

GREEN BUILDING FORUM 2025

Green Building Forum Sydney – Wed, 29 October, 2025 – Dockside, Cockle Bay Wharf

- 8:30am** **Arrival and networking**
Enjoy a coffee and pastry while networking with your peers
- 9:00am** **Opening remarks from the Chair**
Nick Alsop – Senior Manager - Buildings, Precincts and Homes, **GBCA**
- 9:05am** **Welcome to Country**
- 9.15am** **Icebreaker – An informal session to build your network**
- 9.20am** **GBCA Update**
Jorge Chapa, Chief Impact Officer, **Green Building Council of Australia**
- 9:35am** **Industry Leaders Panel – trends and sustainability outlook shaping the state**
- What does the current landscape look like in the NSW market?
 - What are the future trends on the horizon and what should be on the radar?
- Penny Barker**, General Manager, Sustainability, **Stockland**
Dr. Matthias Irger, National Head of Sustainability, **COX**
Davina Rooney, Chief Executive Officer, **Green Building Council of Australia**
- 10.10am** **Green Star Update**
Elham Monavari, Head of Green Star Strategic Delivery, **Green Building Council of Australia**
- 10.25am** **Case study: Green Star Buildings in focus**
*Discover the vision and technical innovations behind **55 Pitt Street**, a landmark mixed-use commercial and retail development. As the first project in NSW to achieve a 6-Star Design Review rating under Green Star Buildings v1, this session will dive into the strategies and sustainability initiatives that will shape this project.*
- Daniel Lia**, Senior Sustainability Manager, Carbon Planning & Construction, **Mirvac**
Grant Eckett, Senior Development Manager, **Mirvac**
- 11:00am** **Morning Tea**
- 11.30am** **In conversation: Driving electrification and performance through retrofit and new building innovations**
- 75 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne project - Transitioning from gas to high-efficiency heat pumps
 - Tracking building performance outcomes
 - VPP (Virtual Power Plant) concepts and new building innovations – Origin partnership
- Zack Kerr**, State Manager NSW & ACT, **Stiebel Eltron**
Davina Rooney, Chief Executive Officer, **Green Building Council of Australia**
- 11.50am** **Case study: The recertification of Barangaroo South**
This session will explore the journey of Barangaroo from its initial 6 certification through to the recertification process under Green Star Communities tool*
Hear the details from carbon reduction innovations to precinct wide innovation outcomes of this iconic Sydney precinct.
- Karen Greaves**, Senior Sustainability Manager, Development, **Lendlease**

12.25pm	Buildings v 1.1 – unpacking the updates <i>This session will cover the changes and updates to Green Star Buildings v1.1 and what it means for individuals and project teams delivering Green Star.</i> Taryn Cornell , Senior Manager – Strategy and Development, Green Building Council of Australia	
1.10pm	Lunch	
2.10pm	BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS	
2.10pm	GREEN STAR WORKSHOP: HOW TO DELIVER A HIGH PERFORMING SUBMISSION Unlock top tips for a standout submission! Discover common pitfalls, how to avoid them, and get advice from assessors. Join small group discussions, share insights, and have your questions answered. Presented by: Elham Monavari, Head of Green Star Strategic Delivery, Green Building Council of Australia Anna Davis, Senior Manager – Green Star Technical Delivery, Green Building Council of Australia + Assessors including • Devan Valenti, Director of Sustainability, AESG • Tony Watson, Managing Director, Green Matters • Rory Eames, Founder, Brevet • Kim Featherston, Sustainability Director, Frontier 1 Consulting	KNOWLEDGE SHARING WORKSHOP WHAT DOES THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT OF 2035 LOOK LIKE? Imagine walking through a city in 2035 - what will we build then? This interactive session explores the future of sustainable buildings and communities, tackling emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities that will shape the next generation of the built environment. Through collaborative discussions, participants will help define what world-leading and typical buildings should look like in 2035 and what it will take to get there. Presented by: Taryn Cornell , Senior Manager Strategy and Development, Green Building Council of Australia Emily Chung , Manager Future Focus, Green Building Council of Australia Jorge Chapa , Chief Impact Officer, Green Building Council of Australia
3:30pm	Afternoon Tea	
4:00pm	Case study: CIT Woden - A smart campus <i>This session will explore how CIT Woden, targeting a 6-Star Green Star Buildings v1 rating, has positioned itself as a model smart campus. The use of a Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) frame in the main building has significantly reduced the project's carbon footprint, setting a new benchmark in sustainable design. Integrating a youth foyer, transport hub, and university building, the development prioritises climate resilience and community engagement, delivering strong environmental and social outcomes.</i> Barry Hackett , Partner, Gray Puksand Ruchita Panchal , Senior Sustainability Consultant, AECOM	
4.35pm	In Conversation: Progressing the outcomes and themes of the day Taryn Cornell , Senior Manager – Strategy and Development, Green Building Council of Australia Rory Eames , Founder, Brevet Tony Watson , Managing Director, Green Matters	
5.00pm	Networking drinks reception	
6:00pm	Event close	