

8:30-9:00am				REGISTRATION			
				MORNING COFFEE IN THE SILVER ROOM WITH TRADE EXHIBITIONS			
				BALLROOM NORTH AND SOUTH			
9:00-9:30am		WELCOME Matthew MacGuire Hon Samantha Rowe MLC Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sport and Recreation Anand Pillary CEO Parks and Leisure Australia					
9:30-10:30am		Keynote 1 Dyan Currie AM International Perspectives of Sport and Legacy How the Green and Gold Runway Can Deliver for Australian Communities					
10:30-11:15am		MORNING TEA IN THE SILVER ROOM WITH TRADE EXHIBITIONS					
		BALLROOM SOUTH		BALLROOM NORTH		BOARDROOM	
11:15-11:45am		Session 1A Dyan Currie AM & Chad Gardiner Turning Opportunity into Action - Building Your Green and Gold Runway Strategy		Session 1B Jarrold Hill & Lucas Skelton <i>SportEng</i> Maintenance levels & usage rates: How maintenance directly impacts how much a facility can be used		Session 1C Mashallah Love & Kayla McNicol <i>City of Swan</i> Equitability through planning, the City of Swan's Capital Works	
11:45-12:15pm				Session 2B Dr Jane Chambers <i>NatureLink Perth</i> NatureLinks! Engaging with nature and wildlife in multifunctional green spaces.		Session 2C Arron Minchin <i>Golf WA</i> Using Participation and Movement Data for better decision making	
12:15-12:45pm		Session 3A Shelley Sheperd & Dr Paula Hooper Strengthening communities through public health planning		Session 3B Assoc Prof Siobhán Reid <i>UWA</i> Physical activity is Medicine: Examining the Potential of Community PlaySpaces for Neurodiverse Children.		Session 3C Mark Jolley & Rachel Edom <i>City of Gosnells</i> How Good contractor management gives you Great results.	
12:45-2:00pm		LUNCH IN THE SILVER ROOM WITH TRADE EXHIBITIONS					
		BALLROOM SOUTH AND NORTH				BOARDROOM	
2:00 – 3:00pm		Session 4A Bel Foster & Amy Stewart <i>The Botanic Garden and Parks Authority</i> Building a long-term vision to navigate an evolving future				Session 4C Dr Kelsie Prabawa-Sear <i>Nature Play WA</i> Creating inclusive Recreational Spaces for Girls – Report findings	
3:00-3:45pm		Keynote 2 Phil Gale Legacy of Parks and Leisure – the recollection of over 50 years involvement.					
4:00pm		WRAP UP					

Keynote 1

International Perspectives of Sport and Legacy

How the Green and Gold Runway Can Deliver for Australian Communities

Australia's "Green and Gold Runway" is creating a once-in-a-generation opportunity for cities, sports and communities ahead of Brisbane 2032 - not just for host cities & venues, but for communities across Australia.

Drawing on lessons from Barcelona, London, Paris, Lille, Milan and Cortina, this keynote explores how major events can drive lasting benefits beyond the stadium - from participation and public space activation to tourism, economic development and community pride.

The session highlights how cities and sporting organisations can leverage the next decade of events to attract investment, grow visitation, activate parks and recreation spaces, strengthen local identity and create healthier, more connected communities.

The key message is simple: legacy is not automatic - it is a choice. And the communities that act early will be the ones that benefit most.

Session 1A

Turning Opportunity into Action - Building Your Green and Gold Runway Strategy

Australia's Green and Gold Runway is creating new opportunities for cities, venues and sporting organisations ahead of Brisbane 2032.

This interactive workshop explores how communities can position themselves to attract events, activate parks and precincts, grow participation and strengthen local economies through the decade of major events ahead.

Drawing on examples from Paris, Lille, Milan-Cortina, the Gold Coast and Blacktown, participants will explore practical approaches to event attraction, venue activation, visitor experience and integrated legacy planning.

Participants will leave with practical ideas and a draft action framework tailored to their own community, venue or organisation.

Key message: the biggest opportunities will go to the communities that prepare early, collaborate well and think beyond the event itself

Dyan Currie AM

Dyan Currie, Founder & Principal Dyan Currie & Associates City Advisors Globally Connected. Urban Planner and Olympic legacy strategist

Dy Currie AM is a global Cities Advisor and Principal of Dyan Currie & Associates, with national and international expertise in urban planning, economic development, and Olympic legacy strategy. She is the former City Planner for Brisbane City Council (Australia's largest local government), where she led preparations for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Dy is Co-Chair of UN-Habitat's Stakeholder Advisory Group, a Past President of the Commonwealth Association of Planners (representing more than 40 000 planners), and a former member of the World Economic Forum Global Future Council on Cities of Tomorrow. She was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2020 for significant service to planning. Dy enjoys working in Councils of all sizes and helping Cities achieve their potential.



Session 1B

Maintenance levels & usage rates: How maintenance directly impacts how much a facility can be used.

What happens when budgets or resources fall short? Can usage realistically be scaled to match available maintenance capacity? Join Jarrod and Lucas as they explore these questions.

Jarrod Hill

Jarrod Hill, CEO, SportEng

As Managing Director of SPORTENG, Jarrod is a Civil Engineer with extensive experience in the planning, design, and construction of sport and recreation facilities. He has worked across every level of the game, from grassroots community fields to major stadia throughout Australia, and across all field types including athletics tracks, hockey pitches, football grounds, tennis courts, and multi-use facilities. Working closely with architects and stadium operators, Jarrod is recognised as the industry expert on design, operational, and maintenance requirements for elite sport facilities.



Lucas Skelton

Lucas Skelton, National Field of Play Team Lead, SportEng

Lucas brings 25 years of sports turf expertise, spanning wicket curation, private golf course construction and maintenance, and managing over 80 sports fields in local government. A player, coach, and administrator in regional sport, he combines genuine practitioner perspective with senior leadership experience across roles including Golf Course Superintendent, Manager of Horticulture Services, and PMO Coordinator. He now leads the Field of Play team at SPORTENG, applying his end-to-end experience across project delivery, stakeholder engagement, and outcomes for both players and the environment.



Session 1C

Equitability through planning, the City of Swan's Capital Works

This presentation will explore how the City of Swan Capital Works Process supports improved planning and delivery of capital projects to provide equitable access to community infrastructure. The process was developed in 2019 and won the IPWEA Excellence in Asset Management Award in 2021.

Mashallah Love

Mashallah Love, Strategic Asset Management Coordinator, City of Swan

Mashallah Love is the Strategic Asset Management Coordinator at the City of Swan, where she leads the development of one of the largest capital works programs in Western Australian local Government. In this role, she provides technical leadership across infrastructure planning, funding strategy, and asset lifecycle management, supporting sustainable investment in community assets. Her team is responsible for shaping and prioritising a substantial portfolio of infrastructure investment, supporting the delivery of hundreds of projects across a geographically and functionally diverse local government area. Mashallah's work sits at the intersection of asset management and project delivery, with a strong focus on program governance, funding strategy, and the effective planning of works to enable successful project outcomes. She has extensive experience coordinating multidisciplinary teams, aligning long-term asset planning with delivery capability, and supporting major capital works programs from strategic planning through to implementation.



Kayla McNicol

Kayla McNicol, Senior Project Manager - Major Projects, City of Swan

Kayla McNicol is a Senior Project Manager – Major Projects at the [City of Swan](#), delivering complex community infrastructure, recreation and public realm projects across Western Australia. With extensive experience in local government project delivery, Kayla has successfully led major capital works projects that create meaningful, connected spaces for communities to thrive. Kayla is passionate about innovative project delivery, stakeholder collaboration and creating facilities that leave a lasting social impact. In 2025, she was recognised with the David Aldous Emerging Leader Award through Parks and Leisure Australia WA for her contribution to the industry and dedication to delivering significant projects for the City of Swan community. Her portfolio includes award-winning community and recreation projects, youth facilities, playspaces and public art initiatives that focus on activation, accessibility and community connection. Kayla brings a practical and collaborative approach to project management and is passionate about sharing lessons learned from delivering complex projects within the local government sector.



Session 2B

NatureLinks! Engaging with nature and wildlife in multifunctional green spaces.

Green space is a critical element of the urban landscape, providing multiple benefits. However, with the necessity for increased housing density, green spaces need to work harder and expand beyond the green playing field. People have smaller backyards, trees are being lost to residential infill and wildlife, endemic to the city, is becoming increasingly isolated in smaller and more fragmented conservation reserves, creating significant concern for their future survival. NatureLink Perth is a community of practice who seek to advance and share knowledge to better enable conservation and community engagement with nature. In this talk, we will share a program that seeks to enable local government and communities to enhance their local public open spaces - creating multifunctional green spaces in a variety of land use types that serve to reduce urban heat, improve community cohesion, sustain our biodiversity while improving people's physical and mental health through recreation and connection to nature.

Dr Jane Chambers

Director, NatureLink Perth, Murdoch University

Dr Jane Chambers is a wetland ecologist at Murdoch University with over 40 years experience in research and management of wetlands, rivers and estuaries in southwestern Australia. She co-created the 'Saving our Snake-Necked Turtle' citizen science and conservation program and is also Director of NatureLink Perth, a community of practice seeking to integrate nature into our city to sustain our biodiversity into the future.



Session 2C

Using participation and movement data for better decision-making

This presentation will explore movement data for select Golf venues, and how Golf WA is using this data to better understand participation trends, measure positive community outcomes, and support more inclusive, evidence-based planning and decision making for Golf assets.

Arron Minchin

CEO, Golf WA

Arron brings more than 20 years' leadership experience across government, sport and WA industry, with strengths in stakeholder engagement, commercial leadership and organisational transformation. Prior to his CEO appointment, Arron joined GolfWA and Golf Australia as Manager of Government Relations (WA).



Session 3A

Strengthening communities through public health planning: using the Thriving Perth Portal to deliver healthier, more liveable places

Local governments play a critical role in shaping the environments that influence community health and wellbeing. However, translating public health objectives into place-based actions and investment decisions can be challenging. The Thriving Perth Portal is an innovative spatial planning tool that brings together built environment, ecological, social and health-related data to help local governments better understand the factors that influence community health at a local scale.

This presentation will showcase a new Healthway-funded project that is piloting the use of the Thriving Perth Portal to support health-focused urban design and environmental audits, as identified in the Western Australian State Public Health Plan. Working with local governments across Perth and regional Western Australia, the project will demonstrate how spatial data can be used to inform the development, implementation and evaluation of Public Health Plans, while aligning health outcomes with broader planning, infrastructure and investment priorities.

Through practical examples, we will show how the portal can identify opportunities to improve walkability, access to nature, urban cooling, social connection, active lifestyles and health equity. The presentation will explore how place-based evidence can support cross-organisational collaboration, prioritise interventions, establish measurable benchmarks, and create healthier, more liveable and climate-resilient communities.

Shelley Shephard

Director, Urbaqua

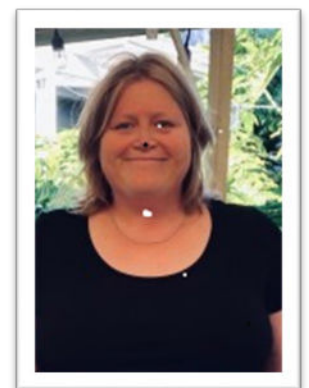
Shelley Shephard is the Director of Urbaqua and a principal environmental planner. She is a strong advocate for creating liveable, climate-responsive communities that integrate environmental sustainability, water-sensitive design and high-quality urban outcomes. Shelley specialises in collaborative strategy development and stakeholder engagement, bringing together government, industry and community interests to deliver practical and widely supported solutions. She is also Program Manager of New WAter Ways, Western Australia's capacity-building organisation for water sensitive cities and urban design, Deputy Chair of the Water Sensitive Transition Network, a member of the State Design Review Panel, and a Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia.



Paula Hooper

With over 15 years of experience in academic research and applied practice, A/Prof Paula Hooper brings a unique interdisciplinary background in public health, policy evaluation, GIS and geospatial analysis, and urban planning. Her work focusses on understanding how built and natural environments, as well as planning policies, influence physical, mental, and social health outcomes.

Prior to establishing Urban Health iQ Consulting, Paula served as Co-Director of the Australian Urban Design Research Centre (AUDRC) at The University of Western Australia. In this role, she secured and led two major three-year research collaboration agreements with the Western Australian Planning Commission, Development WA, and the WA Department of Communities to support research into creating liveable and healthy communities.



Session 3B

Physical activity is Medicine: Examining the Potential of Community PlaySpaces for Neurodiverse Children.

Physical activity is medicine — particularly for neurodiverse children. For these young people, movement is integral to regulation, mental wellbeing, social interaction, and for their physical & cognitive development. So - how best to design community play spaces that cater for this diverse group of kids?

This presentation moves beyond physical accessibility - to ask a harder question: are our parks and playgrounds designed for the neurodiverse child? Drawing on the clinical and research experience of the UWA Paediatric Exercise Programs, this presentation examines what neurodiverse children actually need from outdoor environments: layered challenge, sensory variety, choice of engagement intensity, and spaces that offer refuge alongside stimulation. Two Perth spaces are compared — the Scarborough Foreshore playground and Rio Tinto Naturescape at Kings Park — to illustrate how design philosophy shapes inclusion in practice.

Assoc Prof Siobhán Reid

UWA Director Paediatric Exercise Programs

Associate Professor Siobhán Reid (PhD, SFHEA) is a clinical exercise scientist at the University of Western Australia specialising in clinical paediatrics and disability. With over 20 years of experience in clinical biomechanics and exercise rehabilitation, Siobhán has built research and teaching programs focused on children and young people with neurodevelopmental disabilities. She has attracted more than \$2.5M in research funding & her publications have been cited over 1800times. She leads UWA's Paediatric Exercise Programs, a clinical engagement program helping which connect children with disabilities to student coaches to enhance everyone's skill sets and opportunities. She is an Award-winning Tertiary Educator and a Senior Fellow of the International Higher Education Academy. Whether she's in the lab, the clinic, or the classroom, her focus is the same: helping all kids (big and small) move more, live better, and flourish.



Session 3C

Good contract management gives you great results

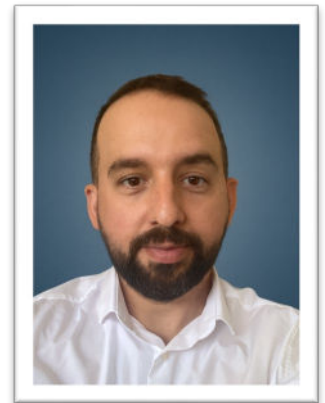
In December 2024, the City of Gosnells Parks & Environment Branch was managing over 20 contracts worth more than \$12 million annually, without a dedicated contract management function. Contractual relationships were strained, compliance with procurement policy was inconsistent, and contract managers had limited understanding of their responsibilities. A new Technical Officer - Contracts role was created to address these issues.

This presentation outlines what was discovered at commencement, the templates, processes and frameworks developed since, and the measurable changes across the branch eighteen months on. It includes a walk-through of key artefacts produced—contract management plans, performance review templates, process maps and audit dashboards—alongside the planned next steps as the function continues to mature.

Mark Jolley

Coordinator Assets and Contracts, City of Gosnells

Mark is Coordinator Assets and Contracts at the City of Gosnells, overseeing parks asset planning, compliance, inspections, maintenance programs, contract management, and capital renewal projects. He has 19 years' experience in Local Government, and previously managed Parks, Environment and Engineering departments in the UK. He holds an MBA, a Graduate Diploma of Business Analytics, and is a PRINCE2 Practitioner.



Rachel Edom

Technical Officer - Contracts for Parks and Environment, City of Gosnells

Rachel is Technical Officer - Contracts for Parks and Environment at the City of Gosnells, providing guidance and technical support for contract planning, development, implementation, management, close-out and associated compliance reporting of branch contracts. She has 18 years' experience in Local Government, in a variety of business areas - from Facility Maintenance, Financial Services to Procurement, and Parks and Environment. She holds a Diploma of Contract Management.



Session 4A

The Botanic Garden and Parks Authority's 20-year Plan

Building a long-term vision to navigate an evolving future

Every day, Kings Park and Bold Park welcome thousands of people who come to walk among ancient trees, experience rich bushland ecosystems, and connect with Western Australia's extraordinary flora. These parks aren't just green spaces—they're living assets at the heart of our State's identity. To safeguard these treasured landscapes for future generations, BGPA is developing a new 20-year master plan for both Kings Park and Bold Park.

For the first time, Kings Park and Bold Park will be considered together through a single, long-term strategic framework. This integrated approach will strengthen our ability to champion the parks' value, secure sustainable funding, tackle emerging environmental and operational challenges, and elevate visitor experiences in line with BGPA's core mission and long-term vision. It will also consider opportunities beyond our lands, further stitching the iconic values of the parks into the broader urban fabric.

This presentation will share key insights from 12 months of deep research—covering a condensed history of our parks (with a focus on Kings Park), major global and local trends, and the emerging pressures shaping their future. These findings form the evidence base that will guide the development of BGPA's 20-year vision.

Bel Foster

Bel Foster, Principal Landscape Architect at the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority (BGPA)

Bel Foster is the Principal Landscape Architect at the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority (BGPA). With over two decades of experience, she has led the design and delivery of some of Western Australia's most complex and culturally significant landscape projects across both the private and public sectors. Her work is distinguished by a deep commitment to ecological resilience, cultural heritage, and collaborative design. Bel works closely with Traditional Owners to conceptualise and deliver places that allow diverse audiences to experience the unique landscapes and stories of Western Australia.



Amy Stewart

Amy Stewart, Landscape Planner at the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority (BGPA)

Amy Stewart is a Landscape Planner at the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority in Western Australia, contributing to the planning and delivery of high-quality, state significant, public landscapes. A registered Landscape Architect with a background in conservation biology, she brings an interdisciplinary approach that integrates environmental science, community values and place-based design. Her work focuses on long-term planning and design-led research to support ecologically and culturally resilient landscapes.



Session 4C

Creating inclusive Recreational Spaces for Girls – Report findings

Join Dr Kelsie Prabawa-Sear to hear about Nature Play WA's current project exploring teen girls' use of recreational spaces across WA. Kelsie will share project insights, key findings from new WA data and the project's next steps. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss options, share barriers, ask questions and be inspired to support more teen girls to become active participants in our communities.

Dr Kelsie Prabawa-Sear

Dr Kelsie Prabawa-Sear, CEO of Nature Play WA and Nature Play Australia

Dr Kelsie Prabawa-Sear is the CEO of Nature Play WA and Nature Play Australia, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting the mental and physical health of Western Australian children by growing their connection to nature and community through outdoor play.

Kelsie has had a varied and rich working and academic experience in both Australia and Indonesia prior to joining Nature Play WA, having worked in State government, consulting, and not-for-profit organisations, all with a focus on children, education, and environment. Kelsie has entwined her work with post graduate research degrees, completing a Masters by Research degree and PhD on environmental education.

Kelsie is a published author, parent, and advocate of the benefits of nature for children.



Keynote 2

Phil Gale

Phil Gale, Facilities Manager, Savills, and former WA and National Board President for Parks and Leisure Australia

With over four decades of experience across horticulture, parks management, landscape architecture, and facilities management, Phil Gale brings a uniquely broad and practical perspective to the built and natural environment. Beginning his career with a Bachelor of Horticultural Science from Massey University, NZ, Phil moved to Australia and has held senior leadership roles in local government, education, and the private sector, including Manager of Parks, Manager of Infrastructure, and Facilities Manager.

A committed industry contributor, Phil served as WA and National President PLA's predecessor RAIPER and became the inaugural National President of Parks and Leisure Australia in 1998. He completed post graduate training in Business and Facility Management at Curtin University, becoming the chair of the WA branch of the Facilities Management Association. He currently works as a Facilities Manager with Savills, retaining a strong passion for planting, trees, and practical horticulture, bringing a grounded "root and dirt" mindset to strategic leadership and asset management discussions.

