

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The NEXUS 2021 Australia Summit will feature an extraordinary program to build meaningful connections, engage in thought-provoking sessions and become inspired to create long-lasting change during the pandemic and beyond. [Click here to view the full program](#). Here is an overview of what to expect:

Live mainstage

Our mainstage events will include interviews and provocative talks as well as opportunities to help shape the conversation in real-time with your questions and comments.

Community and connection

Build networks and relationships with some of the brightest minds in Australia and the world through an array of opportunities including issues-based networking, Q+As with speakers, speed-networking, 1:1 meetings with other delegates and in person Opening Ceremony events at the Opera House in Sydney and the Arts Centre in Melbourne.

Conversations and workshops

A series of 50-minute live interviews, talks, debates and deep dive workshops with experts on the Summit theme Building Tomorrow Today.

Brainstrust working groups

Brainstrust working groups are designed around a provocation or challenge on an issue facing the world. Bring your expertise, insights, advice and new ideas as you team up with other delegates to develop a solution to a complex national issue or challenge.



THE PROGRAM

DAY ONE | Tuesday, March 2

5:00PM - 8:30PM | OPENING CEREMONY

Official Welcome and Building Tomorrow Today

- Welcome to Country by traditional custodians
- Lucinda Steggles (Co-Chair, NEXUS Australia)
- Ben Scott (Executive Director, Reset)
- Bronwyn King (Founder and CEO, Tobacco Free Portfolios)
- Carlina Conrad (Co-Founder, OneWonder)
- Doha Khan (Climate activist)
- Lenore Taylor (Editor-in-chief, The Guardian Australia) (Sydney)
- Hayley McGuire (Director, National Indigenous Youth Education Coalition) (Melbourne)

DAY TWO | Wednesday, March 3

8:00AM - 8:45AM | SIDE EVENT

Morning Walk and Talk

- Rachel English (Co-Chair, NEXUS Australia) in Melbourne
- Edwina Floch and Angus Crowther (Committee, NEXUS Australia) in Sydney

9:00AM - 9:30AM | SIDE EVENT

Morning Meditation

- Suparna Bhasin (Co-Founder, MaiTri Foundation)

10:00AM - 11:15AM | PLENARY

Moving From Passion to Impact

- Rachel Gerrol (Founder, NEXUS Global)
- Adam Milgrom (Venture Partner, Giant Leap Fund)
- Benson Saulo (Australian Consul-General to US)
- Jess Scully (Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney)

11:15AM - 11:45AM | MORNING TEA

Speed Networking in Pairs



11:45AM - 12:45PM | BREAKOUT ONE

Societal Health: Mental Wellbeing in 2021

- Elisha London (Founder, United for Global Mental Health)
- Louise Walsh (CEO, Future Generation Investment Company)
- Leilani Darwin (Head of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lived Experience Centre, Black Dog Institute)
- Hunter Johnson (CEO, The Man Cave)
- Lucinda Steggles (Co-Chair, NEXUS Australia)

Women: Are We Winning?

- Jess Scully (Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney)
- Rana Nawas (Host, When Women Win)
- Renee Carr (Executive Director, Fair Agenda)
- Edwina Floch (Committee, NEXUS Australia)

12:45PM - 1:30PM

Lunch

1:30PM - 2:30PM | BRAINSTRUST

Embedding First Nations Values in Philanthropy

- Rona Glynn-McDonald (Co-Founder, First Nations Futures & CEO, Common Ground)
- Louis Anderson Mokak (Co-Founder, First Nations Futures)
- Alicia Hodges (Committee, NEXUS Australia)

Improving Democracy Through Representation

- Licia Heath (CEO, Women for Election Australia)
- Sasha Hoffman (Committee, NEXUS Australia)

First Nations Self-Determination and Justice: New Narrative Shifting Research

- Dr Jackie Huggins AM (Co-Chair, Treaty Advancement Committee QLD)
- Larissa Baldwin (First Nations Justice Campaign Director, GetUp)
- Karrina Nolan (Executive Director, Original Power)
- Gemma Salteri (Executive Director, CAGES Foundation)
- Kirsty Albion (Committee, NEXUS Australia)

Reimagining Philanthropy

- Krystian Seibert (Industry Fellow, Centre for Social Impact Swinburne)
- Georgia Mathews (Committee, NEXUS Australia)

Tackling (Cyber)Bullying with Young People at the Centre

- Rosie Thomas OAM (Co-Founder and Co-CEO, PROJECT ROCKIT)
- Dean Delia (Committee, NEXUS Australia)

Climate Future

- Clare Ainsworth Herschell (Co-Founder, Groundswell Giving)
- Edwina Floch (Committee, NEXUS Australia)



Philanthropy Blueprint

- Jon Myer (Associate Director, Orygen Digital)
- Georgia Mathews (Committee, NEXUS Australia)

2:30PM - 2:50PM | BREAK

Afternoon Tea

2:50PM - 4:15PM | AFTERNOON PLENARY

Mental Wealth: Empower Yourself to Make Powerful Social Impact

- Zak Williams (Co-Founder, PYM Health)
- Suparna Bhasin (Founder, MaiTri Foundation)
- Dean Delia (Committee, NEXUS Australia)

Spoken Word

- Adolfo Aranjuez (Artist)

Aligning Capital with Values to Reshape the World

- Berry Liberman (Co-Founder, Dumbo Feather)
- Rachel English (Co-Chair, NEXUS Australia)
- Lauren Thurin (Gandel Family)

Reflection in Pairs

4:30PM - 5:00PM | SIDE EVENT

Yumob Lisin (Yarning Circle) (Closed to First Nations people only)

8:00PM - 8:45PM | EVENING SESSIONS

Cocktail Making Class

8:50PM - 9:45PM

Tea with Jane Goodall, DBE

Food: The Key to Solving Our Climate Crisis

- Thomas King (Founder, Food Frontier)
- Rachel Howard (Committee, NEXUS Australia)



DAY THREE | Thursday, March 4

9:00AM - 10:00AM | BREAKFAST PLENARY

Invest with Purpose Breakfast: How to Catalyse 100% of Your Balance Sheet for Impact

- Steph Stephenson and Ron Cordes (Cordes Foundation)
- Amanda Miller (Co-Founder, Impact Generation Partners)

Breakfast with Rockefellers: Aligning Money with Climate Action

- Rachel Gerrol (NEXUS Global)
- Valerie Rockefeller (Chair, Rockefeller Brothers Fund)
- Daniel Growald (Co-Chair, BankFWD)

10:00AM - 10:30AM | BREAK

Morning Break

10:30AM - 11:30AM | MORNING PLENARY

A Call to Impact: Motivating Leadership and Capital to Correct Racial Inequality

- Marcus Whitney (Founding Partner, Jumpstart Health Investors)

Investing in Black Lives Matter

- Apryl Watson (Founder, Dhadjowa Foundation)
- Lorena Allam (Guardian Australia)
- Chloe Cockburn (Criminal Justice Reform Officer, Open Philanthropy)

11:30AM - 11:40AM | BREAK

Small Break

11:40AM - 12:40PM | BREAKOUT TWO

Taking a Systems Approach: Philanthropic Investment in Advocacy

- Nick Moraitis (CEO, Foundation for Young Australians)
- Joseph Skrzynski AO (Co-Founder, CPE Capital)
- Stacey Thomas (CEO, The Wyatt Trust)
- Cassandra Goldie (CEO, ACOSS)

Accelerating Climate Action

- Simon Antony Holmes à Court (Senior Advisor, Climate and Energy College, Melbourne University)
- Anna Rose (CEO, Environmental Leadership Australia)
- Doha Khan (Climate activist)



Communicating Across Generations

- Elizabeth Goldfinch (Director, Mutual Trust)
- Clare Ainsworth Herschell (Groundswell Giving)
- Rachel English (Co-Chair, NEXUS Australia)
- Lauren Thurin (Gandel Family)

12:40PM - 2:00PM | BREAK

Lunch

1:30PM - 2:00PM

Vocal Performance

- Mama Alto (Jazz artist)

Yumob Lisin (Yarning Circle) (Closed to First Nations people only)

2:00PM - 3:00PM | BREAKOUT THREE

A Healthy Democracy in a Digital Age

- Jeff Orlowski (Director, The Social Dilemma)
- Chris Cooper (Campaigns Director, Purpose)
- Caitriona Fay (Managing Partner, Perpetual)
- Alicia Hodges (Committee, NEXUS Australia)

Giving Away Philanthropic Power to Communities

- Sparks (CEO, Masto Foundation)
- Sam Turner (Chair, The Aurora Group)
- Jody Barney (Chair, Koondie Woonga-gat Toor-rong)
- Georgia Mathews (Committee, NEXUS Australia)

Economic Fairness

- Cara Peek (Co-Founder, Cultural Intelligence Project)
- Gigi Foster (Professor, School of Economics, UNSW)
- Nicole Seils (Committee, NEXUS Australia)



3:15PM - 4:00PM | AFTERNOON PLENARY

Imagining the Future

- Ant Moorehouse (Co-Founder, EarthTech)
- Jennifer Robinson (Human Rights Lawyer and Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers)
- Teela Reed (Criminal defence lawyer and activist)
- Emmanuel Kelly (Artist)

6:00PM - 8:45PM | SIDE EVENT

Closing Drinks at Slims Rooftop in Sydney

6:15PM - 8:15PM | SIDE EVENT

Closing Drinks at Madame Brussels in Melbourne

