

Queensland Water Summit Program

Date: Wednesday 19 February 2025

Location: QCA Lecture Theatre and Gallery (S05), Room S05_2.04

Located in Queensland College of Art and Design, Griffith University, South Bank Campus

Summit Theme:

How do we ensure future water management provides water security, liveability and healthy environments while facing challenges such as climate change, population growth and urban development?

Summit Program

Time	Format	Topic	Speaker/s
9:10-9:15	Summit Opening 5 minutes		Event MC: Brian McIntosh International Water Centre
9:15-9:25	Water Summit Welcome 10 minutes		Mark Gibson President Stormwater Queensland
9:25-9:45	Keynote Speaker 20min keynote with 1-2 q's	Water management from the State government perspective	Sean Dillon MP Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland
9:45- 10:05	Keynote Speaker 20min keynote with 2-3 q's	First Nations and water management	Emma Newton Environmental and Cultural Heritage Planning Specialist Unitywater
10:05- 10:35	Morning tea/networking (30min)		
10:35- 11:25	10min consecutive presentations x 3 followed by 20min panel/audience discussion	<p>Will our plans and polices meet future challenges?</p> <p>1. Climate and water Context: ‘Queensland’s water plans in a variable and changing climate’ and ‘Queensland Water Strategy’</p> <p>2. Population growth, urban development and water Context: ‘ShapingSEQ 2023’</p> <p>3. Environment and water Context: ‘Environmental Protection (Water and Wetland Biodiversity) Policy’ and ‘State Planning Policy’ (water quality as a State interest)</p>	<p>Session Chair: Nicole Bennetts Planning Institute of Australia</p> <p>Jarrod Cowley-Grimmond Deputy Director-General Water Resource Management Division Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers</p> <p>Stephen Dredge Director Meridian Urban</p> <p>Stephanie Cooper A/Executive Director Environment and Heritage Policy and Programs Division Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation</p>

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<p>11:25-12:25</p>	<p>3 x 15 min presentations followed by 15min panel/audience discussion</p>	<p>Infrastructure and service planning models - What can we learn from past water policy and management? <i>Context:</i> Repealed legislation for mandatory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Water Cycle Management under the Environmental Protection Policy • Water savings targets under the Queensland Development Code <p>See also: ‘Queensland Water Policy: Water Governance for a Resilient Future’ (Engineers Australia)</p>	<p>Session Chair: Kim Markwell Alluvium</p> <p>Elissa McConaghy Acting Manager Drainage, Waterways and Coastal Planning City of Moreton Bay</p> <p>Don Begbie Former Director, Urban Water Security Research Alliance at CSIRO</p> <p>Joseph Tam Immediate Past President Engineers Australia - Queensland Branch and Megan Holcomb Queensland Water Policy Working Group and Committee Member Engineers Australia - Queensland Branch</p>
<p>12:25-1:25 Lunch and networking (1 hour lunch)</p>			
<p>1:25-2:15</p>	<p>10min consecutive presentations x 3 followed by 20min panel/audience discussion</p>	<p>Water managers: What are we doing and what could we be doing better?</p> <p>1. Bulk Water Supply Context: ‘South East Queensland Water Security Program 2023’</p> <p>2. Water and Wastewater SEQ Context: ‘Urban Utilities Water Leadership Plan: Our Water Way’</p> <p>3. Water and Wastewater across QLD Context: Queensland Water Regional Alliance Program (QWRAP)</p>	<p>Session Chair: Kelly Hopewell Gold Coast Water</p> <p>Will Harpham Executive General Manager, Customer Strategy and Governance Seqwater</p> <p>Robert Fearon General Manager City and Regional Futures Urban Utilities</p> <p>Dr Georgina Davis Chief Executive Officer Queensland Water Directorate</p>

2:15-3:05	10min consecutive presentations x 3 followed by 20min panel/audience discussion	<p>Stormwater managers: What are we doing and what could we be doing better?</p> <p>1. Urban Construction Phase Stormwater Context: The Case for Urban Erosion and Sediment Control (2019 update), Benchmarking Erosion and Sediment Control in South East Queensland (2013) and Review of Erosion and Sediment Control in South East Queensland 2023</p> <p>2. Urban Operational Phase Stormwater Context: Nature based flooding / water quality study. See also this link</p> <p>3. Rural Stormwater Runoff Context: Reef Credits Scheme</p>	<p>Session Chair: Paul Dubowski Urban Utilities & Stormwater Queensland</p> <p>Dallas Frazier President International Erosion Control Association & Environmental Manager, Fulton Hogan</p> <p>Tony McAlister Director and State Manager for Queensland Water Technology</p> <p>Maree Adshead Chief Executive Officer Eco-Markets Australia</p>
3:05-3:35 Afternoon tea (30min)			
3:35-4:25	10min consecutive presentations x 3 followed by 20min panel/audience discussion	<p>Receiving environment context: What are we doing and what could we be doing better?</p> <p>1. South East Queensland Waterways Context: Resilient Rivers Initiative</p> <p>2. Moreton Bay Context: Blueprint for a sustainable Moreton Bay for people and nature (2025-2035)</p> <p>3. Burnett Mary Region Context: https://www.bmrg.org.au/projects</p>	<p>Session Chair: Professor Mark Kennard Australian Rivers Institute, Griffith University)</p> <p>Dr Joanne Burton Director Resilient Rivers South East Queensland - COMSEQ</p> <p>Katie Walters Programs Manager The Moreton Bay Foundation</p> <p>Tom Espinoza Chief Executive Officer Burnett Mary Regional Group</p>
4:25-4:40	Event summary and where to from here? 15 min		Session chairs
4:40-4:50	Water Summit Closing Remarks		Kylie Drapala Vice President Stormwater Queensland

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