



NEXUS
AUSTRALIA SUMMIT

NEXUS 2021 AUSTRALIA SUMMIT WELCOME PACK





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WELCOME TO THE NEXUS 2021 AUSTRALIA SUMMIT

Welcome to NEXUS! You are now a part of one of the largest and most exclusive networks of international next gen philanthropists, impact investors and social entrepreneurs in the world.

Over the past year we have experienced intersecting global crises, from devastating bushfires, to growing racial injustices and economic and health challenges. With the theme for the Summit, '**Building Tomorrow Today**', it is important, now more than ever, to explore ways to come together to shape a better world to build a better tomorrow.

The NEXUS 2021 Australia Summit will offer delegates the chance to connect, share, learn and create at a time when meaningful connections are needed most.

We are excited to officially have you as a delegate at the 5th NEXUS Australia Summit on March 2-4. Taking place across two and a half action-packed days, the event will be a hybrid Summit offering a virtual program with in-person events at the Sydney Opera House and the Arts Centre Melbourne (in line with health regulations) as well as walks and closing drinks in Sydney and Melbourne to bring people together.

The program will feature inspiring keynotes, in-person networking, stimulating Q&As, intimate braintrust working groups and action-oriented workshops.

The Summit is a place where ideas are born, actions are taken and friendships are formed. Together we will reimagine bigger and bolder systems change in a post-COVID world, and embark on a powerful journey to create a better tomorrow.

Thank you for your ongoing support of NEXUS Australia and we look forward to seeing you there!

— **The NEXUS Australia Committee**



IN-PERSON EVENTS

OPENING CEREMONY

Subject to COVID restrictions, the Opening Ceremony will take place at the Sydney Opera House and the Arts Centre Melbourne from 5:00PM to 8:30PM AEDT for an incredible evening of inspiration that will connect you to impact leaders and shapers.

The Opening Ceremony will also be broadcasted live for all delegates from across Australia and the world to join us throughout the night.

The Official Welcome to the NEXUS 2021 Australia Summit will open with a Welcome to Country by traditional custodians, and we will hear from some leading changemakers exploring what it means to build a better tomorrow. The featured speakers for the evening include:

- **Lucinda Steggle** (Co-Chair, NEXUS Australia)
- **Ben Scott** (Luminate Group, Germany)
- **Bronwyn King AO** (Tobacco Free Portfolios)
- **Carlina Conrad** (Co-Founder, OneWonder)
- **Doha Khan** (Climate activist)
- **Lenore Taylor** (Editor-in-chief, The Guardian Australia) - in Sydney only
- **Hayley McQuire** (Director, National Indigenous Youth Education Coalition) - in Melbourne only



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)

Food: The Key to Solving Our Climate Crisis

- Thomas King (Founder, Food Frontier)
- Rachel Howard (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



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



SPEAKERS

We are excited to bring you an incredible line-up of speakers who will lead the conversation around some of the most pressing issues in Australia and around the world - from climate change, racial justice and gender equality, to mental health, First Nations self-determination, shifting power and intergenerational giving.

The NEXUS 2021 Australia Summit features more than 60 prominent and inspiring speakers leading an agenda of up to 40 sessions across the two and a half days including world-renowned conservationist, **Jane Goodall, DBE**, global anti-tobacco campaigner, **Bronwyn King AO**, mental health advocate and son of Robin Williams, **Zak Williams**, award-winning actress and NEXUS Australia emcee, **Shareena Clanton**, Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney, **Jess Scully**, Chair of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, **Valerie Rockefeller**, Editor-in-chief of Dumbo, Feather, **Berry Liberman**, Director of *The Social Dilemma*, **Jeff Orlowski**, and many more. Find out more and read their bios along with all speakers in the Summit program.

[Click here to view the full speaker line-up.](#)



RESOURCES

If you would like to inform yourself, get inspired or reflect, here are some more resources that provide food for thought on some of our key themes:

CLIMATE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- [2040 Documentary](#)
- [The Earthshot Prize](#)
- [The Great Southern Reef](#)
- [Julia Stone - Beds Are Burning](#)
- [What is Climate Change? | Start Here by Al Jazeera](#)
- [David Attenborough: 'This is the last chance' to address climate change](#)
- [Sir David Attenborough Answers Questions From Famous Fans](#)
- [The Climate Council's 12 Climate Actions To Make An Impact](#)
- [How moving your money could help save the planet by The Financial Times](#)
- [The Millions Jobs Plan by Beyond Zero Emissions](#)
- [Wild Things](#)
- [The Seed by Aurora](#)
- [In This Together for Our Planet by Ellie Goulding & Steven Price](#)
- [Truth To Power by OneRepublic](#)

RACIAL JUSTICE

- [Shareena Clanton says Indigenous people want to be 'the author of our own destinies'](#)
- [Treaty by Yothu Yindi](#)
- [Spinifex Gum](#)
- [Ask us anything: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people](#)
- [Gurumul](#)
- [Undermined - Tales From The Kimberley](#)
- [Luku Ngarra: Our Law Since Before Time Began](#)
- [In My Blood It Runs](#)
- [Firestarter – The Story of Bangarra](#)



- [We Are Country by Reconciliation Australia](#)
- [Stand Up by Mau Power](#)
- [Dear Prime Minister by Albert Wiggan](#)
- [Walking In Two Worlds](#)

MENTAL HEALTH

- [The Common Thread](#)
- [My Year of Living Mindfully](#)
- [How To Thrive](#)



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