

# Impact Investment Summit

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE (ICC)  
SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

**7:30am**

**Day 1 Breakfast: Catalytic Impact Investing Breakfast**

Two philanthropic organisations share their approaches, learnings and examples of catalytic investments. With Snow Foundation and Paul Ramsay Foundation.

**Speakers:** Georgina Byron, Ben Smith, Matthew Tominc, Pia Clinton-Tarestad and Geoff Smith

**8:40am**

Welcome Speech and Introductions

Welcoming you in and framing the 2024 Impact Investment Summit: insights, inspiration, innovation.

**9:00am**

Welcome to Country with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council

**9:15am**

**Kyah Bell Opening Dialogue**

Kyah Bell in a dynamic opening dialogue with Impact Outfit founder and MC of the Summit. Lillian Kline engage in an opening dialogue, discussing the transformative power of the Black Excellence Fund, share insights on life after football, and explore their experiences in impact investing. Gain unique perspectives on harnessing financial influence for social good and fostering a legacy of excellence beyond the playing field.


**9:50am**

**Plenary Panel: Post Referendum - First Nations Focus**

Priority panel to acknowledge the context of post-referendum Australia and to focus our energy and effort on an optimistic future. **Speakers:** Carol Vale, Shireen Morris & Liz Gillies

**10:35am**

**Morning Tea**



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**11:10am**

## Opening Address (Virtual) - The Honourable Jim Chalmers

The Treasurer will share his take on the impact investing sector, highlighting how far the sector has come. Speak to the role of government in impact investing and sharing priorities along with updates from the December Roundtable discussion on impact investing he hosted

**11:15am**

## Opening Address - **Rosemary Addis**

Rosemary Addis, a renowned figure in impact investment, responds to The Treasurer Jim Chalmers' address. Gain valuable insights as Rosemary delves into the intersection of impact investment and economic policies, offering a nuanced perspective on how these realms can synergize for positive social and environmental outcomes. Engage in a dynamic discussion that bridges the worlds of finance and impact, setting the stage for collaborative efforts in driving meaningful change.

**11:30am**

## Breakout 1: Extended Breakout - Building a utopian ecosystem for impact investing.

Extended 90 minute session Embracing participative human-centred design to redefine impact investing in Australia. This session will build a roadmap for a disruptive utopia where impact investing is a powerful verb and a force for lasting, positive transformation in the face of a world in flux. **Speakers: Elise Parups & Claire Hanratty**

## Breakout 2: Our system is broken- only systems thinking can fix it

Extended 90 minute workshop with **Danny Almagor** and **Alex Hannant** to go deep on systems thinking and how we use capital to create the world we want to live in.

## Breakout 3: Impact Investing 101

A lecture style breakout for those new to the impact investing space. What it is, why it's important and how to get started. **Speakers: Jess Mendoza-Roth & Rob Haggett**

## Breakout 4: ImpactConnect Deals Room

**Jeremy Liddle** to host 3 live pitches by leading Impact Funds with investment opportunities in Australia's clean energy transition, regenerative agriculture and carbon in Australia, and the forest landscape in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**Australian Ethical Infrastructure Debt Fund - Keenan Bunning**

**SLM Agri Carbon Fund - Bindi Turner**

**New Forests' AFIP African Forestry Investment Platform - Michael Barbara**

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## Breakout 5: Crafting Your Impact Portfolio

Discussing defining your impact objectives, learn how to clarify your impact objectives by identifying the social or environmental issues you are passionate about addressing. Assessing impact metrics and measurement and the process of building a diversified investment portfolio that balances financial returns with social and environmental impact.

Speakers: [David Rae](#), [Terry Christofides](#), [Farren Williams](#) and [Joanne Sun](#)

## Breakout 6: ImpactConnect Deals Room

Introduced by [Bhanvi Kapoor Anand](#) - Catalytic Impact Investment Opportunities Showcase - Snow Foundation partners. Five early stage enterprises showcase their current and upcoming investment opportunities, seeking interest and feedback.

[Foremind](#) - [Joel Anderson](#)

[Violet](#) - [Melissa Reader](#)

[Scriibed](#) - [Melanie Greblo](#)

[Robo Fit](#) - [Maryanne Harris](#)

[Kindship](#) - [Summer Petrosius](#)

**1:00pm**

## Lunch

**2:00pm**

## Keynote: AI and Impact - what to expect with [Liesl Yearsley](#)

Join AI expert and founder of aKin, Liesl Yearsley as she explores the intersection and dynamics of artificial intelligence and impact investing. Discover what the future holds as Liesl shares insights into how AI is revolutionising the landscape of sustainable finance. Gain valuable perspectives on leveraging AI to drive positive social and environmental impact in your investment strategies. Don't miss this forward-thinking session on the intersection of AI and impact investing.

**2:20pm**

## Plenary Panel: Fostering Unity and Progress - Investing in Inclusion

Is inclusion the new gender? Why inclusion matters and what is the impact?

Speakers: [Abhilash Mudaliar](#), [Kirsty Nowlan](#), [Kyah Bell](#), [Samar McHeileh](#) and [Manita Ray](#).

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Remarks (virtual): The Hon Pat Conroy

The Minister for International Development and the Pacific will speak to the pivotal role of impact investors in securing finance with development impact in our region—the Indo Pacific.

Plenary Panel: Sweetening the Stack - Australian innovations in blended finance for a net zero tomorrow. Powered by our partners at DFAT

Expert panel discussing why and how DFAT uses blended finance to catalyse private investment

**Speakers:** [Kylie Charlton](#), [Mathew Fox](#), [Marie Torres](#), [Mason Wallick](#)

**3:55pm**

Investing in Our Own Creativity.

Artist [Bobby Clark](#) leads an art class to support our creative expression and wellbeing.

**4:15pm**

**Afternoon Tea**

**4:30pm**

Breakout 7: Digital Horizons, Analogue Roots - Navigating Education for All

Exploring the future of fair and equitable education. **Speakers:** [Kerry Series](#), [Jason Kimberley](#), [Louka Parry](#), [Vinit Sukhija](#) and [Vanessa Farrelly](#).

Breakout 8: Shifting the paradigm through storytelling

A panel discussion on the ethics of storytelling in impact investment and how this superpower has the capacity to both inspire positive change but also obscure or distort truth. **Speakers:** [Dalit Kaplan](#), [Byron Fay](#), [Michael Agar](#) & [Tiarne Shutt](#)

Breakout 9: Provocation - is the rise of socially conscious brands and the advent of impact investment making us less generous?

A provocation to stimulate conversation on whether impact investing has been to the detriment of philanthropic giving. **Speakers:** [Sarah Forde](#), [Antonia Ruffell](#) & [Jeremy Meltzer](#)

Breakout 10: Powering prosperity - Women shaping Southeast Asia's investment landscape curated by DFAT

Expert panel discussing the significant impact investment opportunities they see in Southeast Asia  
**Speakers:** [Natalie Au](#), [Abigail Tan](#), [Rhea See](#) and [Yeni Tjunardi](#)

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**Keynote: Sam Elsom of Sea Forest**

Seaweed Farming is a sustainable solution for climate change. Sam Elsom will share insights into the role of seaweed farming in mitigating climate change by sequestering carbon dioxide and promoting ocean health. He will discuss how seaweed cultivation can be a scalable solution for reducing carbon emissions and restoring marine ecosystems. Hear Sam's journey from fashion to seaweed farmer and the impact of investment into this venture. Whats up next for Seaforest?

**5:30pm**

**Close Day 1: Wrap to inspire, motivate and send you off into the evening feeling energised.**

**5:45pm-  
7:45pm**

**Aurora Networking Event at Venue, Supported by Impact Investment Exchange**

Impact Investment Exchange and its partners lead the charge with the Orange Movement, driving a global transformation toward Gender Equality, at the intersection of climate action, economic prosperity, and peace.

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**Day 2 Breakfast: Deep Impact; Practically Speaking**

Jumping into Deep Impact for breakfast with the Impact Club, **Danny Almagor** (Small Giants) and Future Group with inspiring and legendary innovators from our sector.

**8:45am**

**Welcome - What to Expect.**

Resetting ourselves for day two of the summit.

**8:50am**

Dropping in with **Neda Rahmani** of Aria Award-Winning Australian Favourites, The Cat Empire.

**9:15am**

**Opening Keynote- Building the Impact Economy with Laurie Lane Zucker (Impact Entrepreneur)**

In this keynote address, Laurie will illuminate the path to building an impact economy, blending insightful strategies with real-world examples. Explore the intersection of profit and purpose as Laurie shares his expertise on leveraging entrepreneurship for social and environmental impact. Join us for an inspiring session that promises to redefine the role of business in creating positive change.

**9:40am**

**Keynote: A Just Transition - Cle-Anne Gabriel.**

Sustainable development specialist, consultant, author and public speaker Cle-Anne Gabriel will motivate and inspire us by sharing wisdom and expertise on the transition to a just, more resilient and more sustainable future.

**10:05am**

**Plenary Panel: Dollars and Sense - An Unfiltered Look at Capital Raising Journeys.**

For some, raising capital is easy as ABC. For others it's a long, painstaking effort. In this plenary session we'll hear from those with first-hand experience in raising capital? Who wins, who decides and is there an algorithm for success?

**Speakers: Jess Mendoza-Roth, Clinton Schultz, Hanna Ebling, Izzy Jensen and Shuyin Tan.**

**10:45am**

**Morning Tea**

**11:15am**

**Breakout 1: Intrapreneur's Compass - Mapping Your Journey**

Practical and intimate discussion for those inspired to make changes and beat a different drum within their organisation, family or community. **Speakers: Kath Leong & Janett Egber**

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Breakout 2: Eliminating Waste, Maximizing Impact – Resource Reuse for Environmental Gain.

**Speakers:** [Claudia Kwan](#), [Pete Ceglinski](#), [Adam Tucker](#), [Victorie Carous](#), [Carlos Castillo](#) and [Kurt Hegvold](#).

Breakout 3: Workshop - Be the Good Ancestor. Create better intergenerational wealth transfer.

Two hour workshop for families and family offices who are navigating intergenerational wealth transfer and legacy.

**Speakers:** [Donal Griffin](#), [Cathy Scalzo](#) and [Susan Sy](#).

Breakout 4: ImpactConnect Deals Room

[Jeremy Liddle](#) to host 3 live pitches by innovative, for purpose organisations delivering financial returns and significant social impact

[LendForGood Unlock the potential of impact enterprises worldwide to achieve the SDGs - Tom Dawkins](#)

[Hotel Etico - Andrea Comastri](#)

[i=Change/ Powering business for good - Jeremy Meltzer](#)

12:00pm

Breakout 5: Seeding Change - Exploring Agriculture and Nature Investment Trends.

Deep dive into Agriculture and Nature investment opportunities and trends.

**Speakers:** [Ginny Daniels](#), [Lachy Ritchie](#), [Diana Callebaut](#), [Toby Grogan](#) and [Fiachra Kearney](#).

Breakout 6: How to create deep impact funding Medical Tech and Health Services.

A Panel discussion to explore the impact opportunity within the medical tech and health services space. **Speakers:**

[Yasser El-Ansary](#), [Julianne Wilkin](#), [Alon Greenspan](#) & [Adam Milgrom](#)

Breakout 7: ImpactConnect Deals Room

[Jeremy Liddle](#) to host 3 live pitches by leading Impact Funds and organisations addressing the challenges around Specialist Disability Accommodation and social housing in Australia.

[The Australian Unity Specialist Disability Accommodation Fund - Jacob Edwards](#)

[Barwon Disability Accommodation Fund - Joss Engebretsen](#)

[Future Housing Taskforce - Kevin Doodney](#)

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**Lunch**

**Video Stream on Poetry of Impact - the Lifestyle Lab: Experiments in Wisdom, Well-Being, & Wealth.**

Enjoy [Gino D Borges](#) insights, perspectives and practical approaches to living a life of greater well-being and attunement.

**Foundations Group for Impact Investing (FGII)**

Market Information Day get together over a grab and go lunch in the Deals Room. All welcome. Networking opportunity on FGII's latest initiatives to grow impact investing in Australia.

**Speakers:** [Michelle Di Fabio](#), [Ben Smith](#) and Guest [Heather Mclean-Thomson](#) from **Global Sisters**.

1:30pm

**Plenary Panel: Global Vision, Local Action - Unearthing Impact Investment Trends Beyond the Domestic.**

Venturing beyond Down Under to hear from families, foundations and institutions and learn what the rest of the world is seeing, hearing and doing in the impact sector.

**Speakers:** [Eleanor Keppelman](#), [Raya Papp](#), [William Burckart](#), [Senthan Balachandiran](#) and [Jacob Duer](#)

2:35pm

**Breakout 8: Partnerships for the long haul: Taking a long-term approach to capital allocation**

In this session, we'll discuss approaches to achieving impact through backing innovation from a corporate perspective and how this translates in practice through building effective partnerships with not-for-profits, particularly those working with First Nations Communities.

**Speakers:** [Belinda Gorman](#), [Kris Ashpole](#), [Jane Vadiveloo](#) and [Gillian Pearl](#)

**Breakout 9: Harmony in Impact: The Vital The Vital Role of Investors in Advancing Peace SDGs Worldwide**

Exploring the intersection of impact investing, peace and Sustainable Development Goals, this session delves into the pivotal role investors play in fostering global harmony and sustainable progress.

**Speakers:** [Mel Greblo](#), [John Wylie](#), [Sara Olsen](#), [Amit Bouri](#) and [Jeffry Cyr](#)



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## Breakout 10: Shaping Shelter - Insights from Leaders on Australia's Affordable Housing Programme and Impact Investment Opportunities.

Unveiling valuable insights from government and industry leaders, offering a comprehensive exploration of Australia's Affordable Housing Programme and the transformative impact investment opportunities.

**Speakers:** [Sean Nunan](#), [Jacob Edwards](#), [Kate Breen](#), [Luke Bo'sher](#) and [Caryn Kakas](#)

## Breakout 11: ImpactConnect Deals Room

[Jeremy Liddle](#) to host 3 live pitches of investment opportunities to combat climate change by rewilding Sydney Harbour and creating better parks, investing in the Pacific through blended facilities, and investing in Australian farmland to generate premium carbon credits, via biodiverse tree planting.

[Blue Green / Re-visioning Rushcutters and Rewilding Ironcove](#) - [Colin Finn](#)

[Kakariki Land Generation Fund](#) - [Lachy Ritchie](#)

[Camco](#) - [Geoff Sinclair](#)

**3:15pm**

## Afternoon Tea

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## Activity: Elevate Your Impact, Inspire your Wellbeing.

A moment to focus on personal wellbeing, performance and impact with [Lawrence Patrick III](#) from Wellbeing Outfit.

**4:10pm**

## REFLECTIONS: Leading an Impactful Life - Lessons from Impact Leaders.

In this illuminating session, two distinguished impact leaders share invaluable lessons and personal insights, offering a roadmap for leading an impactful life. **Speakers:** [Susheela Peres da Costa](#) & [Benson Saulo](#)

**4:40pm**

## Close Day 2

The closing keynote, a culminating moment of inspiration and reflection, encapsulates the conference's key takeaways and charts a course for continued impact in an ever-evolving landscape.