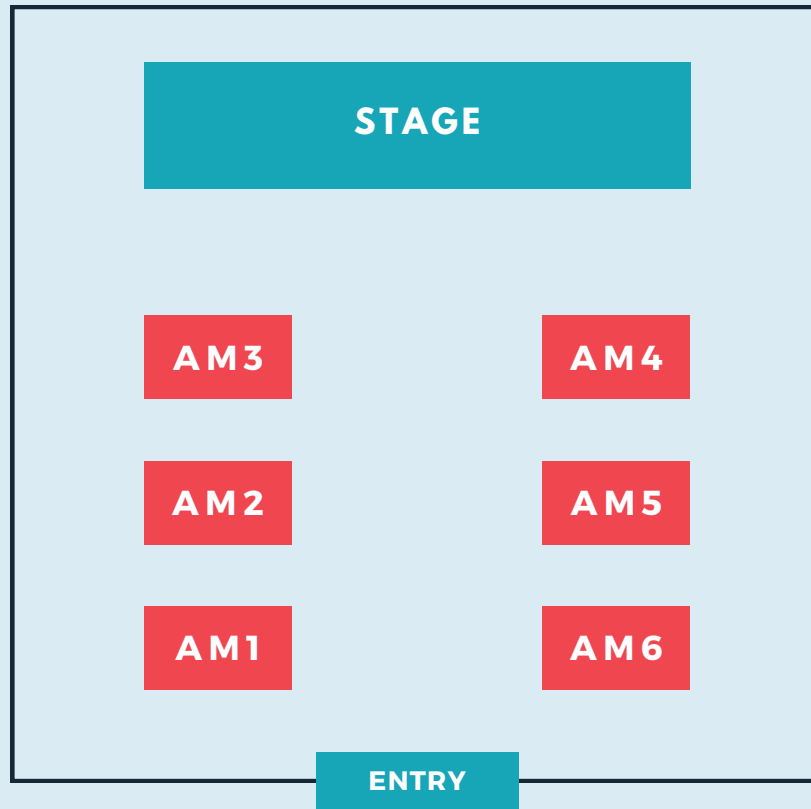
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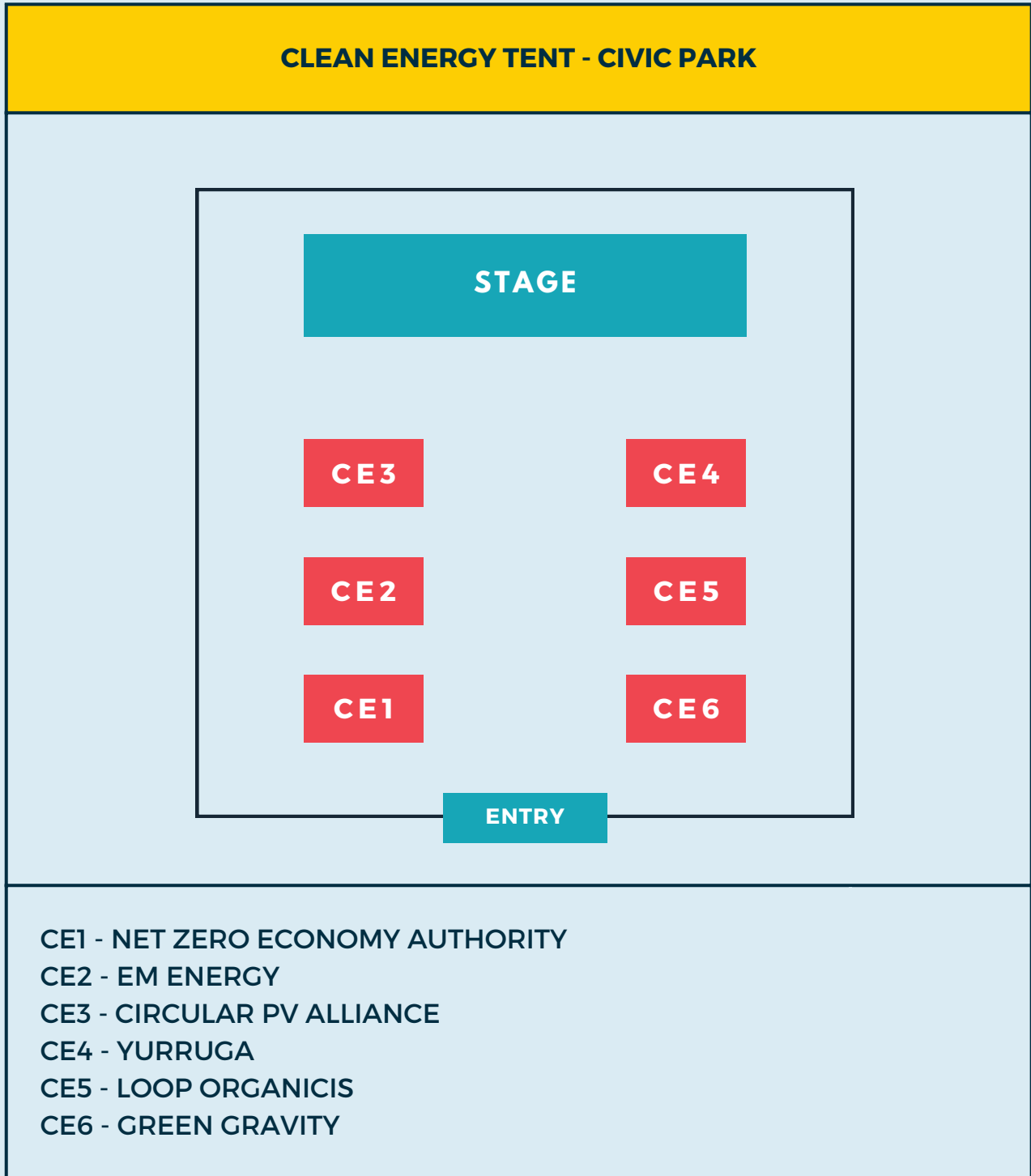


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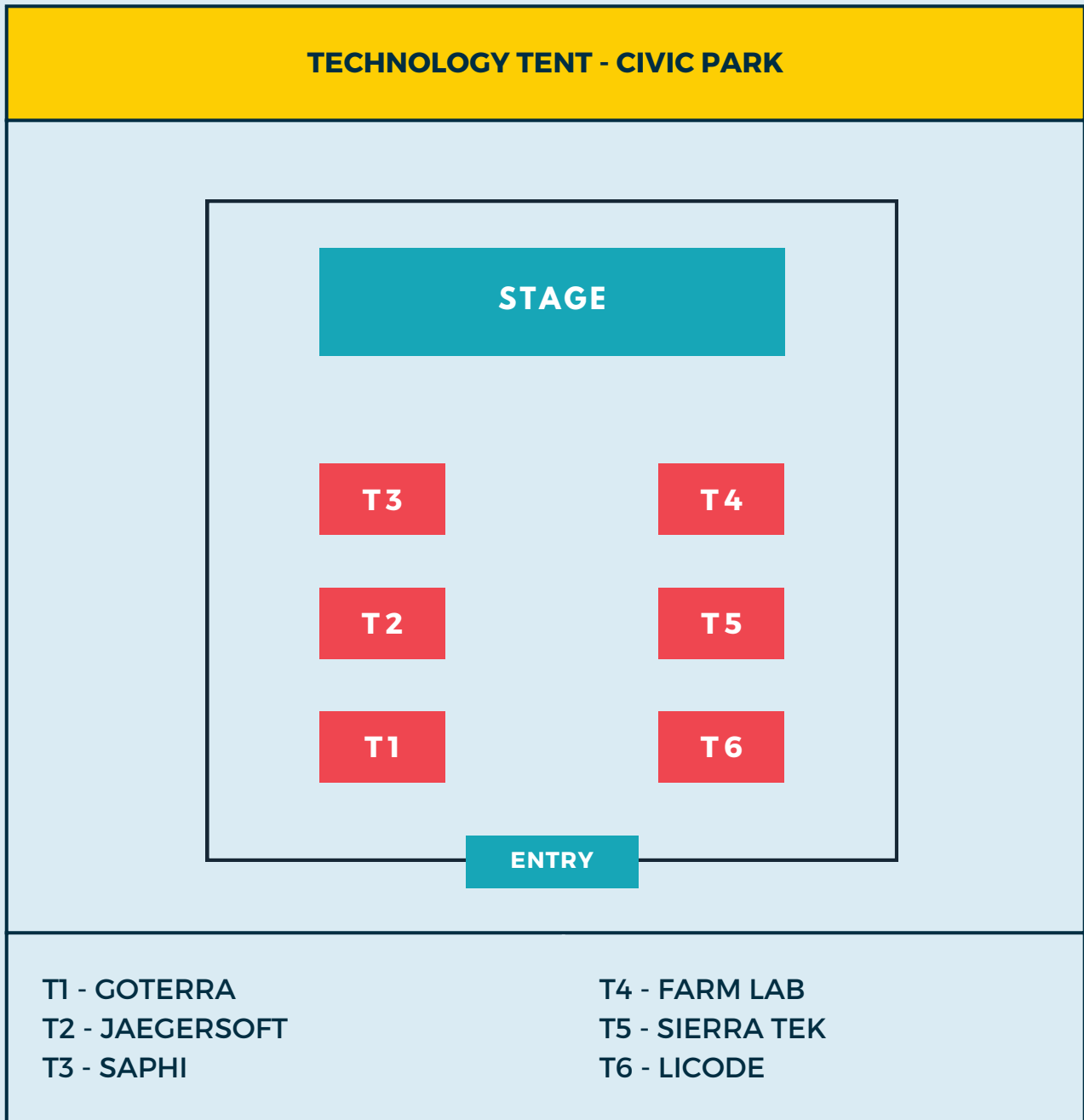


- AM1 - SENQUIP
- AM2 - RAM MANUFACTURING
- AM3 - AUSTRALIAN PARTS & EQUIPMENT
- AM4 - MORGAN ENGINEERING
- AM5 - FIBRE BOATS
- AM6 - SEATA

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# Thank you.



The Hunter Innovation Festival has again grown in scale and reach thanks to the support of our sponsors, volunteers, The Board at Hunter iF and our many collaborators.

The Business Centre, Boomerang Labs, Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation, the Hunter Joint Organisation, their ten member councils, especially our roadshow hosts at Muswellbrook, Singleton, Port Stephens, Maitland and Lake Macquarie Councils, State Government; Departments Investment NSW, The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, the High Speed Rail Authority, Federal Government Department the Net Zero Economic Authority, all our keynote and panel speakers and the whole extended festival team have given generously of their time, expertise and networks to make this incredible 3-week event a reality.

A staggering amount of collaboration and cooperation are required in the Hunter right now, as we address the largest challenges of our generation, in a very short time frame. And the fact that this festival has come together with a minimum of fuss and a wealth of positive emotion is proof that it is possible.

The Hunter Innovation Festival is evidence of what collaboration can achieve, though our journey is far from over. The work we do over the coming twelve months, which we will report and celebrate at the festival in 2025, is what will ensure the continued prosperity of our region and our community.

It's now the time to continue with our mission. Let's get to work.

Thank you so much for your willingness to contribute your time, ideas, cooperation and expertise to the Hunter Innovation Festival, it would not exist without your participation and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Alex, Adrienne, Gordon, Shaun and Spencer.