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POWER THROUGH COLLABORATION

***CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK AUSTRALIA'S
NATIONAL CLIMATE CONFERENCE
CONFERENCE GUIDE***



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ABOUT POWER THROUGH COLLABORATION

Power Through Collaboration: CANA's national climate conference is a three day even bringing together Australia's biggest network of organisations acting on climate change. Power Through Collaboration is a key opportunity for the climate movement to come together at a critical moment in Australia and internationally. This conference is a chance to learn together, deepen connection across the climate action community and influence the direction of our movement.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of the Canberra region, the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples. Their sovereignty has never been ceded and we wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing connection to the country we gather on.

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DAY 1

Room 2.02

8:30 - 9:00 WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

9:00 - 11:00 STRATEGIC INDIGENOUS
AWARENESS WORKSHOP WITH
GRANT SARRA

11:00 - 11:30 MORNING TEA

11:30 - 1.00 WORKSHOP CONTINUES

1.00 - 2.00 LUNCH

2.00 - 3.30 WORKSHOP CONTINUES

3.30 - 4.00 AFTERNOON TEA

ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY, LAWNS OF OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

4.30 - 7.00 ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY
VISIT

Please note the Strategic Indigenous Awareness workshop with Grant Sarra is limited and separate registration to your conference ticket is required to attend

DAY 2

*Denotes Session is available to online participants

LEVEL 2 FOYER	Room 2.02
8:00 - 9:00 REGISTRATIONS	
9:00 - 9.15	WELCOME TO NGUNNAWAL AND NGAMBRI COUNTRY *
9.15 - 9.30	CONFERENCE WELCOME *
9.30 - 10.30	ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SELF-DETERMINATION, FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE AND THE CLIMATE MOVEMENT *
10:30 - 11.00	POWER THROUGH COLLABORATION *
11:00- 11.20 MORNING TEA	
11:20 - 12.10	KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE *
12:10 - 12:45	BUILDING BIPARTISANSHIP: ACHIEVING REAL FEDERAL ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE *
12.45-1.20	REBUILDING THE HOUSE PANEL: JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE AUSTRALIAN CLIMATE NETWORK *

Room 2.02	Room 5.02	Room 5.03	Room 5.04	Room 5.05	Room 5.06
1:20 - 2:20 LUNCH					
2:20- 3.20 WORKERS, UNIONS AND CLIMATE ACTION	MEDIA TRAINING FOR GRASSROOTS GROUPS AND LOCAL VOICES *	WORKING WITH REGIONAL COMMUNITIES FOR INFLUENCE AND IMPACT	CLIMATE COMPASS 101	SELF MANAGED MOVEMENT - CAN YOU GROW AN ORGANISATION WITHOUT BOSSSES?	STRATEGIC HEALTH AND CLIMATE COMMUNICATION
3:20 - 4.00	AFTERNOON TEA				
4.00 - 5:00 HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY IN STRENGTHENING CLIMATE JUSTICE *					
REBUILDING THE HOUSE WORKSHOP: JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE AUSTRALIAN CLIMATE NETWORK					
INAUGURAL AUSTRALIAN MOVEMENT MAPPING: OUR IMPACT, OUR POWER, OUR DIRECTION					
RENEWABLES AND NATURE: EXPLORING THE TENSION					
AGL CAMPAIGN: HOW WE SHIFTED THE GAME					
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA – PENINSULA ROOM					
6:30 - 8.30 21ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION					

DAY 3

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	Room 2.02	Room 5.02	Room 5.03	Room 5.04	Room 5.05	Room 5.06
8:30 - 9.20	REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING					
9:20 - 10:20	'KUNULA-KARINY KAPI MANU PILIYI KAPI WANGKKA / STORIES ABOUT OUR STRUGGLE TO KEEP PEOPLE AND COUNTRY HEALTHY AND ALIVE'	CREATING CULTURALLY SAFE WORKPLACES FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STAFF, BOARD MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS*	BUILDING HEALTHY AND EFFECTIVE TEAMS (+6 ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY TEAM CULTURE)	BUILDING POWER ACROSS SECTORS: COORDINATING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS FOR CLIMATE ACTION	NO TRANSITION WITHOUT TRANSMISSION	BIOENERGY: A THREAT TO OUR NATURAL LANDSCAPES IN THE NAME OF CLEAN ENERGY
10:30 - 11:00		MORNING TEA				
11:00 - 12.00		WORKING WITH CONSERVATIVES *	CHALLENGING GLOBAL CLIMATE INJUSTICE.	DETERMINING THREATS VERSUS JUMPING AT SHADOWS: LESSONS FROM, AND PLANS FOR, NUCLEAR-FREE CAMPAIGNING	ENGAGING EFFECTIVELY WITH PHILANTHROPY WITH THE AUSTRALIAN ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTMAKERS NETWORK	REDUCING TRANSPORT SECTOR EMISSIONS
12:00 - 1.00		LUNCH				

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LEVEL 2 FOYER

Room 2.02

1:00 -
2.00

DISINFORMATION: THREATS TO CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE CLIMATE MOVEMENT *

2.00 -
3.00

100% IN OUR TIME: THE FIGHT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS DECADE *

3.00-
3:20

AFTERNOON TEA

3:20 -
4:20

CLIMATE JUSTICE THROUGH THE COURTS: TORRES STRAIT, TIWI ISLANDS AND THE PACIFIC CLIMATE LITIGATION *

4:20 -
5:00

CONFERENCE CLOSE * AND NETWORKING



SESSION OVERVIEWS

Visit to Aboriginal Tent Embassy

To begin Power through Collaboration all conference participants are encouraged to join a collective visit to the Aboriginal Tent Embassy to pay respects to the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples whose land we will be on and the leaders of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

Welcome to Ngunnawal and Ngambri Country: Aunty Matilda House

Aunty Matilda House is a proud Ngambri-Ngunnawal Elder who has taken a leading role educating and advocating for First Nations Peoples and her Country. In 2017, the Australian National University presented her with an Honorary Doctorate Degree acknowledging her significant contribution to social justice, in particular her important role in key social justice organisations, including the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, the establishment of the Aboriginal Legal Service in Queanbeyan in the 1980s and as a member of the Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee. Aunty Matilda was the 2006 Canberra Citizen of the Year. On the eve of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations in February 2008, Aunty Matilda became the first person to perform the Welcome to Country at the opening of Federal Parliament.

Welcome to Power through Collaboration

Emcee Dr Rebecca Huntley to introduce Power Through Collaboration

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self- determination, First Nations Justice and the Climate Movement

In this opening session, we will hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in the network about their aspirations, priorities and concerns, about their work and accomplishments.

Power Through Collaboration

CANA will be presenting the Network Strategy as agreed to one year ago. This session will walk through the "strategy on a page" covering the agreed strategies, the agreed goals and the collaborations. We will also provide a visual representation of how member groups are acting on the metrics within the shared goals.

Keynote presentations: Government Action on Climate

There is no question that federal targets, policies and actions are needed to facilitate a just transition to a zero emissions economy, and that state, territory and local governments have an important role to play in creating sustainable jobs, driving innovation, and collaborating with business and community to develop creative and inclusive solutions to climate change. Keynotes from local, state and federal representatives will highlight efforts already underway and opportunities for the climate movement to work alongside and in partnership with government to scale climate solutions across the country.

Building Bipartisanship: achieving real federal action on climate change

The underlying foundation of winning campaigns is power. Solutions for Climate Australia's Dr Barry Traill will talk to a panel of four campaigners who have built and used power to achieve unlikely outcomes for people and nature. The discussion will cover how to think in power terms, the different ways power can look, and the different ways power can influence decisions.

Rebuilding the house panel: Justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in the Australian climate movement

Rebuilding the house challenges the network to consider how we can increase diversity in our organisations and increase the climate movement's engagement with Culturally and Linguistically diverse communities. Panellists Steph Cunio (United Workers Union), Neha Madhok (Democracy in Colour), Thuy Nguyen (Sydney Alliance), and Victoria McKenzie McHarg (Womens Environmental Leadership Australia) will discuss why diversity, equity and inclusion is important and what are the enabling factors and barriers for CALD communities to engage in climate action.

Workers, unions and climate action

Join Georgia Windrum (Australian Council of Trade Unions); Colin Long (Victorian Trades Hall Council); Penny Howard (Maritime Union of Australia); Trevor Gauld (Electrical Trades Union); Steph Cunio (United Workers Union) and Troy Dunne (United Services Union) for a discussion on the connection and relationship between the union and climate movements.

Media Training for on-ground activists

Climate media experts will share the key information on-ground activists need to become media champions. This session will run through the Australian media landscape, the news cycle, what to consider when pitching stories to journalists and the types of different media interviews and how to prepare for them.

Working with regional communities for influence and impact

This workshop explores some of the principles underpinning the Next Economy's successes from working with diverse stakeholders in coal regions during the past five years. We'll share how this approach helps communities in energy, climate and political hot spots connect with industry and unions as well as local and state governments to face the future together.

Climate Compass 101

*In this 101 the Sunrise team and project lead adviser Dr Rebecca Huntley, author of *How to Talk about Climate Change in a Way that Makes a Difference*, will outline the results and meaning of key climate research: Climate Compass. We'll share ideas and insights on how you can use the findings to supercharge your communications to best reach, engage, motivate and activate people.*

Self Managed Movement - Can you grow an organisation without bosses?

Can you grow an organisation without bosses? Where everyone is their own manager? Join Tipping Point for an exploration of the joys, challenges and lessons we're learning from running a climate movement organisation without a CEO or managers. We'll 'get under the hood' and look at structures and skills that could be relevant to community groups, volunteer teams and NGOs - whether you are ready to take the dive in to full self-management or want to build a more leaderful team.

**Strategic Health
and Climate
Communication**

Health is universally valued in Australia, and is shown to be a strong frame through which to communicate persuasively with audiences who are "Concerned" or "Cautious" about climate change. Please come along for an interactive session, featuring a snappy panel discussion with campaigners and climate-aware health practitioners, followed by a workshop on how your organisation can fold health messaging into your work.

**Human rights
advocacy in
strengthening
climate justice**

This session will introduce climate change as a human rights issue by sharing stories of the impacts of climate change on disproportionately affected frontline communities in Australia. It seeks to challenge the dominant climate narrative around 'action' to 'justice' by grounding indigenous sovereignty, gender and economic justice as key pillars to demanding climate justice. Our legal experts will discuss strategic litigation that connects human rights as one of the advocacy tools to strengthen climate justice. The session aims to increase awareness on human rights and the agency of indigenous peoples, people of colour and other impacted communities to address the climate crisis.

**Rebuilding the
house workshop:
Justice, equity,
diversity and
inclusion in the
Australian climate
movement**

Diversity in the climate movement is about community engagement. How do we form meaningful relationships with diverse communities that respond to their interests and values?

**Inaugural
Australian Movement
Mapping: our
impact, our power,
our direction**

Are we having an impact? What kind of power does the climate movement have? Where is it being directed? What challenges do we need to overcome to build more of it for better outcomes? These are some of the questions that we asked and you answered in the inaugural Australian climate movement map. Join us to unpack all the findings.

**Renewables and
Nature: Exploring
the Tension**

Climate change is having a devastating impact on the environment already, but some of the solutions also have a direct impact on nature. How do we reconcile this?

AGL Campaign: how we shifted the game

AGL is Australia's largest single polluter, responsible for 8% of Australia's overall emissions. They have been forced to become responsible for these emissions thanks to a concerted community and corporate campaign. In this session we will discuss how we have shifted the game through these campaigns and what lessons there are for other campaigns.

'Kunula-kariny kapi Manu Piliyi kapi Wangkka / Stories about our struggle to keep People and Country Healthy and Alive'

Join Dianne Stokes, a Warumungu/Warlmanpa Traditional Owner and community cultural leader for a session on the ongoing struggle to keep People and Country Healthy and Alive.

Creating culturally safe workplaces for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, board members and volunteers

As a network, CANA is committed to a set of Solidarity Commitments, which include a commitment to creating culturally safe workplaces for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, board members and volunteers. Brooke Prentis will lead this participatory workshop to increase our awareness of what that means in practice, and how we can uphold this commitment.

Building healthy and effective teams (+ 6 elements of a healthy team culture!)

Healthy groups are at the core of successful movements - they're where we learn, grow, and act together. Conversely, unhealthy group culture represents one of the biggest barriers to effectively building power, growing, and winning. So for our movement to become what we need it to be, we need to start with the building blocks of effective group culture. Join Kaz and Max from the Community Organising Fellowship for this workshop about helping your groups set up and maintain a healthy and effective culture to build power and win. You'll connect with other network groups, gain tools and frameworks for diagnosing the health and effectiveness of your groups, and develop plans and tactics for building and strengthening your collective power to win together.

Building power across sectors: coordinating collaborative efforts for climate change

Panellists will share specific examples of how organisations and sector leaders are working together to catalyse greater climate ambition, and where they are jointly calling on the federal government to step up and join them. Following Q&A and discussion will explore how we can use the Better Futures Forum, 15 & 16 August, to collectively shape an ambitious national climate agenda and pivot Australia from talk to action in the first 100 days of the new Albanese government.

No Transition without Transmission

It's time to talk about our grid! Building new, renewable energy transmission lines quickly is essential to carry sun and wind energy to our homes, schools and workplaces. So why is so hard? And why should you care? We'll take a look at our energy network as a whole as well as the barriers and challenges associated with building the transmission lines we need.

Bioenergy: a threat to our natural landscapes in the name of clean energy.

Bioenergy and bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) represent huge risks to both the integrity of national efforts to meet Paris obligations and to the natural world here in Australia and globally. The idea of destroying natural environments, forests, woodlands and others, to burn in a furnace and have that generate formal carbon credits needs to be critically analysed. This workshop will begin the more stringent analysis of this threat for CANA and our members.

Working with Conservatives

We need strong action on climate from all sides of politics. Climate action cannot be ideological. So how do we improve the actions of all political parties? Join our experts to learn how to successfully work with conservative players to achieve climate action on all sides of the political spectrum.

Challenging global climate injustice

The climate crisis is a global problem, and it requires global solutions that are bold, interconnected and intersectional. While the Australian climate movement remains acutely focused on the emissions reductions needed to slow global warming, there is also a rising and urgent need to consider how inequality around the world is contributing to climate action that prioritises the wealthy at the expense of those most impacted by the climate crisis. In this session you will hear from a diverse set of CANA members and international climate justice activists about how we can increase the focus on climate justice across the environment sector and the steps we can take to embed a global justice analysis in our policy, advocacy and campaigning work.

Determining threats versus jumping at shadows: lessons from, and plans for, anti-Nuclear campaigning

Join Dave Sweeney (Nuclear free campaigner at the Australian Conservation Foundation), Karina Lester (Yankunytjatjara Anangu community campaigner), Jim Green (Friends of the Earth national nuclear campaigner) and former Greens Senator Scott Ludlam for a deep dive discussion into anti-Nuclear campaigning in Australia and how activist organisations determine what is a genuine threat and what is not?

Engaging effectively with philanthropy with the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network

Solving the climate crisis requires organisations and funders to work together better than ever before. The Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network (AEGN) was established to support funders passionate about protecting nature and acting on climate change. In this interactive session, join the AEGN's founding CEO Amanda Martin OAM and two experienced funders to learn more about the AEGN and hear different perspectives on how organisations can put their best foot forward to fund their impactful work. BYO questions for this interactive session!

Reducing transport sector emissions

Transport is the third largest and fastest-growing source of emissions in Australia and we are lagging behind the world in decarbonising and transforming the sector. This session will unpack the current opportunities and barriers to addressing transport sector emissions.

Climate Justice through the courts: Torres Strait, Tiwi Islands and the Pacific climate litigation

This plenary session will highlight important community campaigns in regions of Australia directly affected by the impacts of climate change. There are many examples of First Nations communities facing the impacts of climate change. This session will focus on the islands to the north of the mainland and our Pacific islands neighbours

100% in our time: the fight for Renewable Energy and opportunities this decade

After years of great growth, difficulties with federal government and prospects for renewable energy exports, where are we at as a nation and what is achievable under the new federal government? Renewables campaigns have really helped shift the climate conversation in Australia in recent years. This session focuses on the renewable energy superpower campaign led by BZE, WWF and ACF with the RE-energising Australia corporate campaign led by Greenpeace.

Disinformation: combating threats to civil society and the climate movement

Disinformation is a major threat to our democracy and has a direct impact on our ability to take action on climate change. Chris Cooper & Claire O'Rourke will lead us through what we need to know and what we can do to address disinformation that is thwarting climate action.

Closing talks and networking

In our final session of the conference emcee Dr Rebecca Huntley will bring us together for a final reflection on our next steps and actions to take from Power Through Collaboration.



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