Climate Resilient Queensland

Professional Development Program

EXECUTIVE SEMINAR

PROGRAM 25th September, 2019

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UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES

Queensland communities and industry continue to respond to a range of current climate challenges. From drought to inundation, their ability to manage these risks is critical, as is the role the public sector plays in protecting communities and enabling them to grow and prosper.

Risks and costs are increasing and Queensland's public sector leaders recognise that an evidence based understanding of risks is fundamental to developing pragmatic solutions. Colonel (retired) Ian Cumming, previous Defence Climate and Security Advisor to the Australian Defence Forces, leads a line-up of compelling speakers for this targeted half-day of high-level learning about the key considerations and drivers of responses in the public and private sector and the pathways to mitigating climate-related risks and unlocking opportunities.

This event is designed for:

 local government elected members, chief executives and senior executives;
public sector senior executives; and
allied professionals

25TH SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE SEMINAR

TIME	ΤΟΡΙϹ	SPEAKERS
11:00 am	Registration and Networking Lunch	
11:45 am	Introductions and acknowledgment of traditional owners	Tim Cox, LGAQ Facilitator
11:55 am	Welcome from the LGAQ	Greg Hallam , Chief Executive, Local Government Association Queensland
12:00 pm	Pragmatic responses to a known human survival and national security threat	Colonel Ian Cumming (retired), previous Defence Climate and Security Advisor, to the Australian Defence Forces
12:30 pm	Collaborating to inform climate responsive investment: Opportunities for growth	Kate Bromley, Head of Responsible Investment, QIC
12:45 pm	Building resilient communities	Sara Parrott , Head of Corporate Responsibility, Suncorp Group
1:00 pm	Considering the science: litigation risks for planning decisions	Dr Justine Bell-James, Senior Lecturer, TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland
1:30 pm	Bridging the gap: Cutting through the complexities of climate projections	John Clarke , Research Team Leader – Regional Projections Climate Extremes and Projections Group
1:50 pm	Afternoon Tea	
2:20 pm	Pathways to resilience and a clean growth economy	Tony Roberts, Deputy Director-General, Department of Environment and Science
2:35 pm	Climate ready: fit-for-purpose risk management	Brendan Mackey, Director, Griffith Climate Change Response Program
3:00 pm	Framework for supporting LGA climate action	Sam Mackay, Program Manager, Climate Change Response Program, Griffith University
3:15 pm	It's time to create a change: humanity is the solution!	Khory Hancock, Environmental Cowboy
3:50 pm	Thanks, and Close	Greg Hallam , CEO, LGAQ



lan R. Cumming, CSC

Colonel (ret), previously Defence Climate and Security Advisor

Ian has a diverse and comprehensive construction industry and Defence background and is a practiced facilitator of joint and inter-agency planning. As such, he headed up the planning for the AFP-led Solomon Island Intervention and disaster responses in PNG, Australia and Liberia.

Ian served as a full time Army Engineer Officer for 33 years and commanded engineer soldiers on operations to recover from disasters, managed multiple operations from HQs in Australia, and was a director at Defence's Infrastructure Division.

He recently held the position of Defence Climate and Security Adviser, where he initiated the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals into the SMART buyer program. He remains a member of the International Military Council on Climate and Security.

Ian is the Director of IRC Pty Ltd, which distributes "mateenbar", a GFRP re-bar for concrete. IRC Pty Ltd also provides some consulting services.

As a strong advocate for – and experienced facilitator of – indigenous businesses to the Commonwealth, Ian mentors first Australians in their business approaches to government.

Ian has built an enviable experience base across Defence and emergency management from time spent with PNG's Engineer Battalion, with RedR in Liberia, as a Military Observer in East Timor and as the leader of ADF's engineer response to the Boxing Day Tsunami in Banda Aceh.

lan is the Registrar of the National Building Professional's Register (a voluntary position).





Australian Environmental Scientist Khory Hancock originally reins from a cattle station in central Queensland, where he learned from a young age the complex relationship we have with nature. From there he went on to become an environmental professional, working across a number of different industries including mining, construction, carbon farming/offsets, light rail and tourism.

Khory is most passionate about carbon sequestration methods such as regenerative agriculture and open ocean seaweed farming to help reverse the impacts of climate change. More recently, he has become more widely known as 'The Environmental Cowboy', an online and television persona created to communicate scientific messages more effectively.

From this platform he has worked with Discovery channel as a presenter for their highest rated show 'What on Earth', is a successful film maker and now highly sought-after public speaker.



Sara Parrott

Head of Corporate Responsibility Suncorp Group

Sara has more than 25 years' experience in sustainability, stakeholder relations, communication and marketing, holding staff and board positions with both corporate and community organisations.

Sara is Head of Suncorp Group's Corporate Responsibility function, leading sustainability and corporate responsibility strategy; she joined Suncorp after working with resources giant Xstrata, global investment firm Babcock & Brown, Ernst & Young, social enterprise and childcare provider Goodstart Early Learning, and international development agency TEAR Australia.

She is a Director of Climate KIC Australia and Queensland Co-Chair of the Social Impact Measurement Network Australia, and volunteers her professional skills to support international relief and development agencies. Sara holds a Bachelor of Business-Management and a Master of Business-Marketing from QUT.



Justine Bell-James

Senior Lecturer TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland

Justine is a Senior Lecturer at the TC Beirne School of Law, teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses in environmental and property law. Her research focuses on legal mechanisms for coastal protection, drawing upon environmental, planning, property and tort law.

In addition to her work on sea-level rise, Justine is also particularly interested in novel legal mechanisms for protection of coastal ecosystems like mangroves and seagrass, protection of the Great Barrier Reef, and biodiversity offsets in the coastal context.

Justine currently holds an ARC Discovery Grant (2019-2021) to consider how ecosystem services provided by mangroves can be integrated into law.



John M Clarke CSIRO

Research Team Leader – Regional Projections Climate Extremes and Projections Group

John currently leads the Regional Projections Team within the CSIRO Climate Science Centre. He has over 25 years' experience undertaking, interpreting, applying and communicating science nationally and internationally in the fields of climate change impacts and adaptation, and conservation biology. His expertise lies in developing applicable, fit-forpurpose, scientifically robust climate projections and assisting users to understand how to make best use of them. John recently led the Victorian Climate Projections 2019 project which included developing new high-resolution modelling with a strong focus on helping users make sense of the abundance of data.



MR TONY Roberts

Deputy Director-General Environmental Policy and Programs Department of Environment and Science

Tony is responsible for developing strategy, policy and legislation to support the Queensland Government's environment agenda. Tony leads the department's strategy on environmental legislation and policy priorities in relation to climate change, the Great Barrier Reef, waste management and resource recovery, conservation, biodiversity, the circular economy, water quality, coastal management, planning and development, air and chemicals, state of the environment reporting and environment protection.

He supports the Minister and Director-General in representing Queensland's environment and interests at the national level and has over 30 years' senior experience in state government central and line agencies, together with previous local government roles here and in NSW.



Brendan Mackey

Prof Brendan Mackey Director Griffith Climate Change Response Program

Brendan is the Director of Griffith University's Climate Change Response Program (GCCRP), leading interdisciplinary research into climate changerelated problems and drawing upon expertise from all relevant disciplines across the sciences and humanities.

He has a PhD from ANU and has been featured in over 200 academic publications. He currently serves as a Coordinating Lead Author for the IPCC's current 6th Assessment Report. GCCRP is working with the Queensland Government to help implement the Queensland Climate Ready Program.



Sam Mackay

Program Manager of Griffith University Climate Change Response Program

Sam is an advocate and leader for collective action on climate change. Since the mid-2000s he has worked in over 10 countries throughout the Asia-Pacific, supporting development banks, aid programs and governments to design and deliver climate change measures.

Domestically, Sam has led a number of local, state and national government climate change projects, and currently leads the Queensland Climate Ready program, where he chairs a government working group on climate risk. He is Program Manager of Griffith University Climate Change Response Program and non-executive director for Live and Learn international.



Greg Hallam AM Chief executive officer LGAQ

Greg Hallam has been CEO of the Local Government Association of Queensland since 1992, joining the peak group for the state's 77 councils after working with Brisbane, Esk (now part of Somerset Shire) and Townsville councils.

He has served on numerous boards, including Queensland Treasury Corporation, Infrastructure Queensland, National Packaging Covenant Council (Chair) and the Queensland Olympic Council. In 2018 Greg was made a Member (AM) of the General Division of the Order of Australia for his contribution to local government. Among his many other awards, he received the National Emergency Medal in 2012 for his work in Queensland's 2011 Natural Disasters, the Public Service Medal in 2000 and the Centenary Medal in 2001.



Tim Cox

Communications Advisor LGAQ Facilitator

Tim is a relative newcomer to the LGAQ team, joining earlier this year as Communications Advisor after more than five years of hosting key LGAQ events across the state.

He has spent more than 25 years as a broadcaster on ABC Radio, and gained considerable experience as an MC, facilitator, pundit, speaker, interviewer and advisor across innumerable sectors.

Climate Resilient Queensland

Professional Development Program

The Climate Resilient Queensland Professional Development Program has been developed by the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils program to build awareness and capability to respond to Queensland's changing climate.

The Package includes:

- Executive Seminars series
- 3 Day Leadership Course for Senior Managers and Policy Professionals
- Certificate IV Environmental Management and Sustainability (Climate Change)

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