

# Adapt NSW Forum



November 25-26 2025  
Roundhouse, Sydney

Hi there,

We're delighted to launch the full program of the AdaptNSW Forum 2025, returning to the Roundhouse in Sydney across November 25 and 26.

The program includes 2 days of engaging, creative and practical sessions exploring the theme of **Other Ways**. Connect with peers, deepen your networks, explore the latest in adaptation science and build your innovation and transformation skills.

Both two-day and single-day tickets are now on sale. Special concession rates are available to those under 25, students and representatives from community-run and non-for-profit organisations.

Last year's event sold out – register today to secure your place for 2025.

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## AdaptNSW Forum 2025 keynote speakers



**Dr Terri**  
Janke



**Yehansa**  
Dahanayake



**Julia**  
Watson



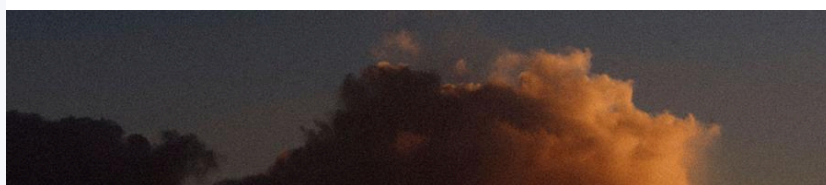
**Andy**  
Marks

**Dr Terri Janke** is a Wuthathi/Meriam/Yadhaigana woman and a leading authority on Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property. Over 25 years ago, she founded Terri Janke and Company, a pioneering law firm dedicated to empowering Indigenous communities through self-determined legal and business solutions. Her work champions Indigenous knowledge systems and their vital role in caring for Country.

**Yehansa Dahanayake** is a passionate climate advocate, high school student and Youth Researcher at the Young & Resilient Research Centre at Western Sydney University, with a special interest in child and youth engagement, human rights, and climate change policy. Her roots are in grassroots advocacy, having volunteered at the Australian Youth Climate Coalition for multiple years.

**Julia Watson** is the author of *Lo—TEK: Design by Radical Indigenism* and *Lo—TEK Water, A Fieldguide for TEKnologists*, and a leading expert in Indigenous, nature-based technologies, with which she is a pioneer of the global Lo—TEK movement. She is the co-founder of the Lo—TEK Institute, which advances generational wisdom through nature-based education and advocacy, and is co-lead of the Lo—TEK Office for Intercultural Urbanism.

**Andy Marks** is Founder and Director of the new Symbiocene Institute which helps organisations decarbonise, become nature positive and more resilient using their innovation driving symbiosis-based principles. Sharing best practice and new thinking, the Institute is building a global community of Symbiocene adopters working in partnership with the natural world.





## Program highlights

### Whispers of dust and wind: A Two-Eyed journey

The ongoing NSW DCCEE Dust, wind and cultural pathways project aims to connect western science and cultural knowledge to improve the outcomes for Country. This session is a campfire-style yarn conveying personal experiences and learnings around this Two-Eyed Seeing project.

### Beyond data: How community values shape adaptation

Communities know what matters most. How can understanding those values and communicating them to decision makers drive real adaptation at scale? In this session we'll learn practical ways of capturing community values and discuss the disconnect between what communities want and decision-making on the ground.

### Voices for climate: Youth leading the change

Young leaders from diverse fields are bringing fresh ideas, urgency, and lived experience to climate action. This session will platform youth changemakers as they share their experience and priorities for the future.

### Building asset resilience together: Tools, experiences and partnerships

This interactive session helps asset managers and government agencies understand and tackle climate risk. Through presentations, live polling and panel discussions, participants will explore real-world tools, partnerships, and implementation challenges.

### Winanga-y-gu: An Aboriginal Cultural exploration of your relationship with climate change

This dynamic workshop disrupts conventional climate narratives by exploring climate change as a deeply cultural phenomenon—inviting participants to expand scientific boundaries, challenge embedded values, and co-create new understandings grounded in relationship, responsibility, and lived experience.

### Integrating adaptation into transition planning: A practical approach

As NSW transitions to a low-carbon economy, it must address both mitigation and adaptation to effectively manage climate-related risks and opportunities. This session will showcase expert insights and practical strategies for integrating adaptation into transition planning.



## Stay Connected

With the overarching theme of **Other Ways**, the four Forum sub-themes are an invitation to explore the work being done to shift from the status quo to tackle the climate crisis: **Other Ways** of **Knowing, Feeling, Thinking** and **Doing**.

We can't wait to see you there and explore these **Other Ways** together.

For all the latest program updates, presenter announcements, and Forum information keep an eye on our [website](#).

For any questions, reach out to us at [info@adaptnswforum.com.au](mailto:info@adaptnswforum.com.au)

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