



# CLIMATE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE

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EMPOWER AND MOBILISE ALL  
LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND OUR  
COMMUNITY TO TAKE ACTION ON  
THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY.

**TUESDAY 11 & WEDNESDAY 12  
SEPTEMBER 2018  
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# PROGRAM

## CLIMATE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER	PRESENTATION TITLE
<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Conference registration</b>		
9.00am	Welcome to country	Wurundjeri Elder	
9.15am	Welcome from Mayor	<b>Kim Le Cerf</b> , Mayor Darebin City Council	
9.30am	Presentation	<b>Jacynta Fuamatu</b> - 350 Pacific	Pacific Climate Warriors
9.50am	Presentation	<b>David Spratt</b> - Research Director, Breakthrough National Centre for Climate Restoration	Beyond urgent: The science of climate warming as existential risk
10.20am	Presentation	<b>Paul Gilding</b> - Independent Writer and Advisor on Sustainability	Climate change as a global emergency
10.50 -	Presentation	<b>Philip Sutton</b> - Manager and Strategist, Research and Strategy for Transition Initiation	Climate Emergency Response
<b>11.20am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>		
11.40pm	Panel discussion	Facilitator - <b>Kim Le Cerf</b> , Mayor Darebin City Council Panellists - <b>Philip Sutton</b> , <b>Susan Rennie</b> , Darebin City Council. <b>Luke Taylor</b> Breakthrough - National Centre for Climate Restoration	Climate emergency action vs climate change action – what is different?
12:10pm	Presentation	<b>Larissa Baldwin</b> - Senior Campaigner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Rights, GetUp!	Climate Justice in the Climate Emergency
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		

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1.15pm	Presentation	<b>Kate Fitzgerald</b> , Director, Relief and Recovery, Emergency Management Victoria	Emergency Management and the Climate Emergency
2.00pm	Presentation	<b>Brynn O'Brien</b> , Executive Director, Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility	Building Civic Power in Capital
2.45pm	Panel discussion	Facilitator - <b>Rachel Ollivier</b> , Manager City Sustainability and Strategy Panelists - <b>Susan Rennie, Gavin Mountjoy</b> , Coordinator, Energy and Adaptation, Darebin City Council and <b>Bryony Edwards</b> Community Action in the Climate Emergency (CACE)	Mapping Darebin's climate emergency journey
3.30pm	Panel Discussion	Facilitator - <b>Tiffany Harrison</b> , Executive Officer, Climate Emergency Darebin Panelists - <b>Madeleine Brennan, Vanessa Petrie</b> and <b>Adrian Whitehead</b> , Members Climate Emergency Darebin	Climate Emergency Darebin: Who, what, why, when and how
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>		
4.15pm	Facilitated session	<b>Trent McCarthy</b> , Darebin City Council and Climate Emergency Darebin	Facilitating Action: Ideas, initiatives and innovations from the floor
<b>4.45pm</b>	<b>End Day One presentations</b>		
6.30pm - 8.30pm	Evening Presentation, Q & A	<b>Jeremy Heimans</b> , founder of GetUp! and author of <i>New Power: How Power Works in our Hyperconnected World</i>	New Power: Building social movements by unleashing the power of the connected crowd

## CLIMATE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER	PRESENTATION TITLE
9.30am	Panel discussion Session A	Facilitator - <b>Madeleine Brennan</b> Climate Emergency Darebin (CED) Panelists - <b>Jane Morton</b> Darebin Climate Action Network, <b>Giselle Wilkinson</b> Breakthrough - National Centre for Climate Restoration, <b>David Meikeljohn</b> Executive Officer, Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action	Climate emergency communications and engagement: Different perspectives
	Presentation Session B	<b>Karen Kiang,</b> Paediatrician, Royal Children's Hospital and Doctors for the Environment	Embracing a Plant-Rich Diet: The intersection of environment, agriculture, politics, economics, and health
10.15am	Presentation Session A	<b>Angela Rutter,</b> Co-Director, Common Cause	Moving People to Action: Communications and engagement solutions
	Presentation Session B	<b>Alex Sangster,</b> Minister of the Word, Fairfield Uniting Church; Tejopala Rawls Community Organiser, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change	Radical Action at the Heart of Faith: Working with faith communities to fight climate apathy

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11.00am Morning tea			
11.15am	Presentation Session A	<b>Bronwyn Gresham,</b> Clinical psychologist and volunteer, Psychologists for a Safe Climate	Personal mobilisation in a climate emergency: The role of emotional awareness and psychological skills for engagement
	Presentation Session B	<b>Adrian Morphet,</b> Principal Environmental Engineer, Earth Systems	The benefits of biochar in combatting the climate emergency
12.00pm	Presentation Session A	<b>Katerina Gaita,</b> Director, Climate for Change	Talking climate change with friends, neighbours, family and colleagues!
	Presentation Session B	<b>Manny Pasqualini,</b> Principal, Zero Carbon Strategy & Programs, Moreland Energy Foundation	Community Power: Scaling our community-driven response to climate change and energy poverty
12.45pm	Presentation Session A	<b>Sue Hopkins,</b> Sustainability Manager, University of Melbourne	Mobilising to take climate action at work and at home (lessons from the Green Impact program)
	Presentation Session B	<b>Charles Massy,</b> Farmer, Teacher, Author, Agricultural Innovator	The benefits of regenerative agriculture in combatting the climate emergency
1.30pm Lunch			
2.30pm	Workshop	<b>Trent McCarthy,</b> Darebin City Council	Workshop: Consolidating ideas and developing commitments for ongoing action
4.30pm - 5pm Closing session			
		<b>Trent McCarthy,</b> Darebin City Council	<b>Closing session</b>

# ABSTRACTS (LISTED IN ORDER OF SPEAKER)

## JACYNTA FUAMATU

*Pacific Climate Warriors*

As an activist through her work as a Pacific Climate Warrior, Jacynta uses her voice to elevate stories from frontline communities impacted by climate change. We can learn from existing communities that are active in the climate movement. The lessons we can take from frontline communities (diaspora communities) not only add value but also send a powerful message of solidarity and unity, thus empowering culturally diverse communities. It is not an easy task to mobilise a community to support a cause without investing quality time in forming relationships in them; this builds trust which is valuable. In this presentation Jacynta will share some stories and reflect upon ways we can work in solidarity across organisations in our networks to demonstrate climate leadership.

## DAVID SPRATT

*Beyond urgent: The science of climate warming as existential risk*

Climate change is already dangerous, and the projected warming in the wake of the Paris Agreement in 2015 poses a threat to human civilisation unless the pace and scale of action to decarbonise society and return to a safe climate is radically increased. This presentation will look at recent observations, projected warming and impacts on key features of the climate system, and analyses how the understatement of climate risks has become incorporated in the communication of scientific research and in policymaking. Parameters for returning to a safe climate will be elaborated.

## PAUL GILDING

*Climate change as a global emergency*

If climate change poses an existential risk to society, what does it mean to have an emergency response, technologically and politically? How should we act?

## PHILIP SUTTON

*Climate Emergency Response*

In this presentation Philip will explore what it will take to deliver maximum protection of the climate vulnerable and the restoration of a safe climate. He will sketch an action framework to cool the planet fast, via zero emissions and carbon dioxide drawdown, through emergency mode action by government, businesses and the community, and building on key historical case studies of large-scale, rapid restructuring of economies.

## LARISSA BALDWIN

*Climate Justice in the Climate Emergency*

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are experiencing climate change now. In this presentation Larissa will share the experience of climate change as a lived and present reality, and one that will continue to impact dramatically as communities are potentially moved off land into urban centres in the future. Climate justice requires attention to these impacts, and for indigenous voices to be present in responding to the climate emergency.

## **KATE FITZGERALD**

*Emergency Management and the Climate Emergency*

Drawing upon examples from the disaster relief and recovery sector, this presentation will explore ways we can develop and implement a whole of government and community focused approach to the climate emergency. In addition, this paper will extrapolate from experience in the disaster relief and recovery sector, elaborating some guiding principles and lessons learned which can be applied to the climate emergency.

## **BRYNN O'BRIEN**

*Building Civic Power in Capital*

Australia's superannuation funds are now responsible for more than \$2.6 trillion, with which they invest in companies across the country and the world. Through activist shareholdings, Australian Centre for Corporate Responsibility seeks to make super funds accountable for ensuring a safe climate future, by amplifying their influence over listed companies. In this presentation Brynn will explore strategies for responsible businesses as well as opportunities for shareholders to use their power to ask companies to improve their performance on issues you care about including climate emergency.

## **JEREMY HEIMANS**

*New Power: Building social movements by unleashing the power of the connected crowd*

Jeremy will talk about digital activism and how to use the new model of power which is open, participatory and peer-driven – to build a movement, in this case, a climate emergency movement. Jeremy's work is relevant to many issues and causes for people wanting to gather support and momentum.

## **KAREN KIANG**

*Embracing a Plant-Rich Diet - the intersection of environment, agriculture, politics, economics, and health*

Unhealthy environments, climate change, and poor diet are major contributors to both chronic and acute illnesses. Changes to the way we produce our food, and the type of food we eat, are urgently required for both human and planetary health.

## **ANGELA RUTTER**

*Moving people to action - Communications & Engagement Solutions*

This presentation will focus on insights and results from research undertaken for Darebin City Council's Climate Emergency / Communication and Engagement Solutions project, using an evidence based story structure. Tips on how to apply the research in practice will also be covered.

## **ALEX SANGSTER AND TEJOPALA RAWLS**

*Radical Action at the Heart of Faith: work within Faith Communities to fight climate apathy*

Many people of faith feel very strongly about the climate crisis. This presentation will explore how faith communities can demonstrate strong climate emergency action. In particular, examples from the Stop Adani campaign will be shared. The workshop will include a conversation about Non Violent Direct Action.

## **BRONWYN GRESHAM**

*Personal mobilisation in a climate emergency: The role of emotional awareness and psychological skills for engagement*

There is a growing body of evidence on the range of emotional impacts of climate change; both from people affected by extreme weather events, and those coming to grips with the scale and complexity. Yet while people will generally agree climate change is happening, there is a reluctance to wholeheartedly accept the difficult news of the scale and urgency of action required. This talk will share three common challenging emotional experiences. A model will be shared to understand the emotional systems activated. The word 'emergency' will be explored through reflecting on our personal experiences, to consider the meaning and inform application.

## **ADRIAN MORPHETT**

*The benefits of biochar in combatting the climate emergency*

Earth Systems has been engaged with Manningham City Council for the past 2.5 years diverting their internal parks and gardens tree prunings and green waste from landfill and converting it to a carbon sequestering product called biochar. Biochar is a true form of carbon sequestration, locking up the carbon of the original tree for 1000 years plus in a stable carbon form. Normally biochar is used for soil applications adding carbon to poorly performing soils to improve their performance with increased surface area, water holding capacity, nutrient holding capacity and other benefits. In this presentation Adrian will share the biochar development story including the research which highlights the carbon sequestration capacity of biochar, the EPA approval process, the working relationship with Manningham Council and lessons learned along the way.

## **KATERINA GAITA**

*Talking climate change with friends, family and colleagues*

Social research tells us that most people process information and form opinions through conversations with others. How can those of us who understand the climate emergency and how humanity needs to respond have more effective conversations with those around us to get them on board too? Climate for Change has facilitated conversations in the communities of Melbourne and now Brisbane with over 5000 people. In this presentation Katerina will share her experience as a climate communicator, reflecting on what has been learned and the social research that informs the Climate for Change approach.

## **MANNY PASQUALINI**

*Community Power – scaling our community-driven response to climate change and energy poverty*

'Community Power' has taken off as a concept in Australia and provides a range of ways for communities to own, lead, participate in and benefit from the renewable energy boom. This session will explore some of the models making an impact, and the tools and resources being created to help drive the sector. The 'Community Solar Portal' will be given a sneak peek ahead of its upcoming launch – a web based platform designed to help showcase investment model projects, manage community investment and provide access to resources such as fit for purpose legals for new community solar projects.

## **SUE HOPKINS**

*Mobilising to take climate action at work and at home (lessons from the Green Impact program)*

The Green Impact program is a change and engagement program piloted for the first time in Australasia at The University of Melbourne in 2017. Learn how UoM has implemented a program that gets staff and students working together to create the change they want in their departments. Teams can focus on their strengths and change their workplace from within. The program is about ensuring sustainability is fun and inclusive. In reflecting on the Green Impact program Sue will share strategies, tips and innovative ways to raise awareness about sustainability, and collaborate, to deliver real change within complex organisations.

## **CHARLES MASSY**

*The benefits of regenerative agriculture in combatting the climate emergency*

As the Earth moves further into the Anthropocene and ongoing destabilization of seven of its eight regulating systems, constructive solutions seem hard to find in the face of an ongoing commitment by business and political leaders to economic rationalism. However, emerging out of the pack is one field of collective endeavour providing some exciting solutions to these Anthropocene problems: that of Regenerative agriculture. By healing key landscape functions, there is now powerful evidence (supported, for example, by Hawken's book 'Drawdown') that collective regenerative agriculture can drawdown carbon from the atmosphere by more than a factor of two compared to the next best method. In this talk Charles will explain the background to this exciting potential and to possible future pathways.

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)

## LARISSA BALDWIN

*Senior Campaigner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Rights, GetUp!*

Larissa is from the Widjabul clan of the Bundjalung nation. She currently leads GetUp's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander campaigns and strategy nationally ensuring partnerships with frontline communities and empowerment of First Nations People to create change. Larissa was also the Co-Founder of Seed - Australia's first Indigenous youth climate network and was previously the National Director of Seed. She has 14 years experience working in Aboriginal controlled organisations across the social justice and environmental sectors. Larissa is passionate about many issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and believes in seeking change through self-determination and grassroots leadership.

## MADELEINE BRENNAN

*Committee member, Climate Emergency Darebin*

Madeleine, a freelance writer, editor and communications strategist has experience across the community, agriculture, sustainability and energy sectors. In her role with Climate Emergency Darebin, she applies the 'think global, act local' mantra and is committed to strengthening community and building resilience through positive action.

## BRYONY EDWARDS

*Community Action in the Climate Emergency*

Bryony campaigns for safe climate restoration by running as a climate emergency candidate for Save the Planet in state and local government elections, and encouraging community groups to support climate emergency action through Community Action in the Climate Emergency. She works in human services policy, and has lived in Darebin since 2008.

## KATE FITZGERALD

*Director, Relief and Recovery, Emergency Management Victoria*

Kate has led development and delivery of relief and recovery reform across the emergency and management sectors in roles including Director of the Australian Government Crisis Coordination Centre and Relief and Recovery Directorate in Emergency Management Australia. Kate holds a Masters and Bachelor Degree in Emergency Management from Charles Sturt University and has studied as an International Fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

## JACYNTA FUAMATU

*Melbourne Coordinator, 350 Pacific*

Born and raised in Australia, Jacynta identifies as both an Australian and Samoan. She has been working in the climate movement since 2014 alongside the Pacific Climate Warriors mobilising communities to demonstrate climate leadership on the ground level and in global talks; from using traditional canoes to blockade coal ships in Newcastle, NSW, storytelling at the Vatican, and using flowers at Cop23 in Bonn, Germany.

## KATERINA GAITA

*Director, Climate for Change*

Katerina is a climate communicator specialising in community engagement. Her passion and expertise are in helping everyday people understand the problem and challenges we face in climate change, then inspiring and empowering them to make a difference. Katerina has more than eight years' experience in behaviour change and in project and business management, including founding and growing a small sustainability business from conception to one with more than 200 clients and 30 staff over four years.

## PAUL GILDING

*Independent writer and advisor on sustainability*

Paul is an author, corporate advisor and campaigner for a sustainable economy and a global authority on the implications of climate change. He works around the world alerting leaders – in business, NGO's, government and even the military – to the emerging global economic and ecological crisis. A long-time advocate for emergency mobilisation in response to climate change, he co-authored the *One Degree War Plan* in 2009. His book *The Great Disruption* is widely acclaimed, including by Tom Friedman in the New York Times who wrote *Ignore Gilding at your peril*.

## BRONWYN GRESHAM

*Clinical psychologist & volunteer, Psychology for a Safe Climate (PSC)*

Bronwyn has 12 years therapeutic experience largely in public mental health settings. She works in community therapy and has interests in holistic health including the interconnections between our wellbeing, the environment, our community and broader contexts that influences experiences of life. PSC is a not-for-profit Melbourne based organisation that acknowledges the need for strong and urgent action on climate change and aims to increase understanding and engagement with climate change.

## TIFFANY HARRISON

*Executive Officer, Climate Emergency Darebin.*

Tiffany is an ecologist who has been working in the environmental sector for over 12 years in diverse roles including research, policy and planning as well as campaigning and advocacy. She has focused on climate change strategy and response for the last 6 years, in particular engaging with the significant role local governments have in climate action and community engagement.

## JEREMY HEIMANS

*Founder of GetUp!, author of 'New Power: How Power Works in our Hyperconnected World'.*

Jeremy Heimans is the co-founder and CEO of Purpose, an organization headquartered in New York that builds and supports social movements around the world. He is the co-founder of GetUp!, an Australian political organization with more members than all of Australia's political parties combined. With Henry Timms, Jeremy is co-author of the book *New Power: How Power Works in Our Hyperconnected World – and How to Make It Work for You*.

## **SUE HOPKINS**

*Sustainability Engagement Coordinator  
at the University of Melbourne*

Sue has been working in the environmental/sustainability space for almost 20 years, in particular spending 10 years within tertiary education institutions. Before joining The University of Melbourne in 2016, Sue worked for Australasian Campuses towards Sustainability, a not for profit organization engaging universities across Australasia. In her current role Sue has led implementation of the Green Impact program, an innovative sustainability engagement program, which has mobilised hundreds of staff and students to undertake positive actions to improve the environmental performance of their workplaces.

## **KAREN KIANG**

*Paediatrician, Royal Children's Hospital,  
Melbourne*

Karen is an advocate for children's health, particularly in regard to the impacts of climate change on children in developing countries and on refugees. Karen is a member of the Climate Change committee with Doctors for the Environment Australia, and has recently been part of a working group on climate change with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

## **KIM LE CERF**

*Councillor, Darebin City Council*

Cr Le Cerf was elected to Darebin Council in 2016 and is currently serving as Mayor of an invigorated new Council featuring six women. She is passionate about the environment and wants to create a sustainable future for generations to come, with much of her career being devoted to responding to the climate challenge within state and local government. Cr Le Cerf feels a strong connection to the local community where she lives and is raising her three children.

## **CHARLES MASSY**

*Farmer, Teacher, Author, Agricultural  
Innovator*

Charles combines management of the family grazing property (Severn Park), teaching in universities and consulting on Merino breeding and landscape design. He has served as a Director on national and international industry bodies involving garment manufacture, wool marketing, R&D, molecular genetics and genomics. Charles has also engaged in freelance journalism and writing for many years. His latest book, *Call of the Reed Warbler: A New Agriculture - A New Earth* (UQP Sept. 2017) explores transformative and regenerative agriculture and the vital connection between our soil and our health.

## **TRENT MCCARTHY**

*Councillor, Darebin City Council*

Trent was elected to his third Council term in 2016. Co-founder of the award-winning Solar Saver program, Trent has led Darebin's climate policy work over the past decade and is a longstanding member of the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action. He believes community leadership is essential in responding to the climate emergency.

## **DAVID MEIKLEJOHN**

*Executive Officer, Northern Alliance  
for Greenhouse Action (NAGA)*

David has previously worked as a journalist and a behaviour change consultant delivering programs to encourage sustainable transport uptake, healthier living and reducing household greenhouse gas emissions. NAGA is a network of nine councils in northern metropolitan Melbourne working together on climate change. He is currently completing a PhD on the responses of Australian local governments to climate change.

## **JANE MORTON**

*Convenor, Darebin Climate Action Now*

Jane is a clinical psychologist, who has specialised in values-based treatment for people with severe emotional difficulties and a history of trauma. She was the lead author of a number of major reports, one of which resulted in the establishment of a state-wide service for people with borderline personality disorder, and another in the creation of a specialist therapy service for young people in out-of-home care. Jane is currently finalising a booklet on how to talk about the climate emergency.

## **ADRIAN MORPHETT**

*Principal Environmental Engineer,  
Earth Systems*

Adrian has over 18 years experience in the energy and carbon sectors. Adrian was a member of the team that developed the CharMaker technology, a commercialised pyrolysis technology for processing woody biomass to biochar, heat, wood vinegar and electricity. Creation of biochar diverts green waste and timber from landfill and/or compost thus sequestering carbon. Adrian runs a CharMarker unit through the Manningham City Council for which an EPA approval process for organic certification is underway.

## **GAVIN MOUNTJOY**

*Energy and Adaptation Coordinator,  
Darebin City Council*

Gavin has worked in the environment sector in local government for 18 years. In his current role he has led the award winning Solar Saver program, delivering solar power to close to 1,000 pensioners and residents in Darebin. He is also overseeing the expansion of that program to meet the goal of doubling solar in Darebin by 2021, by adding another 18,000 kW of solar. Gavin has led the change-over of 10,000 streetlights to energy efficient lights, development of the Climate Emergency Plan, and helped to establish and support the Climate Emergency Darebin Committee.

## **BRYNN O'BRIEN**

*Executive Director, Australian Centre  
for Corporate Responsibility*

Brynn is a lawyer and has a background in human rights, global work and migration issues. She is an expert on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Her experience traverses both commercial and human rights law, and she has worked extensively in the field of human trafficking and slavery in global supply chains. Brynn holds a Master of Laws from Columbia University in New York and a Bachelor of Medical Science and Bachelor of Laws with first class honours from UTS.

## **RACHEL OLLIVIER**

*General Manager City Sustainability  
and Strategy, Darebin City Council*

Prior to her current role Rachel held various positions in the community, private and government sectors, both nationally and internationally, across climate, sustainable building, energy and carbon issues. She was also a lecturer on Environmental Regulation and Policy at RMIT. The City Sustainability and Strategy division includes the following departments: City Development, City Futures, City Safety and Compliance, and Environment and Sustainable Transport. Rachel is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, holds a Master of Finance, a Graduate Diploma of Public Relations and a Bachelor of Environmental Science.

## **MANNY PASQUALINI**

*Principal, Zero Carbon Strategy & Programs, Moreland Energy Foundation (MEFL)*

Manny has worked in conservation, climate, water and environmental management projects in Europe, Latin America and Australia. Previously, as Director, Community Power Agency and project manager of the Community Solar Toolkit Project, and in his current role, Manny has focused on building a strong and vibrant community energy sector. At MEFL Manny is leading development of innovative approaches to enabling greater access to the benefits of clean energy and sustainable design at a range of scales and in collaboration with industry, community stakeholders and all levels of government.

## **VANESSA PETRIE**

*CEO, Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE) and Committee member, Climate Emergency Darebin*

Since joining BZE in early 2017 Vanessa has partnered with her team to deliver Rethinking Cement, the world's first strategy for decarbonising the cement industry, the Zero Carbon Communities Guide, won Best International Energy Think Tank in the 2018 Prospect Think Tank Awards; and secured BZE's ranking as 50th Best Independent Think Tank in the world. Vanessa has worked in local and State Government including in infrastructure planning, project management, legislative policy development, major policy reform and waste and resource recovery strategic planning. Vanessa is a Director of the Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group Board. She has a Bachelor of Environmental Engineering (RMIT) and a Masters of Environment (University of Melbourne).

## **TEJOPALA RAWLS**

*Community Organiser, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC)*

Tejopala is a member of the Triratna Buddhist Order. His work on climate change includes organising within the global Buddhist community, coordinating a national energy efficiency scheme, giving Al Gore's well-known slideshow presentation, media relations for the New Zealand Green Party, and performing stand-up comedy about the issue. ARRCC is a grassroots multi-faith organisation taking action on climate change, especially on the Adani coal mine. Tejopala is passionate about rapidly changing the political environment so that climate policies become commensurate to both the scale and urgency of the problem.

## **SUSAN RENNIE**

*Councillor, Darebin City Council*

Cr Rennie was elected to Council in 2016. She is a long term public health campaigner and community activist for gambling reform and for equality. Susan works to enhance community health and wellbeing, and believes that we cannot achieve good community health without environmental health. Applying this lens, she has become a champion for decisive action to respond to the climate emergency.

## ANGELA RUTTER

*Co-Director, Common Cause Australia*

Angela's interest in social change has shaped her career. As Director of Engagement at the Australian Conservation Foundation Angela led the development of new values-based story and community engagement strategies, resulting in a growing and vibrant community speaking out for a world where nature thrives. She has expertise in developing civic leadership, leading Climate Reality Australia for several years, and works with Leadership Victoria, an organisation dedicated to creating better leadership for a better world.

## ALEX SANGSTER

*Minister of the Word,  
Uniting Church, Fairfield*

Alex is actively involved with Australian Religious Response to Climate Change. Action for justice is at the heart of her religious vocation. Alex also works as an actor and facilitator with Melbourne Playback Theatre Company. Alex is closely involved in the Stop Adani campaign. Together with Tejopala Rawls she was arrested when they blocked the access road to the Adani work site of the rail line with a peaceful, multi-faith ritual of meditation, prayer and song. In April this year she helped deliver a joint letter from 60 religious leaders across Australia to Adani at their office in Townsville.

## DAVID SPRATT

*Research Director, Breakthrough  
National Centre for Climate Restoration.*

David is a Melbourne businessman, climate policy analyst and co-founder of Carbon Equity. David has extensive advocacy experience in the peace movement and in developing community campaign communication and marketing strategies. He is active in the community-based climate movement and co-authored *Climate Code Red: The case for emergency action* (2008, with Philip Sutton).

## PHILIP SUTTON

*Manager and Strategist, Research and  
Strategy for Transition Initiation*

Philip is a sustainability strategist who has worked on the climate emergency approach to action since 2006. His focus is on developing strategies that rapidly restore a pre-warming safe climate through a climate emergency response. He co-authored *Climate Code Red: The case for emergency action* (2008, with David Spratt) and in an earlier life was the architect of the pioneering Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act passed by the Victorian Parliament.

## LUKE TAYLOR

*Managing Director, Breakthrough - The  
National Centre for Climate Restoration.*

Luke has spent over twenty years working in climate and sustainability advocacy and communications. He is deeply committed to the development and promotion of strategy innovation and analysis that is essential to deliver emergency level mobilisation for a safe climate. Breakthrough is an independent think tank that develops critical thought leadership to influence the national climate debate and policymaking.

## ADRIAN WHITEHEAD

*National Campaign Manager,  
Save the planet and Committee member,  
Climate Emergency Darebin*

Adrian has been an environmental campaigner since 1986, and has been campaigning to reverse global warming since 2003. He has worked on many successful campaigns, including co-founding Beyond Zero Emissions, Save the Planet and Community Action in the Climate Emergency (CACE).

## GISELLE WILKINSON

*Outreach Manager, Breakthrough -  
National Centre for Climate Restoration*

Giselle is a creative change agent, author, social innovator and co-founder of Sustainable Living Foundation Australia in 1999 and Breakthrough-National Centre for Climate Restoration in 2014. Giselle actively promotes the personal engagement and societal changes needed to reverse global warming so that all people, species and future generations may have the chance to survive and thrive. Having researched enablers and hurdles to transformational change at various levels and documented her experience living in 'Emergency Mode' Giselle is currently completing her thesis: Mobilising Whole Communities to Restore a Safe Environment.

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