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AUSTRALIA**
CONFERENCE

TUESDAY 22 – THURSDAY 24 JULY 2025
CAIRNS, QLD

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DRIVING NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT**

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EVENTS

We acknowledge and thank the people and Traditional Owners of the on Gimuy Walubarra Yidinji and Yirrganydji Country on which we hold this conference.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS - Wednesday 23 July 2025 | 10:25am - 11:00am

Harnessing AI and Autonomous Technology for Indigenous-Led Regional Innovation

Aaron Bell, KJR

Dual Purpose Peanut - The Northern Australian Perspective

Associate Professor Surya Bhattarai, CQUniversity

Using Remote Sensing to Inform Ecologically Relevant Water Quality Criteria in Northern Australia

Dr Adam Canning, James Cook University

A Day in the Life: Research That's as Hot as the North

Belinda Carlson, CRC for Northern Australia

Building Capacity Through Knowledge: Using History as a Tool for Positive Partnerships

Dr Sandi Robb, Cairns Historical Society Cairns Museum

Advancing the Barkly Region: Airport Expansion & Workforce Accommodation for a Thriving Northern Australia

Sandra De Kock, Airport Development Group | Northern Territory

Community-Led Leadership – Strengthening Regional Futures in Central Western Queensland

Heather Ellis, BlueWren Connections Pty Ltd

The Significance of Female Labour Force Participation in the North

Pete Faulkner, Conus Business Consultancy Services

Improving the Social & Economic Wellbeing Through Leadership and Capacity Building of Our Members

Catherine Fairlie, The Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation

Bridging Culture and Innovation: Integrating Drones, Data, and Traditional Knowledge for Indigenous Leadership

John Fejo, KJR

The Outback Way Action Plan: A Blueprint for Sustainable Growth

Melanie Forbes, Outback Highway Development Council Inc

Revolutionising Community Investment

Lyndal Hansen, NFP House

Enabling Others: Case Studies from the Pilbara

Steven Harding, Shire of East Pilbara

Bridging Digital Divides: Enhancing Cultural Safety in Online Kidney Health Resources for First Nations Peoples

Tracy Hardy and Dr Jaimon Kelly, University of Queensland

Enabling Consumer Protections in Government Telecommunications Procurement

Dr Rachel Hay, James Cook University

Empowering Indigenous Economies: Potential for Gidyea Gum as a New Cultural Industry

Thomas Hay, University of Queensland`

LiXiA: Advancing Innovative Infrastructure and Building Sovereign Capability in Northern Australia

Simon Igloi, Lixia Pty Ltd

A Paradigm Shift in Place-Based Workforce Development: Schools as the Blueprint for Regional Resilience

Leanne Kruss, Australian Integrated Agriculture Pty Ltd and Luciano Mesiti, Primary Industry Education Foundation Australia

How Will Northern Australia Mobilise to Make the Most of Telecommunication Upgrades for Economic Prosperity?

Kylie Lindsay, NBN Co

Rethinking Market Systems Design: Strengthening Indigenous Cultural Markets in Northern Australia

Nina Clements, Indigenous Connection

Strategic Investment in Critical Digital Assets for Business Continuity and Increased Profitability

Ciana Martinus, Prescient Security

SoulJam: A Safe Haven When the World Closes Its Doors

Genus Passi, Namu Collective

AI for Workforce Capability: Enhancing Front and Back of House of Education in Northern Australia

Toni Peggrem, AI Consortium

Growing Northern Australia - Solutions for Regional Development and Sustainability

Ruth Palmer, Property Council of Australia

Growing Back Better Queensland – Post-Flood Recovery and Resilience in Queensland Agriculture

Saba Sinai, CQUniversity Australia

Engaging Cultural Authority Towards Achieving Sustainable Operational Outcomes: the Gunawuna Jungai Story

Kieran Smith and Barry Walden, Gunawuna Jungai and Dr Leigh-Ann Onnis, James Cook University

HR in the Tropics: HR Leading Workforce Strategies for Northern Australia

Dr Leigh-Ann Onnis and Dr Jane Oorschot, James Cook University

Northern Australia and Decarbonisation: a Case of Misdirected Effort and Squandered Opportunity

Hon Neil Thomson MLC, Member For Mining & Pastoral Region

Creativity: The Missing Link in Agriculture Research Extension

Michael Thomson, Blue Hill