



## Get involved in National Reconciliation Week

**BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS**

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023**

**27 MAY — 3 JUNE**

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RECONCILIATION AUSTRALIA

National Reconciliation Week is just around the corner (27 May - 3 June) and as part of the commitments under our (Reflect) Reconciliation Action Plan, the Committee for Brisbane is encouraging members and others to participate in this year's events.

CFB has undertaken to communicate our commitment to reconciliation to all staff and members, via this newsletter and other direct communications; and to circulate Reconciliation Australia's NRW resources and reconciliation materials to our staff and members.

You can access a broad suite of NRW resources here (please ensure you follow the brand guidelines): [Posters and Resources - National Reconciliation Week 2023](#)

The National Reconciliation Week 2023 theme, "Be a voice for generations", calls on all Australians to act today to tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation.

Reconciliation Australia says reconciliation is all about building a better nation:

- A more united Australia that respects and takes pride in 65,000 years of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, stories and achievements.
- An Australia that believes in the right of First Nations peoples to make decisions about their lives and their communities.

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- An Australia that stands opposed to racism, inequity and injustice.
- To be a voice for reconciliation today means the start of real change tomorrow.
- It means amplifying the calls of past generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples that have fought hard and paved the way.
- And it means using your power, your words and your vote to create a better, more just Australia for all of us.

Here are some NRW events and activities:

### **Events in Brisbane**

25 May - National Reconciliation Week Launch 2023 dinner [National Reconciliation Week Launch 2023 Tickets](#), Thu 25/05/2023 at 6:30 pm | Eventbrite

31 May - Brisbane Youth Service welcomes young people, staff, and community to an interactive event celebrating reconciliation at the New Farm Park Rotunda. Patron Steve Renouf will also host the launch of the BYS 2023-24 Innovate RAP at the event: [Brisbane Youth Service RAW Celebration - National Reconciliation Week 2023](#)

### **Virtual Events**

26 May - Leading into National Reconciliation Week, join the Australian Institute of Company Directors for a virtual event with leading experts/directors discussing how organisations can drive change and create lasting social impacts: [National Reconciliation Week: How organisations can create lasting social impacts - National Reconciliation Week 2023](#)

30 May - the Australian Copyright Council presenting a webinar on all things Copyright & First Nations Art: [Copyright and First Nations Art Webinar - National Reconciliation Week 2023](#)

31 May - Come Yarn with Red Dust as we celebrate Reconciliation Week 2023: [Reconciliation Week 2023 Yarn with Red Dust - National Reconciliation Week 2023](#)

9 August - Voice to Parliament 2023 Yarn with Red Dust, 60-minute discussion on the Voice to Parliament: [Voice to Parliament Yarn 2023 - National Reconciliation Week 2023](#)

### **Gallery events**

20 May to 21 January 2024 'Gone Fishing' at the Gallery of Modern Art presents works from the Gallery's Indigenous Australian art collection that affirm this cultural, social and recreational activity: [Gone Fishing - National Reconciliation Week 2023](#)

28 May to 3 June - Art and this place tour at Queensland Art Gallery, highlighting artworks from QAGOMA's Indigenous Australian Art Collection and explore the complex stories of history, culture and place that they tell: ['Art & This Place Tour' at Queensland Gallery - National Reconciliation Week 2023](#)



30 May to 2 June - National Reconciliation Week UQ invites UQ staff, students and members of the public to the Alumni Friends of UQ Collection Study Room to see important artworks by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, including Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri AO, Tracey Moffatt AO, Gordon Hookey and Judy Watson: [National Reconciliation Week: First Nations artists in the UQ Art Museum - National Reconciliation Week 2023](#)

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## New Sub-committees



The Committee for Brisbane was overwhelmed with nominations for its four new sub-committees with 85 individual nominations received for 40 positions across the Connectivity, Creativity, Equity and Enterprise Sub-committees.

The number of members putting themselves forward is a strong show of interest and support in the

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Committee's activities.

Because of the large number of nominees, the CFB Executive agreed to increase the size of each sub-committee from 10 to 12 - however there are many nominees who obviously could not be accommodated. The Committee extends its thanks to all who nominated.

The final selections were made with an eye on gender equity (we have selected 24 women and 24 men); a good cross-section of members and member categories, as well as skills.

Induction meetings for all sub-committees will be scheduled over the next couple of weeks, after which an invitation will be extended to every nominee (whether successful or not) to take part in establishment workshops to kick off planning for each sub-committee.

The new sub-committees are:

### **Connectivity**

Chair

- Dr Alan Patching, Director of Industry Engagement, Bond University

Members

- Adam Beck, Head of Digital Urbanism, ENE-HUB
- Chris Brown, Cross River Rail Precincts Director, QIC
- Coral Gillet, Menzies Health Institute, Griffith University
- Dr Dia Adhikari Smith, Research Fellow & Tritium Fellow in E-Mobility, UQ Dow Centre (School of Chemical Engineering) and Transport Research Group (School of Civil Engineering), The University of Queensland
- Geoff Hill, Regional General Manager - Queensland, The APP Group
- Liza Valks, Regional Director Queensland, Ethos Urban
- Mia Barnard, South Queensland Market Leader, Transport, GHD
- Michael Jarvis, Head of Airport Planning, BAC
- Michael Zaicek, Commercial Manager, Aria Property Group
- Susan Mercer, Business Development Manager, ADCO Construction
- Thomas Raymond, Senior Manager, Government and Health, Accenture
- Tim Mitchell, Transport Planning and Infrastructure Advisor, RACQ

### **Creativity**

Chair

- Peter Edwards, Founding Director, Archipelago

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Members

- Alex Komarowski, Lawyer, McCullough Robertson
- Audrey Penney, QLD ESD Team Lead, Strategy and Sustainability Innovation, ADP Consulting
- Bec Mac, Creative Director, Chrysalis Projects
- Brent O'Neill, Director of Urban Design, Wolter Consulting Group
- Christopher Watson, Partner - Cyber and Technology Risk, Grant Thornton
- Gavan Ranger, Managing Director, Ranger Design
- Professor Heather Zwicker, Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Services, The University of Queensland
- John Kotzas AM, Chief Executive, QPAC
- Julie McLellan, Chief Executive Officer, Healthy Land and Water
- Leanne Collingburn, Partner and Head of Pro Bono, Hopgood Ganim Lawyers
- Michael Stott, Head of Cities and Places, DBI
- Prue McComish, Precinct Coordinator, Aria Property Group

**Enterprise**

Chair

- Meredith Hartigan, Senior Principal Town Planner, Tract

Members

- Anne Kovachevich, Sustainable Buildings and Precincts Leader, Mott MacDonald
- Brent Lillywhite, Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Gavin Moore, Director, McGees Property
- Kerryn Newton, Chief Executive Officer, Directors Australia
- Naomi Omundson, Special Counsel, Corporate Advisory Group, McCullough Robertson
- Paul Coory, Managing Director, COHA Group
- Rachel Smith, Director, Business Services, BDO
- Selina Gerner, Partner, McGrath Nicol
- Simon Forsyth, State Director, Mecone
- Susan McGinley, Director of Advancement, The Women's College
- Professor Tim Kastelle, Director of the Andrew N. Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership, The University of Queensland
- William Hannemann, Asset Management and Performance, AURECON

Equity



- Chair: Dr Caroline Riot, Director, Games Engagement and Partnerships, Griffith University

#### Members

- Andrew Masters, Managing Director, Bickerton Masters
- Briana Shea, Economist, WSP
- Clare Huxley, Director, GovPartners
- Dai Gwynne-Jones, Director, Portfolio
- Jeremy Sue, Associate, Brisbane Leader, and Structural Engineering Manager, Northrop Consulting Engineers
- Kate Taylor, Director (Industry Engagement), Queensland University of Technology
- Katrina Gillies, Special Counsel, Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers
- Dr Kelly Clanchy, School of Health Sciences and Social Work, Griffith University
- Mark Oliver, Director, Risk Advisory Services, BDO
- Melissa Ross, Global Program Lead, Future Communities, GHD
- Therese Dogra, National Project Manager, Solve
- Assoc Prof Wojtek Tomaszewski, Principal Research Fellow, Institute for Social Science Research, The University of Queensland

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## **Global Megatrends: the view from Brisbane**



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**Dr Stefan Hajkowicz**  
Snr Principal Scientist in  
Strategy & Foresight  
CSIRO

**Peter Varghese AO**  
Chancellor  
The University of Queensland

**Debbie Smith**  
National Mining Leader  
PwC

**Kathy Benson**  
Chief Client Officer  
Ipsos

FACILITATOR  
**Belinda Wade**  
Principal, Climate Transition  
Aurecon

**FRIDAY 26 MAY | 12PM - 2PM | BCEC, BOULEVARD ROOM**

“Global Megatrends: the view from Brisbane” will be the Committee’s final public event for the financial year with a keynote address from Dr Stefan Hajkowicz, Senior Principal Scientist – Strategy and Foresight at CSIRO.

Dr Hajkowicz will present his latest Global Megatrends:

- Adapting to a changing climate
- Leaner, cleaner and greener
- The escalating health imperative
- Geopolitical shifts
- Diving into digital
- Increasingly autonomous
- Unlocking the human dimension

Following the keynote, Dr Hajkowicz will join a panel of experts to unpick the Megatrends from different economic and sectoral viewpoints, including:

- Peter Varghese AO, Chancellor of The University of Queensland
- Deb Smith, National Mining Leader, PwC
- Kathy Benson, Chief Client Officer, Ipsos

Moderated by Belinda Wade, Principal, Climate Transition, Aurecon

Tickets are available here: [Global Megatrends: The view from Brisbane](#)



## Dream Boldly - new CFB podcast launched



The Committee's new Dream Boldly podcast went live in late April with the first two of eight episodes. The next episode will be released on Thursday 11 May, and fortnightly thereafter.

Please listen to the episodes here: [Dream Boldly Podcast | The Committee for Brisbane](#)

The series is an initiative of the Committee for Brisbane and Aruga to introduce the best and brightest minds driving greater Brisbane forward – showcasing thought-provoking conversations, unpacking big ideas and sharing aspirations for the future.

In each episode, host Adam Brunes (from CFB Member Aruga) will interview Brisbane leaders:

- Steve Wilson AM, prominent Brisbane businessman and a built heritage patron
- Kate Gould, CEO and Artistic Director, Brisbane Powerhouse





- The Creative Brisbane Collab. - a chat with some of the founders
- Kylie Blucher, CFB President and Managing Director, Nine Qld and Nine Northern NSW
- Simon Hewitt, Director of Music, Queensland Youth Orchestras
- Courtney Stewart, Artistic Director, La Boite
- Liam Proberts, Managing and Creative Director, Bureau Proberts
- Luke Fraser, CEO, Howard Smith Wharves

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## Business of the Games #6: The Global Business of Sport



Deloitte's Global and US Sports Practice Leader, Pete Giorgio, was the keynote at the Committee's most recent Business of the Games briefing: The Global Business of Sport - Lessons for 2032.

Pete was in Australia for a few days, working with the Deloitte Asia Pacific team on preparations for 2032.



He has enormous experience around major sporting events, including the Games, and shared a few insights with almost 80 Committee for Brisbane Members and Affiliates, including:

- Business participation in the Games is one of the most important aspects of the events, but be patient (he was well aware of business and industry eagerness to participate now) – and be ready.
- Businesses should use the 2032 Games to plan their own arc of activity, ie strategically plan to position your business for opportunities associated with the Games (if that's what you choose to do).
- Use the other big global events that are coming over the next few years to Brisbane, SEQ, Queensland and Australia to practice – ie to test and determine “how can my business best participate?”.
- Learn from others about what the Games is – seek out and tap into the experiences of other businesses about their participation in previous Games.
- Don't let Brisbane fall into imposter syndrome and try to follow in the footsteps of Paris and LA – do our own thing.

In response to a question about the opportunities to grow a new sports economy in SEQ, Pete advised that the eyes of the sporting community will be on Brisbane for the next nine years and asked: how could we use that attention, and the fact of the Games, to push a new sports economy agenda?

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## Can you help?

Committee for Brisbane Member, Craig O’Kane MBE, has asked Committee members if they can help out a good cause – the Brisbane Tool Library needs a home.

The Brisbane Tool Library is a not for profit organisation that has been up and running successfully since 2017, but was derailed (inundated, actually) by the 2022 floods.

Since, then, the Library has been in a temporary location in Norman Park but now has to move by June. They are open to being based in any suburban area – the Library serves users from 45 different postcodes (about 63 suburbs).

Run by volunteers, the Brisbane Tool Library rescues stuff from people, has tools donated, or acquires tools from Brisbane City Council recovery centres.

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They have power tools, garden equipment, camping gear, and kitchen appliances, as well as a pizza oven for parties, a popcorn maker, Christmas decorations and a tree.

You can read more here: [Brisbane Tool Library is at a turning point. - Westender](#)

The Library has asked for any help with permanent or temporary accommodation. If you can help or would like to know more, please contact Library Founder Dr Sabrina Chakori:  
[sabrina.chakori@brisbanetoollibrary.org](mailto:sabrina.chakori@brisbanetoollibrary.org)

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**Welcome Olivia!**

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The Committee for Brisbane is delighted to welcome its newest staff member, Projects Manager Olivia Spadina.

Olivia will be primarily responsible for planning and overseeing projects (people, policy and research), from the initial ideation through to completion.

The role will coordinate Committee members, stakeholders, partners and processes to deliver CFB projects and will work closely with members and stakeholders to actively engage them in the Committee for Brisbane's numerous activities.

Critically, Olivia will be responsible for the organisation and management of the four new sub-committees.

Olivia's previous roles have included Engagement Manager at Ipswich City Council, Engagement Manager at Queenslanders with Disability Network, and Senior Engagement Officer at West Moreton Health. Olivia has a Bachelor of Business from Australian Catholic University and an IAP2 Certificate in Engagement.

Please join us in welcoming Olivia to the CFB team.



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## Welcome New Members

The Committee for Brisbane recently welcomed three new Members and two Affiliates.

### Corporate Member

- Hames Sharley

### Associate

- Melissa Crossman
- Loretta Lynch

### Affiliate

- La Boite Theatre
  - Manufacturing Skills Queensland
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