

World Circular Economy Forum Online Side Event

Kangaroos and Koalas:
A Circular Economy
Snapshot Down Under

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Prudent resource use
supports transition to a
circular economy.

Join our panellists
in understanding
Australia's challenges to
transition to circularity.



State of play for circular built environments in Oceania

The built environment consumes significant resources during the process of construction and throughout the life-time of buildings.

Professor Usha Iyer-Raniga, School of Property, Construction and Project Management, RMIT University has been leading state of play reports for circular built environment for the UN's One Planet Network's Sustainable Buildings and Construction Programme. She will present her findings of the Oceania report covering Australia and New Zealand.



Implementing circular economy in the Hunter region

Commencing with an understanding of the Hunter region, this presentation will focus on the challenges of implementing circular economy in this part of regional Australia.

Tim Askew is the Regional Program Manager at the Hunter Joint Organisation. He is a senior manager in the regional policy and programs team, specialising in the circular economy program and plays an active role in stakeholder engagement; strategic planning; and project design, delivery and management; across the entire team's project portfolio.



The challenge of building CE strategic competencies in business

Transitioning to circularity requires a strategic understanding, competency and commitment. This presentation by Dr Scott Valentine focuses on a case study that centres on the trials of launching a new program to help educate business leaders on the development of CE strategy.

Dr. Scott Valentine is a Director and Senior Circular Economy Specialist at KPMG Australia, where he coordinates the firms' national circular economy efforts and assists clients develop and implement their CE strategies.



The challenge of building market awareness and connecting stakeholders

Planet Ark is Australia's most well known and trusted environmental foundation (not for profit). Planet Ark has been tasked by the Federal Government of Australia to build the Australian Circular Economy Hub (ACE Hub). This talk gives a brief overview of the main areas of activity and the swings and roundabouts associated with building a hub of circularity in this unique country.

Steve Morriss, Head of Circular Economy Development from Planet Ark will lead this presentation.