



DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

28-29 August 2024
Function Rooms 1 & 2,
Kent Town Hotel, Adelaide

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*Riding the wave of commercialisation
- bringing Australian technology and products to the global marketplace*

Tuesday 27 August 2024

5.45pm for 6pm start Welcome Cocktail function - Kent Town Hotel, 76 Rundle Street, Kent Town

Day 1: Wednesday 28 August 2024

- 9.00am - 9.30am** **Welcome to Country** - Uncle Corey Turner (Southern Cultural Immersion)
Opening Address: Riding the wave - Commercialisation opportunities in the Marine Bioproducts industry
Conference MC: Daniel Abrahams, CEO, MBCRC
- 9.30am - 10.30am** **Research for the future: healthcare, nutrition and personal wellbeing**
Chair: Prof Rob Capon, Program Leader, MBCRC
- Adrian Cuthbertson, CEO, Marine Biotechnology Australia
 - Dr Mark Butler, Institute for Molecular Bioscience, UQ
 - Associate Professor Jake Begun, Mater Research Institute, UQ
 - David Wood, CEO, Yumbah Aquaculture
- 10.30am-11.00am** **Morning Tea Break (breakout discussion group)**
- Can algae help with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) and gut health?
- 11.00am - 12.15pm** **Translating Australia's research to commercial success (stories of achievement)**
Chair: Daniel Abrahams, CEO, MBCRC
- Anthony Bertini, Group Chair and CEO, Organic Technology Holdings
 - Dr Susan Marshall, Science Group Leader - Seafood Processing and Marine Products, Plant and Food Co, New Zealand
 - Dr Magnus Bergkvist, Head of Science and Research, Thai Union
- 12.15pm - 1.45pm** **Lunch Break**
- 1.45pm - 3.00pm** **Australian algae industry insights** – Marine biomass / seaweed industry market
Chair: Dr Mike Patane, Research Director, MBCRC
- Dr Alexandra (Alex) Thomson, Industry Engagement Manager, Climate Change Cluster (C3), University of Technology Sydney
 - Dr Jens Knauer, National Aquaculture Research Director, Australian Sustainable Seaweed Alliance (ASSA)
 - Dr Mike Packer, Consultant Research Scientist, Algavive Pty Ltd
- 3.00pm - 3.30pm** **Afternoon Tea Break**

- 3.30pm - 4.50pm** **Community engagement - collaborating to develop a new industry with a social licence**
Chair: Prof Catriona Macleod, Program Leader, MBCRC
- Andrew Crane, Project Director, Office of the Coordinator-General, TAS Government
 - Dr Hannah Brown, Acting Executive Director (SARDI)
 - Dr Heidi Alleway, Senior Aquaculture Scientist, The Nature Conservancy

4.50pm - 5.00pm **Summary and close**

6.45pm for 7pm start **Gala Dinner - Strathmore Hotel, 129 North Terrace, Adelaide**

Day 2: Thursday 29 August 2024

9.15am - 9.30am *Conference MC: Daniel Abrahams, CEO, MBCRC - recap of day 1*

- 9.30am - 10.15am** **Can Australia become a global leader in marine biorefineries?**
Chair: Daniel Casement, CEO, Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association
- Alastair Smart, Founding Partner at Eachmile Technologies
 - Dr Mike Patane, Research Director, MBCRC
 - Alfred Deakin Professor Colin Barrow, Deakin University

- 10.15am - 10.45am** **AgriFutures - growAG: Agrifood Innovation platform**
Chair: Daniel Abrahams, CEO, MBCRC
- Peter Vaughan, Senior Manager Commercialisation, AgriFutures Australia
 - Dr Kerinne Harvey, Manager, Emerging Industries, AgriFutures Australia

- FoodFutures - new foods for a sustainable future**
- Dr Mirjana Prica, Managing Director, Food Innovation Australia (FIAL)

- 10.45am-11.15am** **Morning Tea Break (breakout discussion group)**
- Can we upcycle fish waste into value-added products?

- 11.15am - 12.15pm** **First Nations panel session: Shaping our future together**
Chair: Daniel Abrahams, CEO, MBCRC
- Louisa Warren, Executive Manager Indigenous Engagement, CSIRO
 - Pauly Vandenberg, CEO, Wanna Mar (tuna fishing)
 - Associate Professor Russ Barrow, Gulbali Institute | Agriculture, Water and Environment, Charles Sturt University

12.15pm - 1.45pm **Lunch Break**

- 1.45pm - 3.00pm** **Panel: How to partner for success in commercialising technology**
Chair: Dr Mike Patane, Research Director, MBCRC
- Stephen Schmid, Industry Growth Program Adviser, AusIndustry Division | Industry Growth Program, Department of Industry, Science and Resources
 - Dr Justin Coombs, Chief Operating Officer, AusHealth
 - Elaine Stead, Principal, Main Sequence

3.00pm - 3.30pm **Afternoon Tea Break (Participant feedback)**

- 3.30pm - 4.15pm** **Marine biomass / seaweed industry market sizing, the active building blocks underway for a new industry**
Chair: Daniel Abrahams, CEO, MBCRC
- Marni Oaten, Emissions Solutions Deloitte Partner, Deloitte Australia

- 4.15pm - 4.30pm** **Marine BioConnect 2025 - coming soon!**
Chair: Daniel Abrahams, CEO, MBCRC

- 4.30pm - 4.45pm** **Closing Plenary Session**
Chair: John Gunn, Board Director and Chair, MBCRC