

Australian Biosphere Conference Program

Day 1 - Wednesday 13 March		
1:00pm	Registration	
2:00pm	<p>“Australian Biosphere Reserve Showcase” (Chair - Meriem Bouamrane, UNESCO)</p> <p>Hear from an international and national panel of Biosphere practitioners, including an interactive discussion on the state of play of Australia’s Biosphere Reserves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Peter Bridgewater - University of Canberra • Dick Barnes - Noosa Biosphere Reserve, Queensland • Leonie McMahon, Justin Bellanger, Dean Utber - Fitzgerald Biosphere Group, Western Australia • Greg Hunt - Western Port Biosphere Reserve, Victoria • Dean Collins - Great Sandy Biosphere Reserve, Queensland 	Federation Room
4:00pm	<p>Official Conference Opening (M.C. - Sheila Charlesworth, Chair, Great Sandy Biosphere Management Group)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Galangoor”- The Butchulla people, Traditional Owners of Maryborough and K’gari (Fraser Island), welcome you to their country through an ancient ceremonial smoking ceremony and sand art demonstration • Opening Address - Hon Leeanne Enoch, Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts • “Together, we welcome you” – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mayor George Seymour (Fraser Coast Regional Council) ○ Mayor Jack Dempsey (Bundaberg Regional Council) ○ Tony Ricciardi, Chair of Burnett Mary Regional Group 	River Stage
5:00pm	<p>Cocktail Function</p> <p>Take time to relax with fellow delegates and exhibitors in a low-key, social occasion featuring bush tucker canapes and local musicians.</p>	Foyer / River Terrace

Day 2 – Thursday 14 March	
8:00 – 8:45	Registration
9:00 – 9:45 Main Auditorium	“Setting the Scene” (Chair - Costa Georgiadis) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Butchulla Elder - Welcome to County 2. Meriem Bouamrane - Keynote Presentation 3. Prof Peter Bridgewater – Keynote Presentation
9:45 – 10:30 Main Auditorium	“Education – Laying the Foundation” (Chair - Costa Georgiadis) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robyn Yates –“ Eco-Champions” 2. Judi Stutchbury,- “Reef Guardians” 3. Student representatives
10:30 – 11:00 Morning Tea	
11:00 - 12:30 Main Auditorium	“We are all Connected” (Chair – Meriem Bouamrane) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Costa Georgiadis - Keynote Presentation - “Threading it all Together” 2. Alana Hazel - “What is “World Heritage”?” 3. Ben Artup – “The Role of Community in Economic Development” 4. Mike Ronan – “Wetlands...Our Lifeblood”
12:30 – 1:30 Lunch	
1:30 – 3:00 Main Auditorium	“Sustainability and Innovation in Practice” (Chair – Meriem Bouamrane) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nadia Campbell – Keynote Presentation – “Life in a Crater: Agriculture Co-existing with the Environment” 2. James Schultz – “The Environmental Marketplace” 3. Dale Holliss – “Power, Water and Sustainable Agriculture” 4. Jeanette Harold – Sustainable Local Governments
3:00 - 3:30 Afternoon Tea	
3:30 – 4:30pm Main Auditorium	“Wrapping it Up” – Interactive Panel Session (Chair – Costa Georgiadis) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andrew Gerry 2. David DePaoli 3. Panel Discussion, including Prof. Peter Bridgewater, Meriem Bouamrane, James Schultz and Nadia Campbell
4:30 – 5:00	Closing Ceremony <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housekeeping for conference tours 2. Sheila Charlesworth - Thank you and acknowledgements 3. Butchulla / Gubbi Gubbi Dancers
5:00 - Drinks and Nibbles	