

Australian Biosphere Conference Program

Wednesday 13th March 2019

1:30pm	Registration Desk Open	Foyer
2:00pm	“Connected to Country” – Art & Artefacts Gallery open Experience the story of the Great Sandy Biosphere, told through the eyes and hands of our First Peoples	Foyer
2:30pm	“Biosphere Reserve Showcase” Hear from an international and national panel of specialists from UNESCO's <i>Man and the Biosphere</i> programme. Will include an open and interactive discussion on the current and future state of play of Australia's Biosphere Reserves. Meriem Bouramrane, UNESCO, Paris Prof Peter Bridgewater, University of Canberra Dick Barnes, Foundation Chair, Noosa Biosphere Reserve Leonie McMahon, Fitzgerald Biosphere Group, West Australia	Main Auditorium
4:30pm – 5:00pm	“Galangoor” The Butchulla peoples, Traditional Owners of Maryborough and K'gari (Fraser Island) welcome you to their “country” through an ancient ceremonial smoking ceremony and sand art demonstration	River Terrace Stage
5:00pm – 5:30pm	“Together, we welcome you” Mayors Mick Curran (Gympie Regional Council), Jack Dempsey (Bundaberg Regional Council) and George Seymour (Fraser Coast Regional Council) and Tony Ricciardi, Chair of Burnett Mary Regional Group welcome delegates and provide regional snapshots of the Great Sandy Biosphere.	River Terrace Stage
5:30pm – 7:00pm	Cocktail Evening Take time to relax with fellow delegates and exhibitors in a low-key, social occasion featuring bush tucker canapes and local musicians.	Foyer / River Terrace Stage

Thursday 14th March 2019

8:00am	Registrations open Grab a cup of tea and coffee and browse the Art & Artefacts Gallery or Exhibition Marquee	Foyer/Exhibition Marquee
8:45am - 9:15am	Official Conference Opening Opening addresses by UNESCO <i>Man and the Biosphere Program</i> representatives Meriem Bouramrane and Prof. Peter Bridgewater, On-Country Butchulla Elder and Government VIP	Main Auditorium
9:15am – 9:45am	Keynote Presentation Professor Peter Bridgewater, UNESCO <i>Man and the Biosphere Program</i>	Main Auditorium
9:45am - 10:30am	“Education – Foundation of a Biosphere Reserve Community” Robyn Yates, Tinana State School Sustainability Coordinator Student representatives from Reef Guardian and S.T.E.A.M Programmes	Main Auditorium

10:30am - 10:50am	“Environmental Markets – A Real Solution with Real Outcomes” James Schultz, Chief Executive and Co-Founder, GreenCollar	Main Auditorium
10:50am - 11:20am	Morning Tea	Foyer
11:20am - 11:40am	“Local Government and Biosphere Reserves” Jeanette Harold, Environmental Services Manager, Fraser Coast Regional Council	Main Auditorium
11:40am – 12:00pm	“The Role of Community in Economic Development” Ben Artup, Director, Economic Development, Bundaberg Regional Council	Main Auditorium
12:00pm – 12:20pm	“The Nexus Between Power, Water and Sustainable Agriculture” Dale Holliss, Bundaberg Regional Irrigators’ Group	Main Auditorium
12:20pm – 12:40pm	“Wetlands - Our Lifeblood” Mike Ronan, Manager, Wetlands Programme, Queensland Department of Environment and Science	Main Auditorium
12:40pm – 1:30pm	Lunch	Foyer
1:30pm – 2:15pm	“Lightning Session” Spend 3 minutes face-to-face with your choice of conference presenter	Various
2:15pm – 2:45pm	Keynote Presentation Costa Georgiadis, National TV Personality and “Gardening Guru”	Main Auditorium
2:45pm – 3:15pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:15pm – 4:15pm	Interactive Panel Discussion Hosted by Costa Georgiadis and featuring Prof. Peter Bridgewater, James Schulz, David DePaoli (AustChilli) and Andrew Gerry (Australian Macadamias) this interactive session will provide delegates with an opportunity to connect biosphere themes through open questions and discussion.	Main Auditorium
4:15pm – 4:35pm	Wrap Up Housekeeping announcements for Conference Tours, Announcement of Lucky Door and Exhibitor Prizes and Closing remarks /Vote of Thanks	Main Auditorium
4:35pm – 5:00pm	Official Conference Close Enjoy a spectacular combined dance and musical presentation featuring performers from Butchulla, Gidarjil and Kabi Kabi	Main Auditorium
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Drinks and Nibbles Unwind with a choice of beverages and eats supplied by conference sponsors and supporters	Foyer

Friday 15th March 2019

Choice of Seven Tours of the Great Sandy Biosphere – Refer to conference web page –

<https://australianbiosphereconference.com.au/conference-tours/>

1. Gympie Tour
2. Maryborough Tour 1
3. Maryborough Tour 2
4. Hervey Bay Tour 1
5. Hervey Bay Tour 2
6. Bundaberg Tour
7. Fraser Island Tour