

Localised solutions:

Building capacity and resilience with distributed production systems

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

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\$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**

