



CRC for  
Water Sensitive Cities

**15—18  
March**

**2021**  
Australia

# Conference program

Water Sensitive Practice.  
Every city. Every day.



**water sensitive cities conference 2021**



Australian Government  
Department of Industry, Science,  
Energy and Resources

**Business**  
Cooperative Research  
Centres Program



## A new format—we're online and in person



An **interactive, online conference** design that allows access from anywhere



**In-person sessions** at hubs in multiple cities across Australia, to support the online component



A range of opportunities to **network and participate** to keep the conference engaging

To accommodate the changes to how we work, we've moved online.

This means conference participants can join from any location. We're providing a range of opportunities to network and participate to keep the conference an engaging experience.

We will complement the online activities with in-person sessions at hubs across Australia.

Access to online sessions is via a dedicated website, with access provided after registration.

But make sure you attend the conference venue in your state for Day 2 and Day 3—this is where the discussions will happen, regardless of whether the content is in-person or virtual.



## Venue

We invite you to join the in-person conference activities in your state. Venues include:

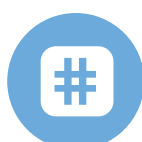
<b>Queensland:</b>	Mercure Hotel, Brisbane
<b>New South Wales:</b>	TBC
<b>South Australia:</b>	<b>SA Water House</b> , Adelaide
<b>Western Australia:</b>	Crown Hotel, Perth
<b>Victoria:</b>	Empower 365, Melbourne



## Mentimeter

We'll use Mentimeter (a web-based interaction tool) so that attendees can ask questions and participate in sessions and conversations:

1. Download the Mentimeter app to your phone via the App or Google store or go to [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com).
2. At the start of each session, you will receive a Mentimeter code. Simply enter the code and follow the prompts.



## Get social

Follow us on Twitter: [@crcwsc](https://twitter.com/crcwsc) or [Linked In](#)

Use **#2021WSSC #watersensitivepractice #everycityeveryday** on your social posts to join the conference conversations.



Welcome to the

# 5th Water Sensitive Cities Conference 2021

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Welcome to our fifth and final Water Sensitive Cities Conference.

Our theme—**Water Sensitive Practice. Every city. Every day.**—highlights the potential of water sensitive cities. In the future, no matter which city we visit, we'll see these practices being used daily, in projects big and small.

Of course, we're not there yet. After 9 years of research and collaboration, we have filled many of the big knowledge gaps that previously stood in our way. We have converted this new knowledge into tools and guidelines, and we are now deploying them in real projects.

This conference is both a celebration of how far our cities have come and an exploration of the next steps.

Our collective role is to steer these next steps.

**At the 5th Water Sensitive Cities Conference, we will:**

- Learn from case studies, particularly transferable insights about what worked well and what we'd do differently
- Build networks within and between states, so that these lessons can flow
- Showcase the most recent tools emerging from the CRCWSC, and explore how industry has begun to use and evolve them
- Explore how others have scaled up sustainability practice, and what this means for water sensitive cities.

*Ben Furmage  
CEO, CRC for Water Sensitive Cities*





# Day 1

**Monday  
15 March**

## State conference day

### Online only sessions

*You will receive a link for these online only sessions after you register.*

### Program

Welcome to the conference—How you can get the most out of the conference

### Keynote 1

### Session 1

#### Virtual site tours

You'll head out on site via your host's device, to see the key features and how they operate. Each site tour includes a live Q&A session.

Join as many site tours as you like.

Participants can join tours from Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and regional cities.

### In-person only session

*The venue for this in-person workshop will be confirmed shortly. Online attendance is not available.*

### Session 2

#### Integrating water and land use planning workshop

This workshop will explore the integration of urban land use planning with water system planning to create opportunities for water sensitive solutions through urban development processes.

Workshop discussions will occur simultaneously in each hub. Outcomes will be shared on Day 2.

CRCWSC researchers and planning experts will participate virtually from:

- Brisbane
- Melbourne
- Sydney

# Day 2

**Tuesday  
16 March**

## State conference day

### State-based in-person presentations and discussions

*On day 2 we will connect to the other hubs around Australia for some sessions.*

#### Program

Registration at the conference venue

#### Session 3

**Case studies of best practice in governance, policy and projects**

#### Session 4

**Livestreamed opening remarks** — Ben Furmage, CEO, CRCWSC

**Key note 2** — followed by a Q&A

#### LUNCH

Includes **Session 5 Online sharing of lessons from the Day 1 planning workshop**

#### Session 6

**Case studies of best practice in governance, policy and projects (cont.)**

#### BREAK

#### Session 7

##### **Online plenary—The Great Water Sensitive Debate**

In this debate we'll look at centralised and decentralised approaches from different perspectives, to ask how they are best integrated.

Team members include water sector influencers from different states.

The audience will participate via Mentimeter polling.

**Join us for drinks to launch the CRCWSC's Knowledge Platform**

**Evening**—CRCWSC Board members will host an informal dinner



# Day 3

**Wednesday  
17 March**

## National conference day

### National simulcast with live audiences in each hub

*On day 3 we will connect with other hubs around Australia for all sessions. People unable to attend in person can also access the livestream. You will receive the link after you register.*

### Program

#### Session 8

**Scaling up—Lessons from the Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities program**  
(panel session)

**Next practice—Transformative cities**

#### Session 9

**Key note 3—International perspective on water sensitive cities**

**Key note 4—Australian perspective on water sensitive cities**

Q&A

LUNCH

#### Session 10a

**Water enabled ecosystem services in cities**

#### Session 10b

**Key findings of the CRCWSC's Integrated Research Projects**

BREAK

#### Session 11a

**Building the business case for water sensitive cities**

#### Session 11b

**How do the CRCWSC's tools fit together? Insights from the Integrated Case Studies**

BREAK

#### Session 12

**Building the authorising environment** for water sensitive cities—Panel discussion

**Conference close—CRCWSC Chair**

# Day 4

**Thursday  
18 March**

## Training Day

### Online only sessions

*You will receive a link for these online only sessions after you register.*

### Program

#### Training session 1 -

User training on selected CRCWSC tools and guidelines covering:

- Benchmarking water sensitive cities
- Economics
- Collaborative governance
- Transition strategies and implementation
- Urban design
- Urban heat
- Water cycle modelling
- Waterway restoration
- and others

This training is aimed at new users of these tools and guidelines.

### BREAK

#### Training session 2

As above



# Timetable

Indicative start and finish times for each hub are outlined below. We will release detailed individual programs for each hub closer to the conference, once we have confirmed all speakers and sessions. We will let you know when the individual programs are available.

	Melbourne/ Sydney (AEDT)	Adelaide (ACDT)	Brisbane (AEST)	Perth (AWST)
<b>Day 1 – State conference day</b>				
First session starts	11.30 am	11.00 am	10.30 am	8.30 am
Final session ends	5.00 pm	4.30 pm	4.00 pm	2.00 pm
<b>Day 2 – State conference day</b>				
First session starts	9.00 am	9.00 am	9.00 am	8.00 am
Final session starts	4.10 pm	3.40 pm	3.10 pm	2.30 pm
Knowledge Platform launch	5.00 pm	4.30 pm	4.00 pm	5.00 pm
Dinner	7.00 pm	7.00 pm	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
<b>Day 3 – National day</b>				
First session starts	10.30 am	10.00 am	9.30 am	8.30 am
Final session starts	4.15 pm	3.45 pm	3.15 pm	2.15 pm
<b>Day 4 – Training day</b>				
First session starts	12.30 pm	12.00 pm	11.30 am	9.30 am
Final session starts	3.30 pm	3.00 pm	2.30 pm	12.30 pm





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