

# Localised solutions:

## Building capacity and resilience with distributed production systems

**Monday 30th November**  
Flagstaff Bowls Club  
Dudley St. West Melbourne

**Payment and Registration**  
\$99 (Inc GST)  
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\$66 (Inc GST)

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### Are we on the edge of a 're-localisation' revolution?

With large, centralised infrastructure appearing vulnerable to climate change and 'peak oil', alternative models are emerging everywhere.

Energy, water and food are being delivered via networked, localised production and consumption systems that lower carbon, increase efficiency, build resilience and strengthen local economies. This 'distributed' systems model is over-turning old ideas of services and is re-shaping our image of the future. Communities are active adopters of solar panels, wind generators, rainwater tanks and neighbourhood gardens. Consumers are redefining themselves as part-producers of critical resources. This is an evolution just beginning.

This one-day conference will explore the value, diversity and implications of distributed systems for creating more sustainable and resilient critical services. It is the first of many events to build interest and linkages between those pursuing new solutions for energy, water, food, transport and local economic development.

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## Program

**08:30**    **Sign in**

**09:00**    **Opening**

09:30    Assoc. Prof. Peter Coombes – Founding Director, Bonacci Water  
*Towards sustainable water solutions: Decentralised strategies to balance uncertainty*

10:05    Prof. Cynthia Mitchell – Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS  
*Re-thinking local water and nutrient cycles*

**10:40**    **Break**

10:55    Trevor Budge – Senior Lecturer, La Trobe Uni  
*Creating localised food systems: The role of metropolitan planning strategy*

11:30    Chris Ennis – Manager, CERES  
*CERES food hubs: Produce for the people*

**12:05**    **Lunch**

12:50    Blair Healy – Manager, Cogent Energy  
*Distributed energy: An energy companies perspective*

13:25    Dr Phillip Paevere – Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems  
*Electric driveway*

14:00    Jim Norris – Chair, Mt Alexander Sustainability Grp.  
*Building community innovation: The role of distributed leadership*

**14:35**    **Break**

**15:00**    **Speed talks**

15:05    Francis Pamminger – Yarra Valley Water

15:15    Paul Murfitt – Moreland Energy Foundation

15:25    Anjali Brown – Alternative Technology Association

15:35    Michaela Lang – Just Change

15:45    *Re-thinking the built environment – TBA*

**16:05**    **Final Perspective**

Prof. Peter Newman – Curtin Uni

**16:25**    **Question panel**

**17:05**    **Wrap-up – Networking and drinks**

**18:00**    **Close**

