

GREEN BUILDING FORUM 2026

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Dockside, Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney

LIVE-STREAMED FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

MORNING PROGRAM

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**

9:35am **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

10:15am **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

10:45am **Green Star update**

11:00am **BREAK**

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

12.20pm	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, embodied carbon and Data Centres. Magali Wardle - Head of Market Transformation, NABERS
12:35pm	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. Discuss 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 Natalya Partington - Senior Associate Carbon Planner, Slattery Joanne Andrade - National Sustainability Lead, Cox Architecture <i>Plus more to be confirmed</i>
1:10pm	BREAK
BREAKOUT WORKSHOP	
2:00pm	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> Elham Monavari - Head of Green Star Strategic Delivery, GBCA Emma Bezzina, Green Star Systems Manager, GBCA Sebastian Hacker, Assistant Delivery Manager, GBCA <i>*Please note the live-stream will be paused during the practical component of the workshop for privacy compliance.</i>
AFTERNOON PROGRAM	
3:30pm	BREAK

4:00pm

Green Star Case Study: Newcastle Airport Terminal

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.

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

Matt Williams - National Sustainability Lead, **LCI Consultants**

4.30pm

Green Star Case study: Sydney Fish Markets

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.

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.

Owen Grace - Sustainability Manager, **Multiplex**

5:00pm

Closing remarks
