

# GREEN BUILDING FORUM 2026

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Dockside, Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney

## MORNING PROGRAM

8:15am **Arrival and networking**

8:50am **Opening remarks from the Chair**

*Taryn Cornell - Senior Manager, Strategy and Development, **Green Building Council of Australia***

8:55am **Welcome to Country**

9:05am **Icebreaker – An informal session to build your network**

9:10am **GBCA Update**

9:30am **Panel: Driving circularity outcomes through procurement, design and materials**

Discussion points:

- 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

***Fairouz Ghanem** - Senior Sustainability Consultant – Sustainable Futures, **Lendlease***

***Aidan Mullan**, Sustainability Manager, **Interface Australia and New Zealand***

***Davina Rooney** - CEO, **Green Building Council of Australia***

10:10am **Green Star Case study: UNSW CBD Campus**

Achieving a 5-Star Green Star rating, the UNSW CBD Campus sets a new benchmark for sustainable learning environments. Hear how the team overcame complex delivery challenges to create a flexible, technology-enabled campus that blends circular design principles, innovative learning spaces and outstanding environmental performance.

***Melissa Nouel** -Built Environment Sustainability Manager, **UNSW***

***Nathan Humphries** – Principal, **DesignInc Sydney***

10:40am **Green Star update**

11:00am **Morning tea**

11:40am **In Conversation**

12:00pm **Design for disassembly and reuse - turning today's buildings into tomorrow's material banks**

***Deepak Chopra**, National Sales Manager, **Milliken Australia***

***Alexis Kusinski**, Director, **MKDC Workspace Designers***

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| 12.20pm                   | <b>Industry update - How NABERS is evolving to maximise impact</b><br><br>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, embodied carbon and Data Centres.<br><br><b>Magali Wardle</b> - Head of Market Transformation, <b>NABERS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12:35pm                   | <b>Panel - Driving Carbon Reduction: Innovation, Initiatives and Smarter Material Choices</b><br><br>This panel will explore how the built environment can drive carbon reductions through innovation, supply chain engagement and smarter material choices.<br><br>Discuss points <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turning carbon reduction goals into measurable outcomes through supply chain engagement and collaboration.</li><li>• Exploring how innovation across manufacturing, design and delivery is reducing embodied carbon.</li><li>• How ratings, benchmarking and performance data can help organisations identify, prioritise and track carbon reduction opportunities.</li><li>• Which policies, frameworks and reporting requirements are making the biggest impact?</li><li>• Navigating the trade-offs between carbon, cost, availability, performance and constructability</li></ul> <b>Natalya Partington</b> - Senior Associate Carbon Planner, <b>Slattery</b><br><b>Joanne Andrade</b> - National Sustainability Lead, <b>Cox Architecture</b><br><i>Plus more to be confirmed</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1:10pm                    | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2:00pm                    | <b>STRATEGY WORKSHOP</b><br><b>The industry roadmap to 2035: Moving from ideas to action</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>GREEN STAR WORKSHOP</b><br><b>Overcoming barriers on a tricky Green Star project</b><br><br><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><br><br><b>Elham Monavari</b> - Head of Green Star Strategic Delivery, <b>GBCA</b><br><b>Emma Bezzina</b> - Green Star Systems Manager, <b>GBCA</b><br><b>Sebastian Hacker</b> - Assistant Delivery Manager, <b>GBCA</b> |
| <b>AFTERNOON PROGRAM</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3:30pm                    | <b>Afternoon tea</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 4:00pm            | <p><b>Green Star Case Study: Newcastle Airport Terminal</b></p> <p>As Australia's first airport terminal to achieve a 5 Star Green Star Buildings As Built certification, the Newcastle Airport Terminal Expansion set a new benchmark for sustainable aviation infrastructure.</p> <p>This session will explore the technical and operational challenges of delivering ambitious sustainability outcomes within a complex airport environment, and the lessons learned in balancing performance, resilience and passenger experience</p> <p><b>Matt Williams</b> - National Leader, Sustainability, <b>LCI Consultants</b></p>                                                                                                                   |
| 4.30pm            | <p><b>Green Star Case study: Sydney Fish Markets</b></p> <p>The new Sydney Fish Market showcases how innovative design and sustainability can be integrated at scale. This session will explore the delivery of the project's striking wave-inspired mass timber roof, one of the largest and most complex timber roof structures constructed in Australia.</p> <p>The session will also examine how the extensive use of renewable timber, alongside initiatives to improve energy efficiency, reduce embodied carbon and enhance environmental performance, contributed to the project's ambitious sustainability objectives and pursuit of a 5-Star Green Star rating.</p> <p><b>Owen Grace</b> - Sustainability Manager, <b>Multiplex</b></p> |
| 5:00pm            | <p><b>Closing remarks</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5:10pm-<br>6:15pm | <p><b>Networking drinks reception</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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