

GREEN BUILDING FORUM 2026

Tuesday 27 October 2026

The Glasshouse, Melbourne

MORNING PROGRAM

8:15am **Arrival and networking**

8:55am **Opening remarks from the Chair**

Nick Alsop - Senior Manager - Market Transformation, Green Building Council of Australia

9:00am **Welcome to Country**

9:10am **Welcome from the City of Melbourne**

9:20am **GBCA update**

Davina Rooney - CEO, Green Building Council of Australia

9:40am **Panel: Driving circularity outcomes through procurement, design and materials**

- 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

Sian Willmott - Sustainable Design Leader, Hassell Studios

Jordi McInerney - Manager Strategic Projects Circular Economy, City of Melbourne

Deepak Chopra - National Sales Manager, Milliken Australia

Davina Rooney - CEO, Green Building Council of Australia

10:20am **Green Star case study: Melbourne Arts Precinct redevelopment**

What does it take to embed sustainability across a complex, city-shaping cultural precinct?

This session will provide a behind-the-scenes look at the Melbourne Arts Precinct Redevelopment, exploring the strategies, challenges and lessons learned in applying Green Star and delivering ambitious sustainability outcomes. From carbon reduction and climate resilience to public realm enhancement and stakeholder collaboration, gain an understanding into the decisions, trade-offs and innovations that helped turn sustainability aspirations into measurable outcomes.

Kelly MacMorran - Design Director, Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation (Development Victoria)

Jessica Bennett - Sustainability Leader, Victoria, Aurecon

10:50am **Morning tea**

11:30am **In Conversation**

11.50am	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. <i>Aidan Mullan - Sustainability Manager, Interface Australia & New Zealand</i>	
12:10pm	Panel: Driving Carbon Reduction through Innovation, Supply Chains and Smarter Material. This panel will explore how the built environment can drive carbon reductions through innovation, supply chain engagement and smarter material choices. Discussion points • Turning carbon reduction goals into measurable outcomes through supply chain engagement and collaboration. • Exploring how innovation across manufacturing, design and delivery is reducing embodied carbon. • How ratings, benchmarking and performance data can help organisations identify, prioritise and track carbon reduction opportunities. • Which policies, frameworks and reporting requirements are making the biggest impact? • Navigating the trade-offs between carbon, cost, availability, performance and constructability. <i>Magali Wardle - Head of Market Transformation, NABERS</i> <i>Jim Stewart - Principal, Fender Katsalidis</i> <i>Jamie Wallis - Senior Manager, Sustainable Finance and Performance, Green Building Council of Australia (Moderator)</i>	
12.50pm	Green Star update	
1:10pm	Lunch	
BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS		
2:00pm	STRATEGY WORKSHOP The industry roadmap to 2035: Moving from ideas to action	GREEN STAR WORKSHOP Overcoming barriers on a tricky Green Star project <i>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 Technical Questions.</i> <i>Elham Monavari - Head of Green Star Strategic Delivery, GBCA</i> <i>Emma Bezzina, Green Star Systems Manager, GBCA</i> <i>Debbie Roussakis, Green Star Assistant Delivery Manager, GBCA</i>

With Assessors:

Damon Cuming - Senior Project Manager, Sustainability,
Homes Victoria

Dr. Gerard Healey –Manager, Sustainable Strategy, **University
of Melbourne**

3:30pm

Afternoon tea

4:00pm

Green Star case study: New Footscray Hospital

Delivering ambitious sustainability outcomes in a highly complex healthcare environment requires more than good intentions.

This session explores how the New Footscray Hospital project leveraged Green Star to drive performance across energy efficiency, water conservation, materials selection and embodied carbon reduction, while balancing the stringent operational and clinical requirements of a major hospital development.

Priyanka Mohite - Sustainability Consultant, **Cundall**

4.30pm

Green Star case study: Yitpi Yartapuultiku, Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Adelaide

Explore how Yitpi Yartapuultiku, the Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Port Adelaide, brings Kurna-led design, cultural governance and environmental stewardship together in a landmark community facility.

This session will unpack the project's 6 Star Green Star certification, recognised as World Leadership in sustainable design, construction and operation, and the practical outcomes behind the rating, including an all-electric building powered by renewable energy, major reductions in operational energy, upfront carbon and potable water use, a restored Living Shoreline, enhanced biodiversity, circular economy initiatives and a Healthy Country Plan supporting long-term care for land, water and community.

Jacob Potter - Associate, **dsquared Consulting**

5:00pm

Closing remarks

5:10pm-

Networking drinks reception

6:15pm
