

Master of Ceremonies



Michael McGirr

Mission Facilitator and
Community Engagement
Manager for Caritas Australia.
Author of 'Bypass: the story of
a road'

Keynote Presenter



Sr. Ann-Maree O'Beirne

Sister of Mercy of Australia
and Papua New Guinea. PhD
thesis entitled: Graced
Encounters in the Community
of Creation

Keynote Presenter



Pedro Walpole

Global Coordinator for
EcoJesuit, research director for
the Environmental Science for
Social Change and the
coordinator of RAAOEN

Keynote Presenter



Sally Neaves

Integral Ecology Animator of
the Institute of the Sisters of
Mercy of Australia and Papua
New Guinea. 'Slow the Flor
Eugowra' project leader

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Deborah Debuhr

Completing her PhD to co-design units incorporating Climate Change Education across the curriculum using a knowledge-empathy-action framework



Prof. Lisa Gibbs

Lisa's research focuses on Disaster Recovery and Resilience relating to the interplay between individual community level outcomes including children and schools



Danielle Blenkhorn

Works for Sustainable Schools NSW an initiative of Environmental Education NSW. She has 15 years experience as an environmental educator and is passionate about school sustainability



Daan Scheibaan

Co-Director of Wyla Sustainability Consulting with 25 years of work experience. Worked on the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle sustainability Plan 2022 - 2025



Sue Martin

Passionate about connecting love of environment with her faith. Advocates for Country in Cattai and Little Cattai catchments part of the Hawkesbury-Nepean river system, the mighty Dyarubbin



Fr Richie Gomez

CEO of the MSC Center for the poor Inc. and MCS Center for the Poor Agriculture Co-operative (MSC-CEPEGCO). He has worked as an environmentalist promoting zero-waste management.



Philip Kalidoudis

Procurement and Sustainability Manager at MacKillop Family Services. Has extensive experience in implementing and managing environmental management systems.



Emma Beach

Project Officer for Justice, Ecology and Peace for Evangelisation Brisbane and the Executive Officer of the Brisbane Justice and Peace Commission implementing the Laudato Si' Action Plan.

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Anne Lanyon

Retired as the Deputy Director of the Columban Mission Institute and Co-ordinator of its Centre for Peace, Ecology and Justice in 2017. Coordinator of the Faith Ecology Network.



Louise Scott

Participant in the Brisbane Laudato Si' Circle, ARRC and Australian Conservation Foundation implementing a response to Laudato Si' at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles in Stafford



Chris Hill

Is an Environmental Sustainability professional with over 16 years' experience leading the integration of environmental strategy into large Catholic Organisations



Mary-Ann Casanova

Sister of St Joseph and Project Office for the Explore Embrace Embody Laudato Si' Action Plan. Former Director of Rahamim Ecology Centre



Stancea Vichie

Congregational Leader of the Missionary Sister of Service and member of the MSS Stewardship Council. Member of ACRATH and social justice advocate



Bishop Vincent Long OFMConv DD

Bishop of Parramatta, and National Chair of the Bishops' Commission for Social Justice, Service and Mission. Previous student at the Pontifical Faculty of St Bonaventure



Sanjay Mohanaraj

Pastoral support for the Justice, Healing and inclusion office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide advocating for social justice initiatives, integral ecology and Laudato Si'



Sarah Moffatt

Executive Director, Pastoral Life and Mission overseeing the commitment to ecological conversation in the Archdiocese of Adelaide

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Damian Spruce

Associate Director for
Advocacy at Caritas Australia



Programs Team

Caritas Australia Programs and
Impact Team representatives



Dr Michael Walker

Works in the Justice and Peace
Office of the Catholic
Archdiocese of Sydney,
promoting Catholic Social
Thought. His focus is on
peace, ecology, and parish
engagement



Cailey Sharp

Social Justice Facilitator and
Internship Coordinator for the
Justice and peace Office for
the Catholic Archdiocese of
Sydney, focusing on Mental
Health Advocacy and
community outreach



Dr Philippa England

Retired academic from Griffith
University where she taught
planning and environmental
law for 29 years. She now
volunteers with the SEQCA and
Solar Citizens



Adrian Brannan

Formation Team Leader for the
Christian Brothers, Oceania
Province, passionate about
nurturing a deeper connection
with the natural world and
wisdom of First Nations
cultures



Fr Peter Smith

Priest of the Archdiocese of
Sydney since 1985 and
Promoter of Justice and peace
for the Archdiocese. Author of
'Laudato Si': love of God, Love
of Neighbour, Love of Creation'



Thea Ormerod

President of the Australian
Religious Response to Climate
Change ARRCC, advocating to
curb global warming. ARRCC is
a multi-faith climate action
organisation

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Jen Callanan

After a long career in Catholic Education, Jen offers reflection days, mentoring and professional development for leaders and workshops on ecological conversion



Adair O'Brien

Government Relations Lead for Caritas Australia advocating for changes with DFAT with experience in migration policy and justice and a Masters Degree from ANU



Tarquin Moon

Works for Birdlife Australia to achieve protection and restoration of nature with the business sector, landholders, medical professionals and more



Alice Carwardine

Catholic Earthcare Coordinator for Caritas Australia. She holds a Masters of Theological Studies from BBI with a focus in Eco-Theology



Sabrina Stevens

Kuku Yalanji and Yidinji woman, Youth Participation Coordinator for Caritas Australia and Youth Councilor on NATSICC



Jess O'Donoghue

4th year Environmental Science student at Griffith University advocating for the reduction in the use of plastic. Leader of the 'Seed' youth faith initiative in Brisbane



Dr Vikki McLeod

Leader of the energy market reform work at Re-wiring Australia. She has professional expertise in energy policy, energy and environmental markets, economic regulation, and infrastructure economics



Katelin Lawrie and Cassandra Prinzi

are volunteers with Young Mercy Links. Katelin studies law and international development. Cassandra studied Fine Arts at RMIT. Both are passionate about social justice



Dr Sue Ennis and Dr James Thom

lead ARRCC's work on financial divestment from fossil fuels. Sue is secretary of Religions for Peace Australia and Jamie continues to teach at RMIT University

Joanna Macy Experience: the work that reconnects



Sr Margie Abbott RSM and Alison Fitzsimmons

Margie is author of Earth ritual books and has a MA Theology from Flinders University, MA Pastoral Ministry: Spirituality Concentrate Boston College and Psychodrama AANZPA. Alison has 35 years of experience in early years education and was an emerging leader in the 2023 cohort of the ISMPNG Integral Ecology Fellowship



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