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# 2024 RESOURCES, ENERGY & INDUSTRY INNOVATION FORUM

**6 – 8 AUGUST 2024**

DUBBO NSW



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**SESSION 1 - 11.00AM OFFICIAL OPENING**

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY** Dubbo Local Aboriginal Land Council

**INTRODUCTION** **Lisa Crothers**  
Board Member, RDA Orana

**OFFICIAL WELCOME** **Justine Campbell**  
Chief Executive Officer, RDA Orana and INGA

**WELCOME** **Dr. Michael Askew**  
Executive Officer, The Association of Mining & Energy  
Related Councils (MERC)

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS** **The Hon. Mark Coulton MP**  
Federal Member for Parkes

**Piers Montgomery**  
Principal Analyst Base Metals Supply, CRU Group

**Ash Albury**  
Executive Director Planning & Communities, EnergyCo

**Julia Spicer**  
Director, Engage & Create Consulting

**Brad Cam**  
General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council

**LUNCH - 12:30PM**

**SESSION 2 - 1.30PM ENABLERS FOR IMPACT**

**FACILITATOR** **Professor Alan Broadfoot**  
Executive Director, NIER, University of Newcastle

**SPEAKERS** **Dr Jai Cooper**  
Institute for Regional Futures, University of Newcastle

**Beth Mitchell and Sam Mella**  
Beyond Zero Emissions

**AFTERNOON TEA - 3:00PM**

**WORKSHOP - 3.30PM THE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHIFT FROM LINEAR ECONOMY  
TO CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRINCIPLES**

**FACILITATORS** **Sandeep Kirpalani**  
Academic Lead, Trailblazer for Recycling and Clean Energy  
(TRaCE), UNSW

**Anirban Ghose**  
Head of Microfactories, SMaRT Centre, UNSW



FORMAL DINNER - 7.00PM

INTRODUCTION

**Justine Campbell**

Chief Executive Officer, RDA Orana and INGA

OFFICIAL WELCOME

**Professor Zee Upton**

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation  
University of Newcastle

DINNER SERVED - 7:30PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Simon Kuestenmacher**

Director & Co-Founder  
The Demographics Group

DESSERT SERVED - 9.00PM



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The **Inland NSW Growth Alliance (INGA)** is designed to support critical industry and business development in the Orana, Central West and Far West regions of NSW aligned to priority industries.

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SESSION 3 - 9.00AM

RESOURCES

FACILITATOR

**Clare Larkin-Sykes**

Managing Director, Forelight Advisory

SPEAKERS

**Michael Sutherland**

General Manager NSW, Australian Strategic Materials Ltd (ASM)

**Renee Pettit**

Advisor, Community & External Relations, Evolution Mining Cowal Gold Operations

**Peter Day**

Executive Director, Resources Regulator Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG)

**Ross Carter**

Membership Manager NSW, Austmine

MORNING TEA - 10:30AM

SESSION 4 - 11.00AM

ENERGY

FACILITATORS

**Mark Lewis**

Business Development Manager,  
NSW Decarbonisation Innovation Hub

**Dr Liz Smith**

Research Partnership Development Manager – LPI Network,  
NSW Decarbonisation Innovation Hub

SPEAKERS

**Dr Cathleen Waters**

Head of Science, GreenCollar

**Jason Willoughby**

Chairman, Squadron Energy

**Murray Wood**

Chief Executive Officer, Dubbo Regional Council

LUNCH - 12:30PM



SESSION 5 - 1.30PM

INDUSTRY

FACILITATOR

**Megan Callinan**  
Chief Executive Officer, Marathon Health

SPEAKERS

**Alex Frail and Joe Williams**  
Co-Founders, Yurruga

**Jack Archer**  
Founder, ProjectsJSA - Regional Advisory

**Thesis presentations**  
University of Newcastle Doctoral Training Centre PHD

AFTERNOON TEA - 3:00PM

SESSION 6 - 3.30PM

INNOVATION

FACILITATOR

**Jo Palmer**  
Director, Innovation Programs, Charles Sturt University

SPEAKERS

**Clare Larkin-Sykes**  
Managing Director, LarkinSykes Advisory

**Mark Glover**  
Director, Renewed Carbon

**Natalie Bramble**  
Chief Executive Officer, NFP Guide

FORUM CLOSE - 5:00PM

NETWORKING DRINKS

**The Exchange Orana**  
98 Macquarie Street, Dubbo  
5.30pm - 7.30pm

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## SITE TOUR

**REGISTRATION -  
8.45AM**                      **Dubbo RSL Motel**  
173 Brisbane Street Dubbo

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**BUS DEPARTURE-  
9.15AM**                      **Dubbo RSL Motel**  
173 Brisbane Street Dubbo

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### **Phil and Cherie Thompson, Native Secrets**

A round trip tour of the region will begin by meeting the owners of Native Secrets - Cherie and Phil Thompson who will explain how they assist ASM to manage Black and White Cypress Pine in ASM's biodiversity offsets. On the property Ugothery, Phil and Cherie distil oils from wood and leaves from invasive native species into essential oils, skin and hair care products, and candles under the Native Secrets label.

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### **Mike Sutherland, ASM Dubbo Project**

The tour will continue to Australian Strategic Materials (ASM) Dubbo Project, where General Manager NSW, Michael Sutherland will explain the project, which aims to mine rare earth and critical minerals and export them to South Korea and other jurisdictions. In December 2021, the company estimated the capital cost to be \$1.67 billion and would employ up to 1,000 workers during construction, with 270 full-time jobs expected when the mine is up and running.

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**TOONGI MINE SITE -  
9.45AM**

### **Fergus Job Toongi Pastoral Company**

Next stop is the Toongi Pastoral Company, which has created a coexistence between natural resource management and mining resource management. Toongi Pastoral Company is owned by ASM and manages the agricultural land (1,995 ha) surrounding the Dubbo Project's mining and processing areas (520 ha). Toongi Pastoral Company carefully integrates agricultural activities with the management of the Dubbo Project's biodiversity offsets.

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**TARONGA WESTERN  
PLAINS ZOO -  
11.45AM**                      **Kathleen Oke**  
Manager, Facilities and Asset Operations

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**RETURN TO DUBBO - 1:30PM**



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