



# **Energising the Future**

Where Australia's renewable energy industry unites to shape the future.



EnergyFest 2025 Foreword

# The New Era Dawns...

#### Welcome to EnergyFest!

At a time when much seems uncertain, and it appears we're at a tipping point where the world may be lurching downwards, EnergyFest is here to remind everyone of the incredible opportunities we have in life. And energy, particularly renewable, is at the heart of providing optimism, opportunity and, of course, the power to drive our world forward.

Energy is at the heart of our lives. It provides the power to allow us to live, to progress as a civilisation and dream and hope, so it's only right that its future belongs in the hands of us all, not a few, vested regional 'leaders' acting in their own interests.

EnergyFest seeks to bring the power back to the people and place it properly as a social and cultural movement, rather than the highly politicised movement it has become. We seek to celebrate those actually doing the work to make our world a better place, not those simply analysing it. We seek to celebrate the innovators and creators – those planning a better world for us.

And we finally seek to include our next generation of leaders and the group that will continue to make the world a better place for us all. By incorporating the next generation, or 'NEXTGen' as we say, we seek to include and hear from those either studying or early in their work lives by giving them the chance to see and shape their own future, and future generations of humans.

We have big dreams that one day we can all think of energy as something we cherish and use to set up a platform for a sustainable, prosperous planet. This first EnergyFest is just a small step towards that goal.

Thanks for being on board the first EnergyFest to grace the world.

We hope you learn something, meet new friends, hear some great music and, at the very least, have a good time while doing so!

Onwards and upwards

Andy Evans

Founder, EnergyFest





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# Planet Sun Documentary (Global Premiere) Wednesday 22 October 2025

**EnergyFest: Opening** 

The Capitol Theatre, 113 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

Time	Topic	Host/Panellists
5:00pm	Registration and Pre-Drinks	
5:45pm	Seating in Theatre for Film	
6:00pm	Introduction by Andy Evans	Andy Evans (Host) Dominic Allen (Director)
8:00pm	Q&A with Andy and Dominic	Andy Evans (Host) Dominic Allen (Director)
8:15pm	Post-Show Cocktail Party	
10:00pm	Close	

## **EnergyFest: Industry Day**

Thursday 23 October 2025

**Open to All** 

Day - The Edge @ Fed Square

**Night - The Terrace @ Fed Square** 

Time	Panel Topic	Host/Panellists	Title/Company
9:00	Welcome to Country	Tony Garvey	Wurundjeri Elder
9:05	Introduction to EnergyFest	Andy Evans	Founder, EnergyFest

EnergyFest 2025 EnergyFest: Industry Agenda

Time	Panel Topic	Host/Panellists	Title/Company
9:15	Leading Renewables: Hear From National Leaders	Sarah Guilfoyle (host) Alistair Parker Sharan Burrow AC Jan-Daniel Kammer	Head of Stakeholder Relations, Voyager Renewables CEO, VicGrid Director, Just Transition Solutions Vice President of Sales for Vestas Australia & New Zealand
		Mark Branson Steph Lysaght	CEO, Voyager Renewables Consul-General, British Consulate General Melbourne
9:45	Understanding Renewables Role in the Energy Mix: What Will Australia's Energy Mix Look Like?	Simon Spratling (Host) Matthew Boustead Dr Ben McGarry Peter Sgardelis Peter Benyon Stephanie Bashir Emily Dioguardi	Renewable Energy & Storage Lead – Australia Senior Consultant, Energise Renewables Decarbonisation Leader, Aurecon Co-Founder/CEO, Meta Renewables Australian Power Market Leader, GHD Principal, Nexa Advisory Senior Data Scientist, Energy, CSIRO
10:15	Developing and Delivering the Renewable Energy Pipeline: Hear From the Developers Making it Happen	Adolfo Fernández (Host) Daniela Hajkova Phil Burn Allison Hawke Alicia Webb Mark Sayer	Managing Director, Victoria & South Australia, Aurecon Head of Development, British Solar Renewables Head of Development, Virya Energy General Manager, Development, CEIG Director, Atmos Renewables Victorian Development Lead, HMC Technical Services Director, Voyager Renewables
10:45	Morning Tea		
11:00	Preparing Communities for Renewables: Planning, Consultation and Local Opportunities	Adam Champion (Host) Clare Sykes Boris Novak Darren McCubbin Sarah Stent Leon Filewood	Business Development Manager - Energy Solutions, Ampcontrol Co-Lead, New.E Hunter New Energy Industry Advisor, HunterNet CEO, Gippsland Climate Change Network Senior Principal, Nation Partners Australia Indigenous Engagement Lead Infrastructure and Communities, GHD



Time	Panel Topic	Host/Panellists	Title/Company
11:30	Preparing Industry for Renewables: Infrastructure, Supply Chain and Investment	Jim Caldwell (Host)	CEO, Australia & New Zealand, Atlas NextWave
	and investment	Tim Butson	Commercial Manager, Asia Pacific Region, DOF
		Suneeta Daftary	Business Manager- Power Conversion Systems, Ampcontrol
		Amy Boersma Harshal Patel	Head of Pacific, Country Managing Director (Australia), JUM-BO
			Business Director - Renewables & Energy Storage, Beca
12:00	Preparing the Workforce for Renewables: Skills, Labour Force and Education	Norm Mackay (Host)	Business Development Manager, DOF
	Education	Jim Caldwell	CEO, Atlas NextWave
		Olivia Beauchamp	Senior Recruitment Consultant, Phillip Riley
		Lee Kelly	Talent & Workforce Planning Advisor, Operations, The Blue Rock
		Tony Wolfe	Director, Gippsland Climate Change Network
		Julien Gaschignard	Director, Grid-Link
12:30	What do our Next Generation Want From a Renewable World:	Matthew Nation (Host)	Founder, Nation Partners
	Hear From the Future	Clancy Lester	Environmental Educator/Master of Bioscience Graduate from the University of Melbourne (@beesandblossoms.aus on Instagram)
		Jacinta Fitzgerald	Master of Electrical Engineering Student, University of Melbourne/Students in Renewable Energy (SIRE)
		Madeleine Neaves	President, Monash Energy Club
		Brigitta Gunawan	Ocean Climate Advocate and Founder, 30 x 30 Indonesia
1:00	Lunch		
2:00	Progress v Environmental Management: Managing Dual Goals	Jordan Glanville (Host)	Co-Founder/CEO, Oceon Energy
	Critical to Renewables	Meg Lee	Partner, Hall & Wilcox
		David Hyett	Industry Director - Environment, AECOM
		Sally Wilson	Australian Market Leader Environment, GHD
		Tim Power	Partner, White & Case
2:30	Communicating the Renewables Message: Is it Done Well and how can it Improve?	Brendan Tobin (Host)	Partner, Hall & Wilcox
		Jenni Forrester	Director, Nation Partners
		Petra Stock	Climate and Environment Reporter, The Guardian
		Mike Duffy	Principal Consultant, Elexia Communications
		Dr Danie Nilsson	Research Scientist, CSIRO
		Sarah Guilfoyle	Head of Stakeholder Relations, Voyager Renewables



EnergyFest 2025 EnergyFest: Industry Agenda

Time	Panel Topic	Host/Panellists	Title/Company
3:00	Australia's Place in the Global Energy Market: How are we Going and how Important are we?	Naomi Campbell (Host)	Partner, Energise Renewables
		Matthew Taylor	Green Giraffe
		Morgan Rossiter	General Manager, Offshore Wind, Clean Energy Council
		Peter Mills	Vice President, Legal & Compliance, APAC
		Richard Burch	Asia Pacific Lead for Offshore Wind & Clean Energy, British Consulate General Melbourne
		Dawn MacDonald	Global Offshore Wind Market Sector Lead, AECOM
3:30	Financing and Risk in Renewables: Making Renewables Attractive	Noel Gallagher (Host)	Executive Advisor - Commercial Advisory
	to Local and International Investors	Marcus Dixson	Senior Director/Head of Australia, Green Giraffe
		Adeline Pang	Partner, White & Case
		Gemma Claase	Head of Energy Transition, Howden
		Rhys Lambert	Director, Accounting, The Blue Rock
		Stan Kaluwin	Energy Transactions Leader, Aurecon
		Benjamin White	Market Director - Energy, Beca
4:00	Afternoon Break		
4:15	Visualising the Future of Energy	Nicole Vaughan	Client Project Manager, Spatial Media
4:25	Case Study: The Coldplay Australian Solar Story	Anthony Letmon	Co-Founder/CEO, Kardinia Energy
4:35	Technology in Renewables: Where are we at and What is	Lara Panjkov (Host)	Research Associate, E-ledgers Institute
	Coming?	Rainer Knobloch	Co-Founder/COO, NewVolt
		Jordan Glanville	Co-Founder/CEO, Oceon Energy
		Simon Renwick	Founder & CEO, WaveX
		Andrew Clark	Founder/CEO, Alternate Path
		Dr. Hema Wadhwa	Data & Analytics Advisor, Aurecon
5:05	TechPitch: Hear from the Innovators in 10 Minute 'Pitches' on New Technology	Mads Kristiansen	Founder, Simp-oli
		Rosie Downie	Co-Founder/CEO, The Nature Quest Company
		Byron McIntyre	Technical Director, SmartFlower
5:30	Final Wrap Up	Andy Evans	
6:00	Festival Entertainment	Food and Drink + Festival Er	ntertainment (Bag Raiders - DJ Set)
10:00	Festival Close		

EnergyFest: NEXTGen Agenda

## **EnergyFest: NEXTGen**

Friday 24 October 2025

18 - 30yrs

Students & young professionals

Day - The Edge @ Fed Square

**Evening - The Terrace @ Fed Square** 

Time	Panel Topic	Host/Panellists	Title/Company
10:30	Introduction to EnergyFest: NEXTGen	Andy Evans	Founder, EnergyFest
10:45	What's Going on in Renewables	Claire Holster (Host) Mark Branson Anthony Headlam Ben Jowett	Director, Engagement and Change Advisory, Aurecon CEO, Voyager Renewables Co-Founder/CEO, NewVolt Energy Sector Lead - Australia, British Consulate General Melbourne
11:30	The Future of Renewables and Opportunities	Giles Rinckes, GHD (Host) Billy Mullin Lotte Hoekstra Marcus Romagresi Jacinta Fitzgerald Madeleine Neaves	Market Leader - Energy: Victoria & Tasmania, GHD Offshore Wind Advisor and Engineer, Aurecon Group Director, Energy (VSA), AECOM Junior Engineer, Energise Renewables Master of Electrical Engineering Student, University of Melbourne/Students in Renewable Energy (SIRE) President, Monash Energy Club
12:15	Lunch		

EnergyFest: NEXTGen Agenda

Time	Panel Topic	Host/Panellists	Title/Company
1:00	Working in Renewables: Engineering, Science, Project	Sarah Guilfoyle	Head of Stakeholder Relations, Voyager Renewables
	Management and Operations	Mindy Trezie	Assistant Project Manager GHD
		Heidi Sick	Regional Business Line Director – Energy & Environment (ANZ), AECOM
		Connor Hyde	Electrical Engineer - Power & Infrastructure, Ampcontrol
		Jennifer Reynolds	Lead Project Manager (Construction) Golden Plains Wind Farm, Vestas
		Ed Perring	Associate Director, Turner & Townsend
		Tim Butson	Commercial Manager - Asia Pacific Region, DOF
		Georgina Fairweather	Senior Power Engineer, Beca
1:30	Working in Renewables: Development, Planning, Stakeholding	Benjamin White	Market Director - Energy, Beca
	and Delivery	Mark Sayer	Technical Services Director, Voyager Renewables
		Imogen Schwarz	Development Analyst, British Solar Renewables
		Craig Waddell	Energy & Industrial Leader Vic & SA, Aurecon
		Nicole Vaughan	Client Project Manager, Spatial Media
		Simon Renwick	Founder & CEO, WaveX
2:00	Working in Renewables: Finance, Commerce/Economics,	Ting Yuan (Host)	Principal, Nation Partners
	Accounting, Legal and Talent	David Cooper	Partner, Hall & Wilcox
		Lee Kelly	Talent & Workforce Planning Advisor, Operations,
			The Blue Rock
		Donovan Ang	Counsel, White & Case
		Stephen Overty	Business Development Manager, Phillip Riley
		Jordan Ferrari	Policy and Research Director, Nexa Advisory
		Vanessa Anniss	Partner, Energy Transition and Construction, Howden
2:30	Case Study: The Algae Technology Opportunity	Oliver Hurley	Graduate Process Engineer, GHD
2:45	Careers in Renewables: Networking with Sponsors		
3:30	Entertainment	The Jungle Giants (DJ Set)	
5:30	Festival Close		



## **Speakers**



**Adam Champion** 

BEng(Mech,Hon), MBT(AGSM), Business Development Manager, Energy Solutions, Ampcontrol

Adam Champion is a business and technology innovator with a strong track record in business development across renewable energy, engineering, and information services. During the 8+ years at Ampcontrol, Adam has contributed to HV infrastructure solutions, stand-alone power systems and the maintenance of assets that keep sites delivering renewable power.

With a Master of Business and Technology from AGSM, Adam blends strategic insight with hands-on experience to drive growth in the evolving energy marketplace. At EnergyFest, Adam brings deep expertise and a future-focused mindset for the next wave of energy projects in Australia and beyond.



Adeline Pang

Partner, White & Case

Adeline is a partner at international law firm White & Case. She has over 17 years' experience and advises on the development of major infrastructure and energy projects, with particular focus in the renewables, power and transport sectors. Adeline has acted for independent power producers, sponsors and financiers in relation to the development of energy storage, wind, solar, geothermal and gasfired projects in Asia and Australia. She works together with clients to develop optimal project structures and practical solutions to meet her clients' commercial objectives.



**Adam Thyboe** 

Partner, Energise Renewables

Adam Thyboe is a Co-Founder and Partner at Energise Renewables, a specialist clean energy consultancy with offices in Melbourne and Perth. He has over 13 years of offshore wind experience across Europe and Australia, including senior roles with leading developers. Since relocating to Australia in the early stages of the industry, Adam has been actively involved in making the commercial case for offshore wind and has contributed to shaping Victoria's offshore wind direction from the developer side.

His work spans project origination, bid preparation, commercial strategy, and business case development. Adam holds degrees in Industrial Engineering and Business Administration.



Adolfo Fernández

Managing Director, Victoria & South Australia, Aurecon

Adolfo Fernández is Aurecon's Managing Director, Victoria & South Australia bringing together specialist teams to help industry and government in transitioning to a decarbonised future. He draws together Aurecon's expertise to identify and shape the strategies that underpin sustainable investment and create impact-led opportunities in a changing climate.

Within the energy sector, Adolfo has led pioneering projects that have modernised the electricity grid and increased renewable energy connection. This gives him a deep understanding of challenges and opportunities in energy transition for organisations and future industries.

Adolfo was honoured one of Engineers Australia's Most Innovative Engineers in 2020 and recognised as Outstanding Nominee for the 2025 Professional Engineer of the Year award (Victoria) for his leadership and technical expertise.



Alicia Webb Victorian Development Lead, HMC

Alicia Webb has worked in the Australian wind industry since 2004, when she was a project assistant on the Yambuk wind farm in south west Victoria. Since then she has held roles in consulting, advocacy, government, the market operator and now leads development of the Victorian wind and battery portfolio of HMC Capital.



Alistair Parker

Alistair is the CEO of VicGrid, which leads the planning and development of Victorian Renewable Energy Zones. He has over 35 years' experience in the energy industry, including a decade of executive leadership roles at AusNet Services in Victoria and the Power and Water Corporation in the Northern Territory. Alistair's early career in the UK comprised 15 years with National Grid, as an engineer and in commercial roles. He was then a consultant with Ernst & Young in New Zealand and PricewaterhouseCoopers in Australia.



**Allison Hawke** 

General Manager, Development, CEIG Director, Atmos Renewables

Allison is the General Manager of Development at Atmos Renewables and a CEIG board director. Allison has over 16 years' experience specialising in the development, delivery and advocacy for large-scale renewable energy projects across Australia.



#### **Amy Boersma**

Head of Pacific, Country Managing Director (Australia), JUM-BO

Amy Boersma is a dual-qualified lawyer admitted in both Australia and the UK, with 20 years of experience spanning legal, commercial, and supply chain aspects within the renewable energy sector with a predominant focus on the offshore wind industry. She spent 16 years working across the UK and European markets, where she played a key role in the development, construction, and operation of offshore wind farms. Since relocating to Melbourne in 2021 to establish JUMBO's Australia offices, Amy has been instrumental in supporting the growth of the emerging offshore wind sector.

Her work focuses on navigating global supply chain challenges and unlocking opportunities for local industry participation. A strong advocate for strategic government investment, Amy champions initiatives that drive supply chain development and accelerate the delivery of renewable energy projects.



**Anthony Headlam** 

CEO and Co-Founder, NewVolt

Anthony Headlam is the CEO and Co-Founder of NewVolt Infrastructure. NewVolt's mission is to fast track Australia's transition to zero emission heavy vehicles. NewVolt is developing a national network of charging hubs, powered by renewable energy, along Australia's major freight corridors and at critical industrial precincts. Prior to cofounding NewVolt, Anthony was an experienced lawyer with expertise in renewable energy, infrastructure and project finance. Anthony has worked in the private and public sectors in Australia and across the Asia Pacific.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Bachelor of Economics and Executive Masters of Public Administration. Anthony grew up in a highway town in Queensland. Anthony now lives with his family in Melbourne's western suburbs.



**Anthony Letmon** 

Co-Founder and CEO, Kardinia Energy

Anthony Letmon is Co-Founder and CEO of Kardinia Energy, a cleanenergy company focused on printed solar technology. He holds experience helping to grow companies from university-based research into commercial enterprises, including involvement with IPOs in the UK and US. Under his leadership, Kardinia Energy is developing sustainable solar generation using printed polymers, aiming to make solar production more affordable and scalable.

Based in Australia, his work leverages partnerships with engineers, researchers, and academic institutions to advance renewable energy technologies.



#### **Ben Jowett**

Energy Sector Lead - Australia, British Consulate General Melbourne

Ben is the Sector Lead for Energy in Australia for UK Government's Department of Business & Trade and is based in the British Consulate in Melbourne.

Prior to joining HMG, Ben spent 24 years in financial markets, predominantly at Winterflood Securities in London, as an equities trader and subsequently running the team of Sales Traders servicing large global institutions. In 2013, Winterflood Securities raised \$500m for Greencoat UK Wind, the UK's first infrastructure fund focussed on wind, to finance some of the early wind farms in the North Sea.



**Benjamin White** 

Market Director - Energy, Beca

Benjamin is an accomplished executive leader and infrastructure developer with over 25 years in energy, water and natural resources. He has originated a variety of large and complex energy investments and strategic outcomes for governments and for large private and public utilities including with Norwegian energy giant Equinor, Marinus Link and the Victorian Government.

His strengths are in portfolio development, project advisory, commercial negotiation and stakeholder engagement. He recently joined leading infrastructure services firm Beca as the new Market Director of Energy, Australia.

A country boy with a passion for family, sport, cool tunes and making the world a better place.



**Billy Mullin** 

Offshore Wind Advisor and Engineer, Aurecon

Billy Mullin is passionate about growing Australia's offshore wind sector and brings international experience in designing and developing offshore wind farms. This includes multi-GW projects like Ossian, a leading 3.6GW floating offshore wind farm, among the largest in Scotland.

His technical knowledge is founded on leading multi-disciplinary teams and consultants to deliver geotechnical management, offshore route engineering and floating foundation assessments alongside concept development that spans wind turbine generators, transmission systems, inter-array cables, grid connection, mooring and anchoring, and transmission and installation port assessments to inform development, capital expenditure and maintenance costs. With experience in environmental approvals and project design critical for applications, his combined technical and approvals knowledge brings a holistic view to optimise technical performance while mitigating environmental impacts.



**Boris Novak** 

Industry Adviser, HunterNet

As a former Royal Australian Air Force Electrical Engineering Officer, Boris led teams deploying tactical communications to support air operations. Post-military, he founded a successful systems-engineering firm, delivering breakthrough analytics for the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance sector. After exiting his company, Boris now consults as an Industry Advisor for HunterNet, co-leads Hunter New Energy (NewE), chairs several boards, and has launched another novel tech startup. He is passionate about new energy, the circular economy, Australian manufacturing and authentic economic development. An avid kitesurfer and aerobatic pilot, Boris has an adult daughter and son, with whom he loves playing all age soccer.



#### **Claire Holster**

Director, Engagement and Change Advisory, Aurecon

Claire Holster brings 20 years' experience in communication and stakeholder engagement as well as a deep understanding of the energy industry. She has led the delivery of community and stakeholder engagement for several major renewable energy and transmission projects through the approvals, planning, and development stages and brings a strong appreciation of the social context of the energy transition.

With a background spanning communications, community and stakeholder engagement, social licence and corporate social responsibility, Claire is passionate about delivering best practice engagement and working with communities to optimise project benefits and create social value.



Brigitta Maria Andrea Gunawan

Ocean Climate Advocate and Founder, 30 x 30 Indonesia

Brigitta Gunawan is an ocean-climate advocate who has engaged with 17,000+ people through environmental education initiatives using immersive media, policy advocacy, and collaborations with diving communities to restore coral reefs. She is the founder of 30x30 Indonesia and Diverseas.

Brigitta has been recognised as a Generation 17 Young Leader by the United Nations Development Program and Samsung, National Geographic Young Explorer, IUCN Changemaker, Millennium Oceans Prize Winner, Global Citizen Youth Leader Awardee, Ocean Awards Young Initiative Winner, and 30 Under 30 for Environmental Education – among other awards. She is a certified scientific scuba diver with a background in ecology and conservation biology, and serves in the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas and the Asia Youth Network on Protected Areas.



**Clancy Lester** 

Environmental Educator/Master of Bioscience Graduate from the University of Melbourne (@beesandblossoms.aus on Instagram)

Clancy Lester is an environmental educator, and passionate about biodiversity, sustainability, and finding hopeful ways to act on climate. He is the founder of BeesAndBlossoms.Aus, where he brings people together to learn, share, and influence change in the nature and environment space.

Clancy has helped thousands of people reconnect with nature, while also sparking conversations about how our small actions add up as a collective, and needing to work towards a greater goal of calling on change makers.

With a background in science/the environment and a love of storytelling, Clancy works at the intersection of science, culture, and community. As a Wattle Fellow at the University of Melbourne, and an ABC trailblazer Clancy believes that by starting local and celebrating nature, everyone can play a role in building a brighter, more sustainable future.



**Brendan Tobin** 

Partner, Hall & Wilcox

Brendan is Queensland born and Newcastle trained, he is a planning, environment and resources lawyer specialising in renewable and traditional energy, climate change litigation, land access, property, water entitlements, native title and Aboriginal cultural heritage. He is a highly experienced First Nations lawyer advising on future act agreements, extinguishment reports and native title proceedings. Brendan advises clients across New South Wales and Queensland on regulatory and environmental approvals throughout all stages of energy projects. He has strong expertise in navigating complex planning and licensing frameworks. Brendan has been listed in Best Lawyers in Australia from 2018 to 2026.



**Clare Larkin-Sykes** 

Co-Lead, New.E Hunter New Energy

Clare is Co-Lead of New.E – the Hunter New Energy Cluster (hosted at Hunternet). She leads various multi-stakeholder initiatives including technology scoping, place-based industry hub strategy development and mission-based programs. She is a strong collaborator and advocate of future resource and energy industries including the symbiosis of clean technology solutions to traditional processes and value chains.

Clare is a mining engineer (UNSW) with applied finance qualifications, is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and is a Churchill Fellow. She serves on the Advisory Board of the NSW Decarbonisation Innovation Hub and Newcastle Institute of Energy and Resources. She is a Commissioner - NSW Independent Planning Commission, Chair – Resources NSW, and a member of the Hunter Hydrogen Taskforce.



#### **Craig Waddell**

Energy and Industrial Leader, Victoria & South Australia, Aurecon

Craig Waddell is a seasoned engineer and project manager with over 20 years of experience in power generation, utilities, and heavy industry. He has a proven track record leading multidisciplinary teams to deliver major infrastructure projects in Australia and internationally, including significant energy projects.

Throughout his career, Craig has progressed from engineering to senior management roles, currently leading the energy and industrial team in Victoria and South Australia. He oversees the day-to-day operations for business, strategy, and client engagement.

As a leader, Craig is passionate about business, finance, people, and fostering an inclusive, result-oriented culture. His blend of technical knowledge, strategic oversight, and people-centric leadership positions him as a key asset and inspires high performance across multidisciplinary teams.



#### **Connor Hyde**

BEng, Electrical Engineer - Power & Infrastructure, Ampcontrol

Connor Hyde is a 25-year-old Electrical Engineer with three years of experience in the Power & Infrastructure business unit at Ampcontrol. A graduate of the University of Newcastle, Australia, with a degree in Renewable Energy Engineering, Connor contributes to projects that deliver reliable, sustainable energy solutions and support the transition to cleaner power systems through engineering innovation. He has been directly involved in the design of substations for large-scale solar farms across New South Wales and Victoria, gaining valuable experience at the intersection of renewable generation and power system infrastructure.



Danie Nilsson

Behavioural Scientist, CSIRO

Dr Danie Nilsson is a behavioural scientist at Australia's national science agency, CSIRO, where she leads research at the intersection of sustainability, mass media, and social change. Her work focuses on how communication and storytelling can accelerate the clean energy transition—helping to make renewable energy, energy efficiency, and home decarbonisation relatable and compelling for mainstream audiences. She partners with producers, government and industry to embed behavioural science into content that shifts norms and inspires action. Danie contributed to the award-winning television series Renovate or Rebuild, which showed how entertainment can normalise energy-efficient housing, and she now leads PowerHouse, a national initiative using mass media and storytelling to boost the uptake of home energy retrofits across Australia.

Danie brings a unique perspective on how to better communicate the renewables message—building public understanding, trust, and motivation to adopt renewable and energy-efficient solutions.



Daniela Hajkova

Head of Development, British Solar Renewables

Daniela Hajkova leads the development team at British Solar Renewables, driving the growth of large-scale solar and battery storage projects across Australia. With over a decade of international experience in onshore renewables, offshore wind, and emerging clean energy technologies, she combines commercial acumen with a passion for accelerating the energy transition.

Recognised in 2021 as one of the 100 Women of Energy Transition by Transition Economist, Daniela has a proven record of guiding multidisciplinary teams, navigating complex approvals, and building strong partnerships with governments, landowners, communities, and industry stakeholders. Her focus is on turning ambitious renewable energy projects into operating assets that contribute meaningfully to Australia's net-zero future



**David Cooper** 

Partner, Hall & Wilcox

David is a Partner in the Banking & Financial Services team at Hall & Wilcox, based in Sydney. David specialises in project finance, renewable energy projects, real estate finance, mining and resource finance and leveraged acquisition and corporate finance.

David is passionate about transactions that accelerate Australia's energy transition and is experienced in advising project sponsors and lenders, government entities, private equity houses and real estate developers on domestic and complex, multi-jurisdictional and cross-border financing transactions, including wind, solar and BESS projects. He has also worked with clients on priority, restructuring, pre-insolvency and debt-recovery transactions.

He is recognised in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025 for Banking and Finance



Darren McCubbin

CEO, Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN)

Darren McCubbin is the CEO of the Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN) as well as being a Director at TAFE Gippsland and on the AusNet, Star of the South, Basslink and Marinus Link customer consultation groups. GCCN is a not for profit environmental group based in the Latrobe Valley. They host projects such as the Gippsland Community Power Hub, AusNet ElectriFAIRcation project, Community Electrification Education Program (CEEP), eV charger rollout with AGL as well as developing numerous renewable installations around Gippsland. GCCN host the annual Gippsland New Energy Conference and the "one stop shop" Gippsland New Energy portal and is co-chair of the Gippsland Offshore Wind Alliance. They were the host of the DemocracyCo project along the Gippsland coast in 2025.

Darren was a councillor at Wellington Shire for 17 years and Mayor three times in 2008, 2009 and 2015.



**David Hyett** 

Industry Director, Environment with AECOM

David Hyett is Industry Director – Environment with AECOM, based in Melbourne. He is a leading environmental practitioner with more than twenty years' experience managing environmental issues for business and government. David has an enviable track record in the planning and assessment of large and complex development projects in Victoria.

For more than five years, AECOM has assisted offshore wind developers with planning and environmental approvals for their projects in Gippsland. As AECOM's Project Director, David has led the development of approval strategies and overseen environmental assessments and the preparation of the approval documentation.



Dr Ben McGarry

Decarbonisation Leader, Aurecon

Dr Ben McGarry leads Aurecon's decarbonisation advisory team, working with clients across diverse industries. He and his team help clients identify and address their most pressing risks and unlock key opportunities in decarbonisation and energy transition across their value chains.

Ben helps clients create strategies, and identify and navigate pathways, impacts and opportunities, in our fast-changing energy and carbon landscape.

His expertise focuses on hard-to-abate sectors, how global resources and technology companies can leverage opportunities across Australia, and the interactions with possible future scenarios in Australia's energy and carbon markets.



Dr Hema Wadhwa

Data & Analytics Advisor, Aurecon

Dr Hema Wadhwa is a thought leader, collaborator, and engineering specialist with a demonstrated history of developing innovative solutions in the energy industry. She specialises in stakeholder management, building strong, long-term partnerships with clients, service providers, and vendors for seamless implementation of digital transformation projects. Her work drives significant commercial outcomes, cost savings, and enhanced safety across business operations. She is passionate about shaping the design of renewable assets to enable efficient, reliable, and successful operations throughout their lifecycle.

Recognised for her leadership and technical expertise, Dr Hema has received several awards including the 2025 Superstar of STEM, the 2021 Women in Tech [+] Western Australia (WiTWA) Tech [+] 20, and 2021 Chief Executive Women STEM Award.



**Donovan Ang** 

Counsel, White & Case

Donovan Ang is a counsel at international law firm White & Case. He advises clients on the development and sale of major infrastructure and energy projects, with particular focus in the renewables, power, defence and transport sectors.

Donovan has worked in the Singapore and Melbourne offices and in addition to advising on renewable energy projects in Australia, has advised clients on a number of offshore wind projects in Taiwan and South Korea.



**Dawn MacDonald** 

Global Offshore Wind Market Sector Lead, AECOM

Dawn has extensive experience in OSW origination, development, financing, construction and operations through her prior work on projects in the U.K., France, and Germany. Notably, she was closely involved in developing the first commercial OSW projects in France, from early development to construction and developing the French OSW regulatory regime. In her current role, she works with AECOM's regional teams as they support the development of the offshore wind sector in their respective jurisdictions.



**Ed Perring** 

Associate Director, Turner & Townsend

Ed is an RICS-accredited professional with eight years' experience delivering for public and private sector clients in the UK and Australia across water, highways, nuclear and most recently, renewables. His adaptability has built a diverse skill set in cost and commercial management, project controls, and data and analytics.

NEC PM accredited, he has extensive post-contract experience with lump sum, target, and cost-reimbursable contracts, including contract management and administration, payment, risk management, forecasting, compensation events (variations), and scope/time control. Ed also has pre-contract experience supporting clients with procurement and project set-up. He is skilled in fostering collaborative relationships with owner's and contractors' teams and a 'best for project' approach across the project team. He particularly enjoys contributing to the identification and implementation of continuous improvements of processes and tools to improve teams' productivity.



**Emily Dioguardi** 

Senior Data Scientist, Energy, CSIRO

Emily Dioguardi is a Senior Data Scientist in CSIRO's Energy Systems Program, specialising in machine learning, energy systems modelling, and digital infrastructure. She leads the development of RapidRate, a national-scale artificial intelligence tool that estimates the thermal performance of millions of Australian homes. Integrated into CoreLogic's property databases, RapidRate enables evidence-based decision-making for government, finance, and industry stakeholders seeking to accelerate energy-efficient housing retrofits and green finance initiatives. Emily also contributes to AusTIMES, CSIRO's national energy-economic optimisation model, where she develops reproducible modelling workflows and integrates complex modelling streams to support Australia's net-zero transition. She plays a key role in advancing digital governance and reproducibility across CSIRO, while mentoring colleagues and fostering innovation in data-driven energy research.



**Gemma Claase** 

Head of Energy Transition, Howden

Gemma leads the Energy Transition team at Howden Insurance Brokers in the Pacific region. Her extensive background in the energy industry spans Germany, London and Australia where she has held varying regional and global roles supporting clients build strong transition portfolios. Prior to joining Howden, Gemma had worked as the Deputy Global Renewable Energy Leader & Pacific Renewable Energy Leader at Marsh, where she worked with some of the largest clients globally and many first of a kind projects.



**Georgina Fairweather** 

Senior Power Engineer, Beca

Georgina is a senior power engineer with extensive experience across the renewables and transmission sector in both Australia and New Zealand. She specialises in leading engineering teams across the development and delivery lifecycle of major projects including her technical specialty of primary plant design for substations and electrical balance of plant for BESS and wind farms. She is a CPEng chartered electrical engineer and a pragmatic collaborator who keeps projects grounded while achieving ambitious goals.

As an approachable, powerful female leader at Beca, she believes good engineering is about clarity, curiosity, and collaboration—with a great team as essential backup.



**Giles Rinckes** 

Market Leader, Energy, Victoria & Tasmania, GHD

Giles Rinckes is a seasoned Project Director and General Manager with 18 years of experience in people management and capital projects. With a Master Degree in Engineering Management and a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering, Giles has led major wind farm developments and managed large-scale construction projects.

Known for exceptional communication and stakeholder management skills, Giles has successfully handled high-risk environments for both government and non-government clients.

His expertise spans Leadership and Business Management, Sales and Business Development, and Program Governance.



**Harshal Patel**Business Director, Renewables & Energy Storage, Beca

Harshal Patel is the Market Lead for Renewables based in Melbourne, driving strategic growth and delivery across Australia's clean energy sector. Harshal brings deep technical and development expertise, working closely with asset owners to progress projects from origination through late-stage development and financial close. He also partners with contractors to deliver electrical and civil balance of plant design across solar, wind, and battery energy storage systems (BESS). With hands-on experience across the full lifecycle of renewable energy projects, Harshal combines commercial insight with engineering rigour to enable successful outcomes in a rapidly evolving market.



Imogen Schwarz

Development Analyst, British Solar Renewables

Imogen is a Development Analyst at British Solar Renewables with a background in Environmental Science. During her studies, she majored in Environmental Science and undertook research with the Bureau of

Meteorology, publishing three papers on the vulnerability and resilience of flood-affected communities in New South Wales.

She went on to work in environmental consultancy, contributing to Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) and Social Impact Assessments (SIA) for large-scale renewable energy projects. This experience sparked her transition into development, where she is now building her career in renewable energy with a strong focus on environmental planning and best practice principles.



Heidi Sick

Regional Business Line Director - Energy & Environment (ANZ), AECOM

Heidi Sick is a senior executive and recognised leader in Australia's clean energy transition, with over 25 years' experience spanning renewable energy, decarbonisation and sustainable infrastructure. As Managing Director - Energy at AECOM (Australia and New Zealand), she leads nationally significant projects that drive emissions reduction, environmental resilience and a more sustainable future.

Heidi has shaped energy transition strategies for governments, investors and utilities, combining technical expertise with systems thinking and inclusive, outcome-driven leadership. She serves on the Invest Melbourne Advisory Board and has held advisory roles with ARENA and the Australian Power Institute. Named in The Australian's Green Power 100 list in 2023 and 2024, she is also a passionate mentor, fostering diverse, future-ready teams.



Jordan Glanville

CEO & Co-Founder, Oceon Energy

Jordan Glanville is the CEO and co-founder of Oceon Energy, leading the charge to electrify the maritime sector through Electrified Ocean Networks (EONs). A Naval Architect with nearly 20 years of experience across shipbuilding, defence, port management, offshore construction, and offshore wind, Jordan brings a comprehensive understanding of marine and energy project execution.

His diverse expertise uniquely positions him to address the challenges of maritime electrification. Jordan is deeply committed to strengthening Australia's maritime industry and advancing sustainable maritime solutions.



Jan-Daniel Kammer

Vice President of Sales for Vestas Australia & New Zealand

Jan Daniel joined Vestas 16 years ago, he has been at the frontline of the energy transition in a myriad of corporate and commercial roles, and has been based in Denmark, Germany, Mexico, Singapore, and Australia, where he currently resides. With a background in in finance and strategy, and a passion for creating value for customers, communities, and Vestas, he currently heads the commercial function for Australia & New Zealand which is one of the key markets for Vestas. Coming from a multi-cultural background and as a father of two girls, Jan Daniel is passionate about creating an equitable, diverse, and inclusive industry for present and future generations.



#### Jacinta Fitzgerald

Master of Electrical Engineering Student, University of Melbourne/ Students in Renewable Energy (SIRE)

Jacinta is a young, passionate student commencing her journey in the energy sector. Jacinta studies a Master of Electrical Engineering at the University of Melbourne with a specialisation in Low Carbon Power Systems. She is involved in Students in Renewable Energy (SiRE) where she recently led a team of students in the construction of a portable solar power station. Through SiRE, Jacinta organises initiatives to engage students in the energy transition including panel discussions and a casual mentorship program to inspire our next energy workforce. Jacinta works a Power Systems Engineer Intern, is a current Australian Power Institute Power Up Scholar, Wattle Fellowship Alum and dreams of driving an equitable energy transition across Australia and the developing world.



Julien Gaschignard

Director, Grid-Link

Julien is an accomplished renewable energy industry leader with over 25 years of experience working across Europe, Asia and Australia for leading developers, consultancy firms and EPC contractor.

Julien brings deep technical knowledge in project development and engineering management, having led large teams (over 200 people) delivering key infrastructure projects in the power, water and infrastructure sector.

Julien was involved in over 5 GW of renewable energy projects (wind, solar and BESS) in all parts of Australia, leading technical due diligence for investors, being owner's engineers for developers, managing the detailed design process for contractors or providing strategic advice to corporate clients.



#### Jenni Forrester

Director, Nation Partners

Jenni leads pragmatic stakeholder strategies that help connect project teams with communities and drive tangible progress on high-impact infrastructure projects.

She has led or supported engagement on diverse major infrastructure including Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project, Australia's first offshore wind project Star of the South, West Gate Tunnel, Victorian School Building Program, Level Crossing Removals and Regional Rail Link. Jenni has been working across the Victorian Government's offshore wind program, supporting Offshore Wind Energy Victoria, the Port of Hastings, and VicGrid on approvals and building social licence for offshore wind grid connections.

A 20+ year veteran of Victorian infrastructure programs, Jenni offers approvals expertise, local connections and appreciation of government and regional community expectations.



#### **Jennifer Reynolds**

Lead Project Manager (Construction) Golden Plains Wind Farm, Vestas

Jennifer brings over 20 years of project management experience and is leading Golden Plains Stage 2 for Vestas, managing the full EPC scope from civil and electrical works to grid connection and installation. She holds an Honours degree in Manufacturing Engineering from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, and a Diploma in Project Management from the Australian College of Project Management.

Her career began in pharmaceutical manufacturing in the UK and Ireland, before moving into oil & gas in Australia and then into renewables, where she has successfully delivered five wind farms in Victoria. Golden Plains is her most ambitious project yet—set to be the largest wind farm in the southern hemisphere, supplying 9% of Victoria's energy demand.



Jim Caldwell

Business Director, Australia & New Zealand, at Atlas NextWave

Jim Caldwell is a seasoned leader in the offshore energy and renewables industry with more than two decades of experience building strong client partnerships and high-performing teams. As Business Director for Australia & New Zealand at Atlas NextWave, he plays a pivotal role in connecting global expertise with local talent, driving workforce solutions across the full energy value chain. Known for his deep market insight and collaborative approach, Jim has been instrumental in shaping Atlas NextWave's reputation as a trusted knowledge partner in the region. His passion for developing people and fostering innovation ensures Atlas NextWave remains at the forefront of supporting the energy transition.



Lara Panjkov

Research Associate, E-ledgers Institute

Lara Panjkov is a Consultant at the E-ledgers Institute with almost a decade of experience commercialising new technologies and shaping energy markets across Australia and Asia-Pacific. At Fluence, she led strategy and policy reforms that rapidly scaled Australia's battery storage market. She began her career at Tesla and BloombergNEF, and holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Oxford and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Melbourne.



Leon Filewood

Australia Indigenous Engagement Lead Infrastructure and Communities, GHD

Leon is GHD's National Indigenous Engagement Lead for infrastructure and communities, with over a decade's experience spanning local government, legal, and corporate governance. Specialising in renewable energy and infrastructure projects, Leon facilitates meaningful engagement with Traditional Owners and First Nations communities through principled, human rights-based approaches.

His expertise encompasses community engagement processes, cultural protocol integration, and developing pathways for local economic opportunities in renewable energy projects.

Leon's work focuses on establishing genuine partnerships that secure social licence to operate while enhancing both project outcomes and community benefits in the transition to renewable energy.



Lee Kelly
Talent & Workforce Planning Advisor, Operations, The Blue Rock

Lee Kelly is a workforce planning and talent acquisition specialist with a focus on building resilient, future-ready teams across evolving sectors. After starting his career in Dublin, Lee moved to Australia, where he brings a people-first mindset and a sharp eye for emerging capability to BlueRock

Lee partners closely with universities and training providers, helping early-career professionals navigate new industries and running programs that bridge tertiary learning with real-world careers. He believes great hiring is about more than ticking boxes—it's about shaping opportunity and community and preparing workforces that can adapt to whatever comes next.

On the Energyfest panel, Lee will share insights into preparing Australia's talent pipeline for the demands of the energy transition, from planning ahead for skilled roles, to supporting candidates at all levels as they reskill and grow. For Lee, it's not just about finding the right people, but ensuring teams are equipped and supported to thrive as the landscape changes



Madeleine Neaves
President, Monash Energy Club

Madeleine Neaves is a final-year Software Engineering and Mathematics Honours student at Monash University and President of the Monash Energy Club. She has represented Australia as an ASEAN-Australia Young Leader, contributing to regional dialogue on energy security and collaboration. Under her leadership, the Monash Energy Club has grown into one of the largest student-led energy organisations in Australia, engaging hundreds of students in the clean energy transition



**Lotte Hoekstra**Group Director, Energy (VSA), AECOM

Lotte Hoekstra is Group Director of AECOM's Energy business across Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania, leading through one of the sector's most significant transformations. Passionate and driven, she focuses on delivering exceptional outcomes for clients while supporting the growth and progression of her people. A strong advocate for diversity and inclusion, Lotte is committed to building high-performing teams that bring the perspectives needed to solve complex energy challenges. Under her leadership, AECOM is guiding clients through the energy transition with solutions spanning grid modernisation, renewable generation, storage, network augmentation and energy management technologies. She thrives on bringing clients, partners and teams together to deliver sustainable, reliable energy outcomes while creating opportunities for the next generation of sector leaders.



**Mads Kristiansen** 

Founder, Simp-oli

Mads Kristiansen is a founder dedicated to solving the single biggest non-technical barrier to accelerating the energy transition: legislative friction. After years inside the industry's engine room at Ørsted and the Danish Foreign Ministry, he saw firsthand how legislative complexity stalls multi-billion dollar projects, drains resources, and undermines investor confidence.

He founded Simpoli to solve this. Simpoli is a compliance intelligence platform that replaces complexity with a "single source of truth," derisking projects and enabling consultants, developers, investors, and government to move faster, together. Mads is on a mission to turn the industry's biggest headache into its greatest strategic advantage.



Marcus Dixson

Senior Director/Head of Australia, Green Giraffe

Marcus joined Green Giraffe Advisory in 2022 and currently heads our Sydney office. With a proven track record in the energy sector, Marcus has successfully brought complex energy transactions to financial close across various markets and capital structures. He has played a pivotal role in transactions across the sector, including onshore wind, offshore wind, solar, and large-scale waste-to-energy projects. Notably, Marcus advised on the sale of Yanco Delta wind farm and has been involved in numerous transactions across the NEM, including mixed technology portfolios and standalone assets, for onshore wind, solar, and BESS hybrids, Before joining Green Giraffe Advisory, Marcus built his career in the UK energy sector. At IDCM, a boutique debt advisor in London, he structured and arranged debt transactions, primarily with institutional investors in the Private Placement market, successfully arranging approximately AUD 1.5 billion in funding. Prior to IDCM, Marcus worked at EY. He is a Chartered Accountant and holds a first-class degree in mechanical engineering from Nottingham University, UK.



**Marcus Romagnesi** 

Junior Engineer, Energise Renewables

Marcus is passionate about shaping the future of renewable energy in Australia. This began during his undergraduate studies in Environmental Engineering at Monash University, where he developed an interest in the relationship between renewable energy development and environmental conservation. This led Marcus to his current role at Energise, where he has had the opportunity to contribute to a range of projects, from onshore and offshore renewable energy development, stakeholder engagement, environmental approvals, and emerging technologies. He is currently studying a Master's in Sustainable Energy Engineering at RMIT, which has broadened his technical knowledge and deepened his understanding of the industry. Marcus is eager to share his insights on working and studying in the renewable energy sector.



Mark Branson

CEO, Voyager Renewables

Mark Branson is a renewable energy developer and the lead executive at Voyager Renewables, an Australian company powered by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners.

Mark has worked in wind, solar, hydropower and transmission since the early 2000s and was previously the lead developer at Sun Cable and CWP Renewables. Having worked all over the world, he's now based at the coal-face of the energy transition in Newcastle, NSW.



Mike Duffy

Principal Consultant, Elexia Communications

Mike Duffy is the founder and CEO of Elexia Communications, Australia's only specialist agency for campaigns, media and strategic communications in energy.

A former television and newspaper journalist with experience in more than 30 countries, Mike has deep expertise in media, public affairs and strategy.

His agency, Elexia Communications, is committed to helping companies navigating the business of transition to a clean energy future. Previously, he served as Director of Strategy to the NSW Premier, Head of Media for AGL Energy and as an Executive Leadership Team member at the Clean Energy Council. As a journalist, Mike was commended by the Walkley Awards and won an international human rights award for reporting on supply chains in Asia.



Matthew Nation
Founder, Nation Partners

Matt is the founder of Nation Partners, a leading ESG firm providing environmental advisory, climate mitigation and adaptation, resilience, social licence and business advisory services. He has worked closely with Australia's offshore wind industry pioneers and has been actively involved in the energy transition. He is passionate about understanding how we can best meet the infrastructure and climate change challenges we face. Nation Partners place People and Planet over profits and can see the need for business to play a key role in creating a new and more equitable economy for all. As a certified B-Corp, purpose-driven business, 4% of all profits are directed towards climate change action and initiatives that help those communities most impacted.



Mark Sayer

Technical & Engineering Lead, Voyager Renewables

Mark leads the technical and engineering workstreams across Voyager's portfolio of onshore renewable energy developments. With nearly two decades of experience in the global renewables industry, Mark brings deep expertise in wind, solar, and BESS.

Before joining Voyager, Mark held senior roles at DNV, where he supported the financing, construction, and operation of tens of gigawatts of renewable energy projects across Northern Europe, North America, and Australia. He now oversees a multidisciplinary team of engineers and scientists focused on developing reliable, safe, and innovative energy solutions.



Matthew Taylor

Green Giraffe

Matthew is Head of APAC for Green Giraffe Advisory, where he leads the team, manages key deals, and fosters client relationships across the region. He has been in Singapore for five years, following eight years in the London office. His focus is on the broader energy transition, with a particular interest in complex projects. Prior to joining Green Giraffe Advisory (GGA), Matthew worked at RES (a UK-based global Independent Power Producer, or IPP) and Garrad Hassan. He brings more than 18 years of experience and transaction expertise in M&A (sell-side and buy-side), tender support, strategy, and debt advisory. His technology experience spans offshore wind, onshore wind, floating wind, and solar.



Meg Lee

Partner, Hall & Wilcox

Meg Lee is a Partner in the Property and Projects team at Hall & Wilcox, specialising in planning and environment law. She co-leads the Environment Social & Governance industry group.

With over 25 years of experience, Meg helps clients obtain environmental and planning approvals and advises on compliance issues for major infrastructure and property developments. She works closely with consultants on environmental impact assessment processes for renewable energy projects under State and Federal law, including under the new Commonwealth regime for Offshore Wind Farm licences.

She is a Board Member and Vice-President (Legal) of the Victorian Planning & Environmental Law Association and recognised in Doyles Guide to the Legal Profession in Australia and ranked in Chambers and Partners Asia Pacific Guide 2025 for Environment & Planning.



**Mindy Trezise** 

Assistant Project Manager GHD

Mindy Trezise is a Civil Engineer and Project Manager based in GHD's Brisbane office, where she also serves as a Team Leader in the Delivery Phase Services team. With over six years of experience across the Energy, resources, and water infrastructure sectors, Mindy has worked with many challenging stakeholder groups and brings a passion for finding the best solutions for all parties in large, multidisciplinary projects.

Mindy is committed to supporting Australia's energy transition and contributes actively to internal initiatives shaping the future of the sector.



**Morgan Rossiter** 

General Manager, Offshore Wind, Clean Energy Council

Morgan is the General Manager for Offshore Wind at the Clean Energy Council, where she champions for regulatory and legislative frameworks that will accelerate the establishment of offshore wind energy in Australia. This includes supporting the development of industries and infrastructure, as well as community and stakeholder engagement. Through this role Morgan also leads the Australian Offshore Wind Taskforce, established to foster collaboration and coordination across the offshore wind industry.



#### Norman Mackay

Business Development Manager, DOF

Norman Mackay has over 37 year's experience in conventional subsea and renewables market sectors. Having worked in Europe, Middle East, Africa, Gulf of Mexico and the Australasian Regions, he is currently responsible for Business Development for DOF who are a worldwide leading provider of integrated subsea and marine services with a purpose-built fleet of 65 subsea vessels working in the Energy Sector. Norman's offshore industry experience, gained with various subsea industry majors, covers the fields of business development, project management and business acquisition at senior management level. Today, he works to progress DOF' position in the renewables sector and support the energy transition, in particular within the emerging offshore wind industry in the Australasian Region. With DOF's recent completion of several offshore wind projects, Norman draws on, and shares insights of real-world installation and commissioning experience from a vessel owner and operator perspective. Originally from Scotland, he gained an honours degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Information Technology at the Robert Gordon's University in Aberdeen and holds membership with the Perth Branch of the Society of Underwater Technology and the Energy Club of Western Australia



Noel Gallagher

Executive Advisor - Commercial Advisory

With over 30 years of experience across Ireland, the UK, Germany, and Australia, Noel is a seasoned energy sector professional and consultant who has successfully led major projects across the full supply chain. Combining deep technical expertise with strong commercial and financial insight. A passionate advocate for clean energy, Noel's expertise spans transmission, storage solutions such as Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), renewable generation including onshore and offshore wind, solar photovoltaic projects, and financial structuring. His extensive network includes governments, regulators, industry stakeholders, and retailers, supporting effective collaboration and sustainable outcomes.



Naomi Campbell

Partner, Energise Renewables

Naomi Campbell is an international clean energy executive and board director with 25 years' experience advancing energy transition projects across Asia, Australia, and Europe. An entrepreneur, she is co-founder of Energise Renewables. She has shaped market frameworks and secured licenses that enabled more than 3.2GW of offshore and floating wind globally. Currently Specialist Advisor to the World Bank Group (IFC/ESMAP), Naomi leads the Offshore Wind Development Program in the Philippines, accelerating market creation for emerging economies. Her expertise spans regulatory reform, large-scale project development, and stakeholder and Indigenous engagement across renewables (onshore and offshore), carbon capture, and transmission. Naomi combines boardroom governance with technical depth, positioning her as a trusted leader in shaping policy, enabling investment, and guiding global clean energy transformation.



Nicole Vaughan

Client Project Manager, Spatial Media

Nicole is an accomplished client project manager at Spatial Media building trusted relationships and ensuring seamless delivery of complex digital projects. In the energy sector space Nicole has worked with a whole range of stakeholders from small start-ups to large multinational companies and many different government agencies. Nicole is passionate about engaging communities in the clean energy future with powerful storytelling and bespoke visualisations to enhance understanding and bring people along the journey of change.

Harnessing the power of digital innovation, Spatial Media transforms complex projects into immersive, interactive experiences for communities and stakeholders. Spatial Media have worked with hundreds of energy project teams across generation, storage and transmission to help convey important information, promote benefits, educate, demystify and hopefully inspire!



**Oliver Hurley** 

Graduate Process Engineer, GHD

Oliver Hurley is a Graduate Process Engineer at GHD, where he works in the Water Treatment team and leads the Young Professionals committee. With a background in chemical engineering and commerce, Oliver brings a fresh perspective to creative energy innovation.

At EnergyFest: NextGen, he shares insights from GHD's partnership with Hydrobe, highlighting algae-based carbon offset and biodiesel technologies.



Olivia Beauchamp

Senior Recruitment Consultant, Phillip Riley

Olivia Beauchamp is a Senior Consultant in Phillip Riley's Melbourne office, with over four years of sector-specific recruitment expertise covering both onshore and offshore renewable energy projects.

Olivia has successfully delivered end-to-end recruitment solutions across project development, finance, commercial, and energy markets roles, working with a diverse range of clients including developers, IPPs, gentailers, investment funds, and asset managers. Olivia is committed to a values-driven and partnership-based approach, leveraging her deep industry knowledge to support clients in achieving their strategic workforce and business growth objectives.



Peter Mills
Vice President, Legal & Compliance, APAC

Peter is the General Counsel at Vestas Asia Pacific & China and a member of the regional executive management team. Over his 16 year tenure, Peter has gained extensive experience in managing regional legal teams to support both onshore and offshore wind energy projects across multiple jurisdictions in Asia Pacific & China.

Peter leads a team of 18 lawyers based in China, India, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Australia. His team is responsible for negotiating wind farm supply and service agreements, providing delivery advice, and managing regional compliance and company secretarial programs. With Vestas' significant manufacturing and shared services footprint in the region, his team also provides legal support to these business areas.

Before joining Vestas, Peter worked at Minter Ellison Lawyers in Melbourne, Routledge Modise Attorneys in Johannesburg, and Eversheds in London.



Peter Benyon
Australian Market Leader, GHD

Dr Peter Benyon is GHD's Australian Market Leader for Power. Peter started in the Australian electricity industry in the late 1980s when almost all electricity was produced by coal-fired power stations, there were only a handful of wind turbines and solar PV was only just starting to be commercialized. He's since been heavily involved in the energy transition and associated transformations, with key roles on major projects and in energy business leadership positions. His current role covers power generation, energy storage and transmission and distribution



Petra Stock
Climate and Environment Reporter, The Guardian

Petra Stock is a climate and environment reporter at The Guardian. Her award-winning journalism draws on two decades of experience working for industry, governments and not for profits. Petra has worked as an analyst and advocate for climate solutions in the energy and transport sectors, in Aboriginal heritage policy for the Victorian government, as well as planning, community engagement and environmental approvals for wind energy and other large infrastructure projects in Australia and New Zealand. She originally trained as an environmental engineer, switching to journalism five years ago.



Phil Burn
Head of Development, Virya Energy

Phil is a renewable energy and planning specialist with extensive experience across government and industry. Phil is currently Head of Development at Virya Energy, a small Australian renewable energy generation and storage company with big plans for Australia's energy transition. Phil has also been an executive in Victoria's Department of Transport and Planning and he has lead planning, approvals, communication and engagement teams within a global consulting firm. Phil is also a former chair of the Clean Energy Council's Wind Energy Directorate and former Director of the Australian Wind Alliance (now Re-Alliance) and former Development and Planning Manager at West Wind Energy.

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Rainer Knobloch
Co-Founder/COO, NewVolt

Rainer is Co-Founder & COO of NewVolt Infrastructure, pioneering Australia's transition to electric trucks through a national network of shared-use charging hubs powered by renewable energy. He's leading the Melbourne Electrified Freight Network, delivering three strategic truck charging facilities across Melbourne to support both contracted fleet operators and open-access industry adoption. Rainer brings over 15 years of large-scale technology transformation experience across diverse sectors, from leading McDonald's ANZ 1,100+ store digital overhaul to transformation projects at SBS, advertising, and even theme-park infrastructure. As a diverse thinker, and complex problem solver, Rainer is motivated to tackle the big challenges in Australia, including bridging Australia's established road freight sector with emerging electric vehicle technologies, making the transition commercially viable for operators of all sizes, whilst delivering freight efficiency and energy supply security.



Rosie Downie
Co-Founder and CEO, The Nature Quest Company

Rosie is a Co-Founder of The Nature Quest, a technology platform that values nature assets. The Quest platform issues and trades blockchain-verified tokens connecting landowners, buyers and scientific research to incentivise nature protection and restoration. Rosie brings over seven years of experience as a sustainability strategist at EY in Australia and the UK, where she led initiatives across decarbonisation, biodiversity, innovation, technology and ESG strategy. Raised on her family's sheep and cattle farm in Tasmania, Rosie has a love for the land and brings hands-on experience to land management and the development of carbon and biodiversity projects. Rosie is excited about the potential to leverage technology to scale and deliver real and lasting impact.



Rhys Lambert

Director, Accounting, The Blue Rock

Rhys joined BlueRock's Accounting team with a background in Tax, Accounting and Commerce. He loves a well-structured budget and an orderly meeting because he knows that organisation is the key to ensuring his team is always progressing towards its goals.

They're just the qualities you want in your taxman. He's the kind of guy you'd trust to manage your compliance requirements or your technical tax issues. Genuine, friendly and personable, he also knows that building positive relationships with his clients and his team is the best way of achieving true long-term value. How does Rhys keep his mind so sharp and his eyes always on the prize? It could be one of the benefits of fasting! Rhys survives on black coffee until noon every day. But come 12:01pm, you'll find him in the kitchen, chowing down on his favourite snack: peanut butter and honey toast.



Sarah Guilfoyle

Head of Stakeholder Relations, Voyager Renewables

Sarah leads stakeholder relations across the Voyager Renewables' portfolio and internal workstreams. Sarah has over 20 years of experience delivering across the full suite of workstreams in her field. These include stakeholder engagement, strategic, operational and creative communications, media, government and public relations, change management and policy. Sarah's experience spans a broad range of industries with complex internal and external stakeholder environments including renewables, government, infrastructure, construction, mining, ports, rail and agriculture. Sarah has previously held leadership roles with Oceanex Energy, Laing O'Rourke, NSW Health Infrastructure and Hewitt. Sarah is committed to delivering positive, mutually beneficial and aligned outcomes for Voyager and its stakeholders, as well as all stakeholders required to work together and drive the energy transition in Australia.



Sally Wilson

Australian Environment Market Leader, GHD

Sally is GHD's Australian Environment Market Leader, with over 23 years' public and private sector experience. She specialises in environmental impact assessment, natural resource management and navigating approval processes at the Commonwealth, State, and Local levels. Her career spans senior roles in the Western Australian and Queensland energy and resources sectors, where she has led complex strategic and cumulative impact assessments and built expertise in technical evaluation, regulatory assessment, and due diligence. More recently, Sally has overseen major multidisciplinary infrastructure approval projects, including the Capricornia Energy Hub PHES and Transmission EIS, the CQ-H2 Primary Approvals Project and G2K PPP Inland Rail Tender Design. She is focused on helping clients navigate Australia's energy transition through strengthened collaboration, innovation and technical excellence.



Simon Renwick

Founder & CEO, WaveX

Commercialising a hardware solution to convert ocean waves into electricity, has eluded the marine energy industry for decades. Prototypes are either too expensive, or not sufficiently robust to withstand harsh ocean storms.

Simon Renwick is the inventor, Founder and CEO of WaveX – a technology borne from the Perth oil and gas industry – that is on the cusp of solving this challenge and bringing wave energy to the mainstream alongside renewables like wind and solar.

The ocean covers 70% of the planet, yet yields less than 2% of the worlds renewable energy. As decarbonisation through electrification accelerates across the globe – that imbalance must be addressed in a sustainable and socially responsible way – enter the WaveX D-Spar™.



Sarah Stent

Senior Principal, Nation Partners

Sarah Stent brings more than 20 years' experience in strategic communications across commercial, government, and not-for-profit sectors. She works with clients to navigate complex projects while building the relationships that matter most with diverse stakeholders and regional communities. Central to her approach is a commitment to creating genuine social value, supporting purpose-driven organisations find ways to deliver benefits beyond their immediate objectives. Widely recognised for her expertise in social licence, Sarah's curiosity about Australia's evolving energy landscape continues to shape and inspire her approach to strategic engagement.



**Steph Lysaght** 

Consul-General, British Consulate General Melbourne

Steph is the UK Consul-General to Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania and is based in Melbourne. Prior to his current role Steph has had various diplomatic postings in Washington DC, Moscow, Mexico City, Manila and Vietnam and has also spent considerable time in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in London with a large part of his work focusing on energy and climate issues. Climate Change continues to be a priority and passion of Steph's, and he is a strong advocate for a successful energy transition in Australia.



**Simon Spratling** 

Renewable Energy & Storage Lead - Australia

Simon Spratling is AECOM's Renewable Energy and Storage Market Lead for Australia and New Zealand, where he brings together expertise and resources to deliver some of the region's most significant onshore renewable projects. With a technical background focusing on solar and battery storage, Simon has extensive experience across strategy, feasibility, design, and construction.

Passionate about the role of renewables in decarbonising the grid, Simon has a strong track record in combining innovative technical solutions with commercial and business case insights, enabling complex and hybrid projects to move from concept to reality.



**Stephen Overty** 

Business Development Manager, Phillip Riley

As Business Development Manager at Phillip Riley, Stephen works closely with renewable energy companies to help them build the teams they need to deliver their projects. This includes everything from finding the right people for hard-to-fill roles to supporting full project mobilisation and workforce development through apprenticeships and traineeships. Stephen's goal is straightforward: to make it easier for clients to focus on delivering the energy transition, knowing they have the right support behind them.

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#### Stan Kaluwin

**Energy Transactions Leader, Aurecon** 

Stan Kaluwin is a leader in Aurecon's decarbonisation advisory team, bringing 15 years of experience in developing and commercialising energy infrastructure and grid connections. He possesses extensive technical, commercial, and market knowledge across diverse energy technologies and procurement methods.

In recent years, Stan has advised on over 70 gigawatts of energy transactions, including Australia's largest Power Purchase Agreement, contributing significantly to the country's energy transition. A trusted advisor to both government and private sector senior executives, Stan helps buyers and sellers to position for return on investment and long-term energy transition. His expertise lies in guiding capital decisions to maximise value and returns, managing risks appetites in energy deals, and advising on different financing models across different renewable energy assets.



Suneeta Daftary MEM, BE (hons) E&E

Business Manager- Power Conversion Systems, Ampcontrol

Suneeta Daftary is an accomplished energy market professional with extensive experience across strategy, sales, and execution in the global energy industry. Having held leadership roles at Siemens, ABB, Schneider, and ITW, she has delivered customer-focused solutions that address the challenges of the energy transition. From her start as a graduate systems engineer to managing projects exceeding \$200M AUD, Suneeta brings deep expertise across technical sales, EPC construction, and operations. With a background in electronic engineering and a Master of Engineering Management, she is passionate about driving innovation and sustainability through advanced BESS solutions for renewable energy, microgrids, and distributed generation.



#### **Stephanie Bashir**

Principal and Founder, Nexa Advisory

Stephanie Bashir is a highly respected board-level executive and transformation leader with over 20 years of experience shaping the Australian energy sector and its broader economic landscape. As the Principal and Founder of Nexa Advisory, she brings deep expertise across technical, commercial, strategic, policy, and advisory domains. Throughout her career, Stephanie has been at the forefront of energy market reform, regulation, and innovation. She has played a pivotal role in advancing new energy technologies, modernising electricity networks, and driving service innovation. Her leadership has been instrumental in shaping national policy agendas, particularly in areas such as virtual power plants, competition reform, and the integration of distributed energy resources.

Prior to founding Nexa Advisory, Stephanie led policy vision and strategy at AGL, where she focused on reforming network regulation to support the emergence of new energy services and technologies. Her work has consistently championed a cleaner, more customercentric energy future.



**Tim Butson** 

Regional Commercial Manager, Asia Pacific, DOF

Having graduated with degrees in Civil Engineering and Science, Tim Butson has spent his career building, repairing, and decommissioning offshore infrastructure. Starting as a Project Engineer working onboard subsea construction vessels, Tim has delivered projects throughout Europe, Asia and Australia.

This technical foundation and infield experience have proven a vital resource in his current role, Regional Commercial Manager – Asia Pacific for DOF, a worldwide leading provider of integrated subsea and marine services with a purpose-built fleet of subsea vessels working in the Energy Sector. Based in Perth, Tim brings over two decades of experience to the table—combining operational insight with strategic thinking to deliver commercially sound solutions for complex offshore projects. His deep understanding of vessel operations and client needs makes him a trusted partner in navigating the evolving energy landscape.

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#### Vanessa Anniss

Partner, Energy Transition and Construction, Howden

Vanessa leads the construction and energy transition portfolio for Howden Insurance Brokers in New Zealand. With over 25 years' experience in the global insurance industry, she has advised clients across power, renewables, and infrastructure on strategic risk transfer and insurance program design. Vanessa's career spans New Zealand and London, where she has supported clients with large, complex risks and helped shape robust risk management strategies. Her deep understanding of client needs and broad market insight brings a valuable perspective to the evolving energy landscape.



#### **Tony Wolfe**

Director, Gippsland Climate Change Network

Tony worked in the fossil fuel energy industry in Gippsland for over 40 years. He started as an electrician, aged of 15, at Hazelwood Power Station and ended as a Unit Controller at Loy Yang (picture Homer Simpson).

Currently he is a Board member of Gippsland Climate Change Network, RDA Gippsland Committee and sits as a community advisor on groups for Star of the South project, OSMI (Delburn) wind and Marinus Link.

His passion is to see regional communities engaged and capitalise on the significant opportunities that are presenting as part of the transition away from fossil fuels.

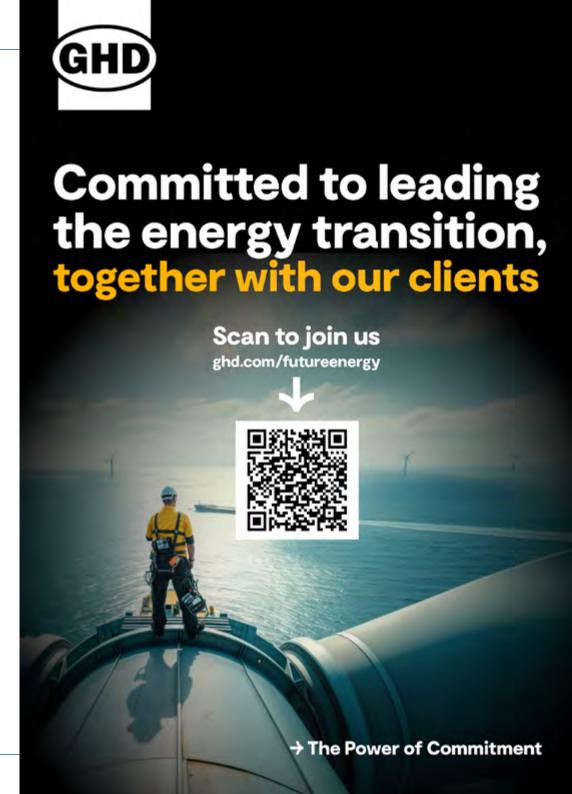


Ting Yuan

Principal, Nation Partners

Ting is a dynamic leader with a broad range of skillsets and over 15 years of experience in public policy, law and project management combined.

In the renewable energy sector, Ting has designed and delivered grant programs for the Victorian Government, including electric vehicle charging infrastructure and hydrogen demonstration projects. More recently, she developed a Battery Energy Storage System project, working with multiple stakeholders and managing interfacing work streams. Throughout her career in the public service, Ting has established governance structures, led policy and regulatory reforms, provided strategic advice to both federal and state Ministers, political advisors and senior executives. Ting is passionate about social justice, human rights and creating a greener and more equal future for all.





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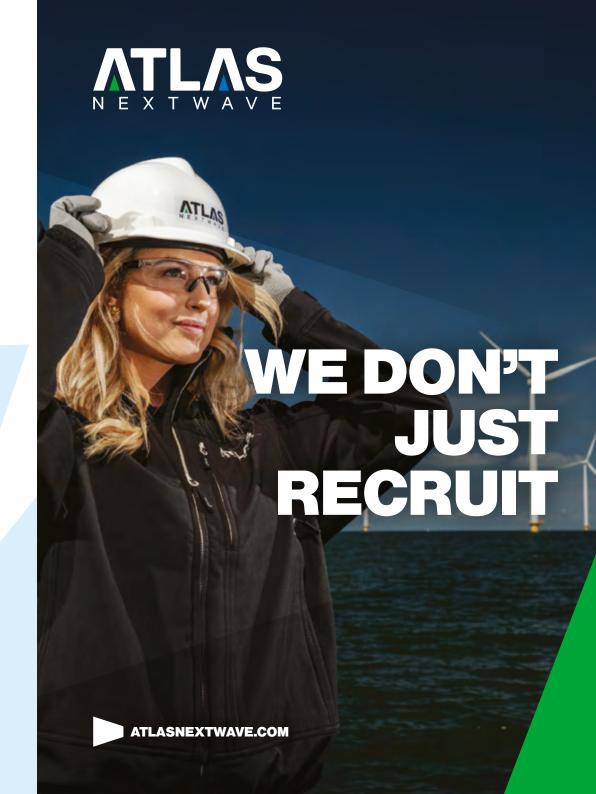
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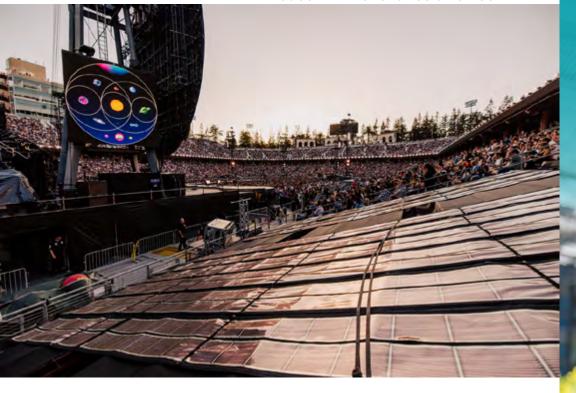
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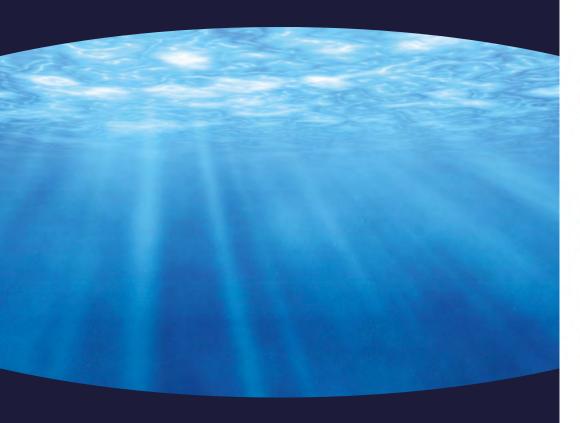


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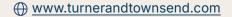
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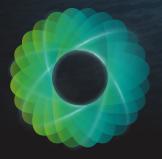
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The event brings together leaders, innovators and investors to unlock opportunity, align strategy and drive tangible outcomes across technology, policy and finance.

Transforming an industry takes more than discussion; it requires collaboration, vision and execution.

### What It Is

A one-day experience designed to connect bright minds with the future of renewable energy.

Across panels, pitches, and keynotes, EnergyFest: Industry inspires new partnerships and showcases solutions that push the boundaries of what's possible in renewables.

# 2 Days of Industry Energy.

DAY 1

Planet Sun Global Premiere Celebrate the opening of EnergyFest with the global premiere of Planet Sun.

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#### DAY 2

#### EnergyFest: Industry

#### DAY

- A full day of panels from the leaders, innovators and critical thinkers in global renewable energy.
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#### EnergyFest: NEXTGen is where the next generation of changemakers connect with the future of renewable energy.

It's designed for students, early-career professionals and emerging leaders who want to understand where their skills, values and ambitions fit into the global energy transition.

### What It Is

An immersive, one-day experience that brings young people face-to-face with the possibilities of renewables.

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