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2017 marks 25 years since the federation of the Australian Greens – a quarter century in which the party has gone from being a fringe movement to an established political force making substantial impacts on the course of Australian history, improving people's lives, and protecting the planet.

2017 also marks an extraordinary moment in history, as the political certainties, realities and possibilities which the party and the great majority of its members and supporters grew up in begin to melt into air.

The arrival of the climate crisis, sharply deepening inequality, the rise of the extreme right, and massively accelerating technological development make the next 25 years among the most pivotal in human history to date. If we don't change direction dramatically, we face a future that is nasty, brutish and short. We have a very brief window to turn this around and create a society that can not only survive but thrive.

It is clear that the Greens are the only party facing up to this challenge but also, like the broad global left, currently starkly unable to present and articulate a politics which is both popular and sufficiently radical to rise to the challenge.

Everything is Connected is an opportunity to talk deeply about what a vision

of a radical and popular green politics looks like – a politics which can actually address the huge crises we face, and be popular enough to win.

The conference brings together invited keynote speakers, academics, artists, as well as activists, members, supporters, and interested parties to discuss these vital questions, particular through the theme of connection – to each other, to politics, and to nature.

The key theme of the conference – connection to each other, to politics, and to nature – is informed and driven by what we believe to be the unique insight of Green politics, the idea that sets our politics apart from all others: ecology. Ecology teaches us that everything is connected, and that everything and everyone is better when we have connected diversity.

A truly ecological politics will connect us to each other, to and within nature, and to democracy – to our own agency. It will see us all as the protagonists in our own lives, but within supportive, enabling, diverse and connected communities.

Thank you for connecting with each other and the Green Institute, and welcome to the conference!

— Tim Hollo,
Executive Director, Green Institute

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

DR MARY GRAHAM

University of Queensland

Dr Graham is Associate Adjunct Professor of the School of Political Science and International Studies. She is a Kombumerri person (Gold Coast) through her father's heritage and affiliated with Wakka Wakka (South Burnett) through her mother's people. Mary has lectured nationally on Aboriginal history, politics and comparative philosophy.



PROFESSOR BRENDAN MACKEY

Griffith University

Professor Mackey is the Director of the Griffith Climate Change Response Program and specialises in the interactions between climate change, biodiversity and land use, sustainable development and the science and policy of ecosystem-based adaptation and mitigation and related public policy issues.



KATE RAWORTH

Oxford University

Kate Raworth is a renegade economist focused on exploring the economic mindset needed to address the 21st century's social and ecological challenges, and is the creator of the Doughnut theory of social and planetary boundaries. She is a Senior Visiting Research Associate at Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute.



DR STEPHEN HEALY

University of Western Sydney

Stephen Healy is a senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Culture and Society, University of Western Sydney and a recent arrival to Australia. He has a Doctorate in Geography and his research focuses on community-based approaches to sustainable economic development.



START TIME	MEMBERS' DINING ROOM 2	MEMBERS' DINING ROOM 1	MEMBERS' DINING ROOM 3	MEMBERS' BAR
8:30	Registration			
9:00	Welcome to country Please note: Welcome to Country will be at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy – please ensure you register early as we need to walk around the building to the Embassy ready for a 9am start			
9:30	Plenary Welcome from Tim Hollo, Executive Director of the Green Institute Dr Mary Graham: Indigenous conceptions of governance			
10:30	Morning tea			
11:00	Plenary Prof Brendan Mackey: The breath of life connects us all: scientific reflections on our planetary connections & their political ramifications			
11:45	Science, AI and democracy Ellen Broad: technology and democracy Felicity Ruby: technology and security Penny Kyburz: welcoming our new robot overlords Georgia Miller: commercialising science	Connecting to nature Margaret Blakers: Caring for country, nature and people Dr Nicole Rogers: Earth Jurisprudence Jana Norman: Ecozoic Living Tammy Milne: Disabled people and access to nature	Social institutions of connection Joan Staples: NGOs, participation, and reclaiming democracy from neoliberalism Mike Dowson (with Kevin Cox): Honey bee democracy Sue Lewis: Connecting gender and leadership	
1:15	Lunch			
2:00	Systemic approaches to racism and prejudice Tim Lo Surdo: Democracy in Colour Lidia Thorpe: Candidate for Northcote Larissa Baldwin: Indigenous Climate Justice Rosanne Bersten: Intersecting Privileges, Intersecting Oppressions Rachael Jacobs: Women of Colour	Alternative conceptions of economics Anna Schlunke: Transitioning to a Steady State Economy Dr John Hawkins: The Social Progress Index and its consequences TBC	Green Agenda Debate: What even is democracy? Green Agenda editors, Clare Ozich and Simon Copland Stephen Healy Joan Staples	
3:30	Afternoon tea			
4:00	Community Action for the Climate Emergency – the role of local government Bryony Edwards Phillip Sutton	Workshop on consensus Jim Buckell Kathleen Maltzahn (With Senator Janet Rice)	Non-violence – the least understood of the Greens' principles Giz Watson	Working in rural and regional areas Deb Foskey Lisa Arnaud
5:00	Plenary: report-backs			
6:00–11:00	Party! ANU pop up village Buses will be available or join a group walk across the lake. Food will be available for purchase, but get in early to take advantage of the bar tab. Entertainment includes live music from Chris Endrey plus a SPECIAL EVENT: PhDs”, interviewing Christine Milne, Samantha Ratnam and Robyn Lewis on		available for purchase, but get in early to take advantage of the bar tab. Live panel podcast by The Wholesome Show, described as “Roy and HG with “Who on Earth are the Greens, anyway?”	

DAY TWO	MEMBERS' DINING ROOM 2	MEMBERS' DINING ROOM 1	MEMBERS' DINING ROOM 3
8:45	Registration		
9:00	Plenary Kate Raworth (by video): author of <i>Doughnut Economics</i> Dr Stephen Healy – The Commons: what, why and how?		
10:30	Plenary A presentation by representatives from the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on their history and demands		
11:00	Morning tea		
11:30	The “truth” and politics Dr Rod Lamberts: science, expertise, and politics Dr Benedetta Brevini: post-truth and public discourses on Adani Julie Macken: truth and the public discourse on climate change Mark Chenery: communicating through values	Geopolitics, peace and nuclear issues Dr Sue Wareham: Let’s stop going to war Dr Adam Broinowski: Dismantling the nuclear-oil-dollar nexus for a thriving planetary commons Felicity Gray: International intervention and non-violence	Making Prisons Obsolete Hui Zhou, Mukhtar Mohammed and Kathleen Maltzahn
1:00	Lunch		
1:45	Systemic Approaches to Inequality Eva Cox Dr Ben Spies-Butcher Dr Elise Klein Chris Twomey	Living In and Designing Cities Dr Jason Byrne: Urban policy for a planet of cities Professor Marcus Foth: Connected Urbanism and Cohabitation in the Smart City Nilmini De Silva and Steven Liaros: A circular economy internet of cities	Green Agenda Debate: Social Movements and Political Parties – how do we relate? Green Agenda editors Clare Ozich and Simon Copland Maiy Azize Holly Hammond
3:15	Afternoon tea		
3:45	Closing Plenary Tim Hollo, Executive Director, The Green Institute Report backs and facilitated discussion		
5:00	Close		

SATURDAY 28 OCT

PANEL SPEAKERS

MAIY AZIZE

Anglicare

Maiy Azize has run national and local political campaigns as a Campaign Manager for the Greens, managed parliamentary campaigns as a political staffer, and worked at a senior executive level in the community sector. Maiy is currently the Director of Media and Communications at Anglicare Australia.

LARISSA BALDWIN

Seed

Larissa is a young woman from the Widjabul clan of the Bundjalung nation and is the National Co-Director for Seed. Larissa is passionate about a range of social justice issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and believes in seeking change through self-determination and grassroots leadership.

ROSANNE BERSTEN

intertwine

Rosanne Bersten is a Jewish queer communicator and campaigner with Asperger's and ADHD. They were National Communications Coordinator of the Australian Greens from 2013 to 2017 and have written for Fairfax, Amnesty International, Greenpeace and the International Federation of Journalists.

MARGARET BLAKERS

Margaret Blakers (OAM) is a long-time environmentalist, organiser of the first *Atlas of Australian Birds*, co-founder of the Victorian Greens, former adviser to Bob Brown, coordinator of the first Global Greens Congress, founding director of the Green Institute, first Convener of the Global Greens.

ELLEN BROAD

ODI Australian Network

Ellen Broad is a data policy wonk and data tinkerer. She was previously Head of Policy for the Open Data Institute based in London. She also worked for senior UK government minister Elisabeth Truss as her expert adviser on data.

DR ADAM BROINOWSKI

Australian National University

Adam Broinowski is a visiting research fellow and recent ARC Discovery Early Career Research Award fellow at the School of Culture, History and Language at the College of Asia and the

Pacific. He is the author of *Cultural Responses to Occupation in Japan: The Performing Body during the Cold War and After* (2016).

JIM BUCKELL

Groupwork Institute

Jim is the co-founder of the Victorian Greens Facilitators Network. He works as a facilitator with the Melbourne-based Groupwork Institute. Jim has worked at the SMH, The Australian and ABC radio and helped train indigenous journalists in Central Australia and Western Australia.

DR BENEDETTA BREVINI

University of Sydney

Dr Benedetta Brevini is a journalist, media activist and Senior Lecturer at the University of Sydney. She is the author of *Public Service Broadcasting Online* (2013), editor of *Beyond Wikileaks* (2013) and *Carbon Capitalism and Communication: Confronting Climate Crisis* (2017).

DR JASON BYRNE

Griffith University

Jason Byrne is an urban geographer and environmental planner. He was a fellow in the Center for Sustainable Cities at the University of Southern California (Los Angeles). Jason is also a Senior Fellow with the Johns Hopkins University Institute for Policy Studies.

MARK CHENERY

Common Cause Australia

Mark has worked in a variety of communications, campaigns and leadership roles. In 2012, while heading up ActionAid Australia's Community Engagement team, Mark co-founded the Common Cause Australia network and has since trained over a thousand non-profit staff and volunteers in values-based community engagement.

SIMON COPLAND

Green Agenda

Simon is a freelance writer and climate campaigner. He worked for and was an active volunteer for the Greens between 2007 – 2012 and recently worked for the climate organisation 350.org. He is co-editor of *Green Agenda*.

EVA COX

University of Technology, Sydney

Eva Cox is a public commentator, community change agent, well known feminist, on a postage stamp, Boyer Lecturer 1995, and active social and political researcher. She has taught policy, advocacy and research methods, run research consultancies, and worked as a public servant, political adviser and consultant.

NILMINI DE SILVA

PolisPlan

Nilmini De Silva is a Civil Engineer who has worked for local government for many years,

managing water systems and the natural environment. Nil is an accomplished documentary photographer and author of *Fate or Destiny*, who passionately pursues her dreams and inspires others to do likewise.

MIKE DOWSON

Mike Dowson is a management consultant, productivity analyst, writer and systems theorist. His special interest is the dynamics of collective enterprise and the influence of systems and technology on the ways people think and do things together.

PROFESSOR MARCUS FOTH

Queensland University of Technology

Marcus Foth is Professor of Urban Informatics in the QUT Design Lab at Queensland University of Technology. He is also an Honorary Professor in the School of Communication and Culture at Aarhus University, Denmark. Marcus has (co-) authored over 180 publications.

FELICITY GRAY

Felicity Gray is a PhD student at the Australian National University, researching non-violent intervention practices in armed conflict. Previously, she worked as an adviser to Senator Christine Milne and Senator Richard Di Natale, focusing on foreign affairs and parliamentary strategy. She is currently the Australian Greens International Secretary.

HOLLY HAMMOND

Plan To Win

Holly Hammond is Plan to Win's founder, director and principal facilitator and trainer. She is also the founder and co-convenor of the Melbourne Campaigners' Network and Plan to Thrive. Holly brings twenty-five years of experience in social movements to her work as an educator, facilitator and mentor.

DR JOHN HAWKINS

University of Canberra

Dr John Hawkins has worked in the Reserve Bank of Australia, Australian Treasury and Bank for International Settlements and currently lectures in contemporary economic issues at the University of Canberra. He has been secretary to the Senate Economics Committee and was senior economic adviser to Bob Brown and Christine Milne.

RACHAEL JACOBS

University of Western Sydney

Dr Rachael Jacobs is a lecturer in Creative Arts Education at Western Sydney University. Rachael is a community activist, a freelance writer, practicing dancer and choreographer. She is also an organising committee member of the community group, Teachers for Refugees and runs her own intercultural dance company.

DR ELISE KLEIN

University of Melbourne

Dr Elise Klein is a lecturer of Development Studies at the University of Melbourne. Her research interests span conditionality in Indigenous policy, psy-expertise in development interventions, women's economic empowerment and economic rights. Her new book is *Developing Minds: Psychology, Neoliberalism and Power*.

PENNY KYBURZ

Dr Penny Kyburz was an advisor to Senator Scott Ludlam in the communications portfolio, including digital rights and broadcasting. She has a PhD in computer science and is a former lecturer and researcher in artificial intelligence, human-computer interaction, and video games. She has worked as a game designer/developer on AAA games and her own indie games.

DR ROD LAMBERTS

ANU

Dr Rod Lamberts is deputy director of the Australian National Centre for Public Awareness of Science (CPAS) at the ANU. He is also a former national president of the Australian Science Communicators. Rod has been providing science communication consultation and evaluation advice for nearly 20 years to organisations including UNESCO and the CSIRO.

ROBYN LEWIS

Robyn Lewis is a politics, philosophy and economics student at ANU, and the co-convenor of the Australian Young Greens. She had been involved in the party for six years, joining when she was 15. She is also the current education officer for the ANU Student's Association, and her passion is economic justice.

SUE LEWIS

Sue has a strong background in environmental science and education as well as extensive experience working in gender and professions aptly described as dense masculinities. Sue was Director of Swinburne University's Centre for Gender and Cultural Diversity.

STEVEN LIAROS

PolisPlan

Steven Liaros is the author of *Rethinking the City* — an exploration of the historical ideas that underpin the organisation of cities — showing how these ideas are being transformed by the Internet.

TIM LO SURDO

Democracy in Colour

Tim is the founder and National Director of Democracy in Colour. He works at United Voice as a Senior Organiser. Previously, Tim was the Head of Campaigns at Oaktree, has been an adviser to two Greens Senators, directed national

campaigns for an advocacy organisation in India and much more.

JULIE MACKEN

Julie Macken is a former senior journalist with *The Australian Financial Review*, former head of legacy media Greenpeace Australia and worked on the Greens 2015 NSW State election campaign and with Jim Casey for the seat of Grayndler in the 2016 Federal election. She is currently doing a PhD at the Institute for Social Justice.

GEORGIA MILLER *UNSW*

Georgia Miller recently completed her PhD on policy and technological innovation. She currently works as a research assistant at UNSW and as a senior strategist with The Sunrise Project. Among previous roles, she was coordinator of Friends of the Earth's Nanotechnology Project, and a staff member for Australian Greens Senator Kerry Nettle.

CHRISTINE MILNE

Christine Milne is the Global Greens Ambassador, Patron of the Solar Council and a member of advisory boards to the Climate Accountability Institute and Solar Heads of State. She is a former leader of the Australian Greens, former Vice President of IUCN and is a United Nations Global 500 Laureate.

TAMMY MILNE

Tammy Milne lives with a disability known as Arthrogrophosis multiplex congenital. She is a Greens endorsed Alderman on the Devonport City Council and has worked for the Department of Education Tasmania for 30 years.

MUKHTAR MOHAMMED

*Islamic Council of Victoria,
Office of Adam Bandt*

Mukhtar Mohammed is a coordinator of Muslim Connect at the Islamic Council of Victoria, and Community Liaison Officer for the Office of Adam Bandt. Muslim Connect is the Islamic Council of Victoria's community reintegration program for Muslim-Victorians exiting the prison system.

JANA NORMAN

University of Adelaide

Jana Norman is a PhD student at the University of Adelaide Law School. Her research focuses on redefining the legal subject to correspond to emergent ideas about what it means to be human from new science, ecological thinking, and post-humanist critical theory.

CLARE OZICH

Green Agenda

Clare Ozich is the founder and co-editor of Green Agenda, an online political publication exploring green politics. She has worked as a

lawyer, an industrial officer in the union movement, and as Director of Policy for Greens leaders Bob Brown and Christine Milne. She is currently the Executive Director of the Australian Institute of Employment Rights.

SAMANTHA RATNAM

Victorian Greens MP

Samantha Ratnam is a social worker who has just been elected as a State MP in Victoria and then as leader of the Victorian Greens Parliamentary team. She was most recently the Mayor of Moreland and the candidate for the seat of Wills.

DR NICOLE ROGERS

Southern Cross University

Dr Nicole Rogers is a senior lecturer at the School of Law and Justice, Southern Cross University. Nicole is a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law and lawyer on the Southern Cross University Human Research Ethics Committee. Nicole is co-editor of *Law as if Earth really mattered: the Wild Law Judgment project* (Routledge, 2017).

FELICITY RUBY

University of Sydney

Felicity Ruby's research is focused on transnational political movements against mass surveillance. She has been a political adviser to Senator Scott Ludlam, Greenpeace International, and a Peace and Security Adviser to the United Nations Development Fund for Women. She was most recently the Director of Internet Policy for global software consulting firm, ThoughtWorks.

ANNA SCHLUNKE

CASSE NSW

Anna Schlunke is a chemical engineer with a PhD in reaction kinetics. Anna is Co-Director of the NSW Chapter of the Centre for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy (CASSE) and also Co-Director of Panania Free Rangers, which runs urban farms to improve access to locally grown food.

DR BEN SPIES-BUTCHER

Macquarie University

Ben Spies-Butcher is a Senior Lecturer and Director of the Masters of Policy and Applied Social Research in the Sociology Department at Macquarie University. His most recent co-authored book is *Market Society*, published with Cambridge University Press.

JOAN STAPLES

Joan Staples is a Melbourne-based political scientist focusing on civil society and NGOs, especially environmental NGOs, and their role in democracy. Her career has been in policy and advocacy working with national NGOs involved in campaigns all over Australia and she played a strong role in the formative years of the Greens.

LIDIA THORPE

Candidate for Northcote

Lidia Thorpe is a Guna-Gunditjmarra woman who is currently the Greens candidate in the by-election for the Victorian state seat of Northcote. She is also Managing Director of a sustainable housing and renewable energy business.

CHRIS TWOMEY

WACOSS

Chris Twomey is the Director of Policy for the Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) and Chair of the Green Institute. Chris previously worked as a senior policy advisor to the Australian Greens Parliamentary team.

DR SUE WAREHAM

Medical Association for the Prevention of War

Dr Sue Wareham OAM is a Vice-President of the Medical Association for Prevention of War, and is Vice-President of the 2017 Nobel-Peace-Prize-winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. She is also on the board of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

HUI ZHOU

Darebin Community Legal Centre

Hui Zhou is Principal Solicitor at the Darebin Community Legal Centre. In 2011 she was awarded Yarra Drug and Health Forum Worker of the Year, while Community Outreach Lawyer with Fitzroy Legal Service.

WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

LISA ARNAUD

University of Melbourne

Lisa Arnaud is currently researching how political agency is being restricted and mobilised in rural communities affected by mining development. Lisa has consulted on OECD climate change projects and as a senior policy advisor for the Department of Environment.

BRYONY EDWARDS

Community Action in the Climate Emergency

In addition to working full time as a human service data analyst, Bryony campaigns for safe climate restoration through Community Action in the Climate Emergency, Save the Planet and by running as a climate emergency candidate.

KATHLEEN MALTZAHN

Australian Greens Victoria

Kathleen Maltzahn has led several not-for-profits, here and overseas, with a particular focus on violence against women, and is currently based at La Trobe University researching gambling with two Victorian Aboriginal communities and teaching. She was a Greens councillor at the City of Yarra, and in 2014 came close to winning the state seat of Richmond.

SENATOR JANET RICE

Janet Rice has been a Senator for Victoria since 2014. She is a climate scientist by training, was a founding member of the Greens Victoria, the

first coordinator of Bicycle Network Victoria's Ride2Work program and is the co-convenor of the Parliamentary Friendship Group for LGBTIQ Australians.

PHILIP SUTTON

Research and Strategy for Transition Initiation

Philip Sutton is the Manager and Strategist for RSTI and is currently leading RSTI's climate emergency program. He is co-founder of Safe Climate Australia and a past-President of the Sustainable Living Foundation and the Australia New Zealand Society for Ecological Economics.

GIZ WATSON

Giz Watson's background is in environmental science, building and activism. In the UK in the early 1980s, Giz trained nonviolent direct action groups for peace camps, including the now famous Greenham Common. Giz was a Member of Parliament in WA Legislative Council for the Greens from 1997 to 2013. She was the first openly lesbian member of any Australian Parliament.

DEB FOSKEY

Southern Cross University

Deb Foskey is a community/environmental activist with roots in East Gippsland (1972-1985 and 2008-present) and a couple of decades in Canberra, studying, teaching and being politically active (1985-2008). She was a Greens MLA in the ACT Assembly from 2004-2008.

