GREEN BUILDING FORUM 2026

Thursday 12 November 2026

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane

MORNING PROGRAM

8:15am	**Arrival and networking**
8:55am	**Opening remarks from the Chair** ***Jeff Oatman*** *- Head of Membership & Collaboration,* ***Green Building Council of Australia*** ***Eliza Morawska*** *- Engagement Lead,* ***Green Building Council of Australia***
9:00am	**Welcome to Country**
9.10am	**Icebreaker – An informal session to build your network**
9:15am	**GBCA Update** ***Davina Rooney –*** *CEO,* ***Green Building Council of Australia***
9:35am	**Panel: Driving circularity outcomes through procurement, design and material solutions** • Driving circularity outcomes through better project collaboration • Unlocking circular procurement and specification pathways • The role of products and materials in enabling circular outcomes • Scaling innovation to deliver measurable impact ***Emily Osborn*** *- Principal, Team Leader Sustainability,* ***Stantec*** ***Deepak Chopra,*** *National Sales Director****, Milliken*** ***Joanna Newton,*** *Architect,* ***Hassell*** ***Davina Rooney*** *- CEO,* ***Green Building Council of Australia***
10:10am	**Green Star Case Study: How Green Star drives building outcomes in Build-to-Rent** Drawing on Mirvac's Build-to-Rent portfolio, including LIV Anura in Brisbane and projects across Melbourne, this session explores how Green Star is driving healthier homes, lower-carbon buildings and more resilient communities. This session will explore the technical challenges and positive opportunities in reaching sustainability outcomes across the growing BTR sector. ***Catherine Atkinson****, Project Director, Build to Rent,* ***Mirvac***
10:40am	**Good design never ends - Scaling circularity for a low carbon future** Reducing embodied carbon is only part of the solution. As the built environment accelerates towards net zero, the next challenge is scaling circularity across the entire value chain. This session will explore how Interface is translating ambitious climate commitments into measurable action through science-based targets, supply chain collaboration, material innovation and circular design. Discover how the **Good Design Never Ends** strategy is helping transform flooring from a linear product into a circular resource, and what this means for the future of Green Star Interiors projects. ***Aidan Mullan*** *- Sustainability Manager,* ***Interface Australia & New Zealand***

11:00am	**Morning tea**
11:35am	**In Conversation: high performance by design** *Delivering measurable sustainability outcomes in cold storage warehousing* Hear how Warehouse 3 at Somerville Road Estate achieved a 5 Star Green Star rating through innovative design, high-performance building envelope solutions, and strong project collaboration that delivered measurable sustainability outcomes. ***Davina Rooney*** *- CEO,* ***Green Building Council of Australia*** ***Duro Curlija -*** *General Manager Australia,* ***Metecno PIR***
11:55am	**Industry update - How NABERS is evolving to maximise impact** The sustainability landscape for commercial buildings is very dynamic. Hear how NABERS is evolving to maximise impact and meet the needs of the industry. This session will cover key updates around the NABERS Energy tool and embodied carbon, ***Magali Wardle*** *- Head of Market Transformation,* ***NABERS***
12.15pm	**Panel: Driving Carbon Reduction: Innovation, Initiatives and Smarter Material Choices** This panel will explore how the built environment can drive carbon reductions through innovation, supply chain engagement and smarter material choices. Discussion points: • What are the most effective opportunities to reduce upfront carbon today? • How are manufacturers innovating to deliver lower-carbon products and materials? • What role do clients and procurement teams play in driving market transformation? • What innovations and sectors will have the greatest influence on carbon reduction over the next decade ***Shelly Thompson*** *- Associate Director, Global Sustainability Lead,* ***NDY*** ***Mason Asadi*** *- Associate Director,* ***CBRE Asia Pacific*** ***Effie Chew -*** *Head of Environmental and Sustainability****, KONE APAC, Middle East and Africa*** ***Elham Monavari*** *- Head of Green Star Strategic Delivery,* ***GBCA***
12:50pm	**Green Star Update** ***Jorge Chapa*** *– Chief Impact Officer,* ***Green Building Council of Australia***
1:15pm	**Lunch**

BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS

2:00pm	**STRATEGY WORKSHOP** **The industry roadmap to 2035: Moving from ideas to action** ***How do we build the future we want?*** *The Green Building Council of Australia has set bold commitment targets for 2035. The four impact areas of industry focus include reducing upfront carbon by 60%, accelerating the circularity rate by 15%, achieving a measurable biodiversity net gain, and creating healthier, more resilient places for people and communities*	**GREEN STAR WORKSHOP** **Overcoming barriers on a tricky Green Star project** *This interactive workshop will explore how to approach complex and unconventional Green Star projects, unpack credit intent, and identify pathways when standard compliance isn't possible. The session will introduce GSAPs (experienced and new) to key stakeholders in a Green Star project, deliver an overview of the certification process and will provide you greater confidence in developing robust submissions and*

	*Now the challenge is turning that ambition into action. This interactive session will seek to identify the barriers, opportunities and practical steps needed to deliver these outcomes at scale. This is the time to collaborate and shape an industry-led roadmap for achieving the GBCA's 2035 commitments and answer one critical question**: what must we start doing today to create the sustainable built environment we want by 2035?*** ***Jorge Chapa –*** *Chief Impact Officer,* ***GBCA***	*Technical Questions.* ***Elham Monavari*** *- Head of Green Star Strategic Delivery,* ***GBCA*** ***Emma Bezzina*** *- Green Star Systems Manager,* ***GBCA*** ***Arielle Laxamana*** *- Assistant Delivery Manager,* ***GBCA*** ***With Assessors:*** ***Patrick Campbell*** *– Group Manager – Environment and Sustainability,* ***John Holland*** ***Quentin Jackson*** *- Principal, Sustainability,* ***Aurecon***
AFTERNOON PROGRAM		
3:30pm	**Afternoon tea**	
4:05pm	**Green Star case study: Building Sustainable Commercial Property Precincts: The Brisbane Airport Approach** Brisbane Airport is using Green Star to drive more sustainable, resilient and future-ready developments across its property portfolio. Within the calendar year five 5 Star Green Star certified buildings have been delivered across the Airport Industrial Park and Export Park precincts, with a further 3 projects targeting 5 Star Green Star certification across Brisbane Airport. This session will explore the opportunities and lessons learned from delivering Green Star at scale, including the application of sector-specific credits, and the design decisions that have supported outcomes in areas such as embodied carbon, energy efficiency, water management and occupant wellbeing. ***Ben Casey*** *- Sustainability Lead,* ***Brisbane Airport Corporation*** ***David Sparks*** *– Principal ESD Engineer,* ***Cundall***	
4.35pm	**Green Star case study: Mass Timber in the Tropics: JCU The Yeinie Building** Targeting a 5 Star Green Star Buildings certification, the Cairns Tropical Enterprise Centre is setting a benchmark for sustainable development in tropical Australia. Through mass timber construction, climate-responsive design and meaningful First Nations engagement, the project demonstrates a resilient, low-carbon approach tailored to its unique regional context. ***Jarrad Braham*** *- Associate,* ***dsquared Consulting*** ***Michael Herse*** *– Director,* ***Wilson Architects***	
5:05pm	**Closing remarks**	
5:10pm 6:15pm	**Networking drinks reception**	