

2022

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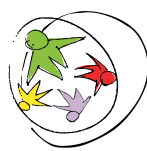
Eliminate Inequality:

**Rebuilding Australia from the ground up,
all the way to the stars**

Melbourne, Australia
Monday & Tuesday, May 23 and 24
attend in-person or online



Communities in Control
The Conference. The Movement.



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The Communities in Control Movement

Where community leaders come to share new thinking, best and next practice and inspiration.

Local communities are the laboratories of innovation and agility. They deliver targeted social and economic outcomes, and they've laboriously and painfully accumulated a vast stock of knowledge about what works and what doesn't. If government, business, and philanthropic initiatives fail to respect that knowledge, they will fail; often, that's precisely what happens.

Many governments respect only coordinated power or unquestioning support. Many think that community groups can be ignored or picked off or bought off and silenced one by one. Many philanthropic funders and well-meaning businesses splash around cash for causes they know little about and don't take the time to consult the experts.

Every year for two decades the Communities in Control conference has offered an opportunity for community group workers, volunteers, supporters and others at the grassroots (particularly local governments) to look up from the coalface and look around them and see what could be possible. Our speakers – visionaries and realists, rabble-rousers, saints and entertainers, executives and academics – have filled in the outlines of a community-driven realignment of Australia's fundamental assumptions.

Our unwavering message has been that when communities are in charge of their own destinies and are able to set their own priorities, when they receive the practical support they need to design their own approaches and create their own solutions, Australia is a happier, healthier and livelier place on every scale from the nation to the street.

Why You Must Attend

- Hear from and interact with Australia's **best thinkers, leaders and doers**
- Learn **what works** – hear about best-practice examples of community building
- Learn **what's next** – make sure your community is prepared for what's around the corner
- **Get refreshed** – participants rate this the best opportunity they get all year to recharge their batteries (and after the year we've all had, that's never been more needed)
- Get inspired – **meet people** who believe in the power of community, swap war stories, share solutions
- Get access – this is the **least expensive conference** of its type around. No other conference offers you access to this calibre of speakers and professional development at such a low cost
- Make a difference – this is your chance to influence the debate, to **be part of the change**

Communities in Control 2022

Why it matters

They say, “We all just want to get back to the way things were. Back when we could do things. Back when we could go out.”

No.

What we want is for it not to have all been in vain.

All that sacrifice, all that responsibility, all that we gave up in enduring those hardships, in holding ourselves together through those deprivations, in guarding our country from inconceivable numbers of avoidable deaths – we want that to have been worthwhile.

If it was all for nothing, if we just retrace our steps to the way it was before, if we learn nothing and forget nothing and do it all over again, if we don’t use this opportunity to work out how to be better, how to love more, how to fix inequality, we will not be free. We will be locked once more into the mindless mechanisms that have twisted our lives and restricted our thinking for so long.

We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rethink our basic assumptions and reset our goals. We can front up to inequality and injustice, climate change, and corruption, and we can say, “We beat covid. We can beat you.”

We want what the people who came through our mother’s and grandmother’s struggles wanted.

Australia and the community sector need to be restructured from the ground up, all the way to the stars.

We want a land fit for heroes to live in.



Conference Opening

Welcome to Country

This conference will be held on Wurundjeri land. The conference organisers would like to make known our deep regret at the dispossession of and ongoing injustices inflicted upon the Wurundjeri people and all Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, to state our sincere respect for the people and culture of the traditional owners, and to place on the record our fervent hope that genuine reconciliation and true co-existence may be achieved in the very near future. We support the reforms outlined in the Uluru Statement from the Heart.



Denis Moriarty

**Group Managing Director,
Our Community**

Denis is the Founder and Group Managing Director of Our Community. He is a graduate of both the Vincent Fairfax Ethics in Leadership Awards and the Williamson Community Leadership program, and a member of several not-for-profit and private boards. He is passionate about change and is driven by a desire to improve the lives of the most disadvantaged in society in a way that assists individuals and communities to take charge of their own destiny.



Kathy Richardson

Executive Director, Our Community

Kathy is Executive Director of Our Community and the group's "Chaos Controller". A journalist for the first part of her career, Kathy is passionate about equality, inclusion and human rights. She was selected as an Eisenhower Fellow (Innovation) in 2014.

A Musical Performance

Ziggy Ramo

Musician

Ziggy Ramo is a singer and songwriter known for his lyricism and story-telling ability. The son of an Aboriginal and Solomon Islander father and a mother of Scottish heritage, Ziggy's experiences with racism in Australia have led him towards activism, both in his music and in the wider world.

Through his music, Ziggy aims to tell the story of Australia's true race history, so that we can move forward and find answers that will help us improve.

Ziggy captured the attention of the Australian public with his single *Little Things*, a heartfelt update of Paul Kelly's "From Little Things Big Things Grow" which put forward a First Nations perspective on invasion, intergenerational trauma and deaths in custody.



Truth Telling: The Yoo-rrook Justice Commission

How can we ever move on from our past if we do not accept the truth? First Peoples have been calling for an Australian truth-telling process for generations – a process to establish an official record of the impact of colonisation, and allow us to acknowledge the human rights abuses that have occurred in this country since colonisation. In May 2021, the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission was established by the Victorian Government, the first truth-telling body in Australia. We all must hear the truth. We cannot ask for forgiveness until we have acknowledged what has transpired.



Professor Eleanor A Bourke

Chair, Yoo-rrook Justice Commission

Professor Eleanor Bourke is a Wergaia/Wamba Wamba Elder and is Chair of the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission.

Professor Bourke has held executive positions in community, state and federal government agencies. She was a co-chair of Reconciliation Victoria for three years, board member for the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council for 12 years and a board member of Native Title Services Victoria. In 2005, Professor Bourke participated in Victoria's first positive native title determination for the Wotjobaluk, Wergaia, Jardwa, Jardwajarli and Japagulk peoples.

Professor Bourke has had an extensive career in academia. She was a Professor of Aboriginal and Islander Studies and Director of Aboriginal Programs at Monash University. She was also previously an Associate Professor and Director of the Aboriginal Research Institute in the University of South Australia. She was inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll for Women in 2010 and the Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll in 2019.

Professor Bourke has previously provided strategic guidance and advice to the former Victorian Treaty Advancement Commissioner, Jill Gallagher AO, in supporting the establishment of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria.

Understanding Inequality: How and why we are not equal

Inequality is on the rise in Australia. This is bad news for individuals. It's bad news for the regions. It's bad for health. It's bad for our economy. We know how things are trending and we know it needs to stop. We also need to stop pretending that we can fix a problem we do not understand. How does inequality look in Australia? Why are we all not equal? If we can answer this, we have taken the first step in addressing our inequality, and moving towards making this country a fairer, better place.

Emma Dawson

Executive Director, Per Capita

Emma Dawson is executive director of Per Capita, an independent progressive think tank dedicated to fighting inequality in Australia. She has worked as a researcher at Monash University and the University of Melbourne; in policy and public affairs for SBS and Telstra; and as a senior policy advisor in the Rudd and Gillard governments.

Emma has published reports, articles and opinion pieces on a wide range of public policy issues. She is a regular contributor to *Guardian Australia*, *The Age*, *Independent Australia* and *The Australian Financial Review*, and a frequent guest on various ABC and commercial radio programs nationally. She appears regularly as an expert witness before parliamentary inquiries and often speaks at public events and conferences in Australia and internationally.

Emma is the co-editor, with Professor Janet McCalman, of the collection of essays *What Happens next? Reconstructing Australia after COVID-19*, published by Melbourne University Press in September 2020.



Who Gets to Be Smart: Privilege, power and knowledge

In 2018 Bri Lee's brilliant young friend Damian is named a Rhodes Scholar, an apex of academic achievement. When she goes to visit him and takes a tour of Oxford and Rhodes House, she begins questioning her belief in a system she has previously revered, as she learns the truth behind what Virginia Woolf described almost a century earlier as the 'stream of gold and silver' that flows through elite institutions and dictates decisions about who deserves to be educated there. The question that forms in her mind drives the following two years of conversations and investigations: who gets to be smart? She discovers that, far from offering any 'equality of opportunity', Australia's education system exacerbates social stratification. Is there a way to take inequality out of education?

Bri Lee

Author, freelance writer

Bri Lee is a Sydney-based author, freelance writer, and speaker.

After graduating from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Law (Hons) and Arts (Mandarin) in 2014, she was admitted to the legal profession in early 2017. Bri is now completing an MPhil in Creative Writing.

Her first book, a memoir called *Eggshell Skull*, was published by Allen & Unwin in June 2018. It explores sexism in the legal industry and justice system, and tells the story of how many barriers women – including Bri herself – face when trying to access justice. *Eggshell Skull* won several awards including the Biography of the Year at the Australian Book Industry Awards. It also received several other listings, including being longlisted for The Stella Book Prize.

Bri is a well-known advocate for criminal justice law reform. She worked as a research assistant to Professor Jonathan Crowe at Bond University, where together they authored a paper detailing Queensland's consent and 'mistake of fact' laws. After more than a year campaigning, their work was successful, and the Queensland Attorney-General referred the issue to the Law Reform Commission.

Bri's second book, released in November 2019, is an essay called *Beauty*. In *Beauty*, Bri explores our obsession with thinness and asks how an intrinsically unattainable standard of physical 'perfection' has become so crucial to so many.

Her third book, *Who Gets to Be Smart*, published in June 2021, looks at the Australian education system and how it intersects with privilege and power to exacerbate social stratification.



Confronting the Big Challenges of Our Time: Reshaping the government and public service systems that drive community groups bananas

When the pandemic began the slogan “we’re all in this together” could be heard echoing amongst our friends and family, from our politicians, and in the media. But was it ever true? As the pandemic dragged on, suddenly we saw the spread of COVID-19 accelerate in vulnerable and disadvantaged communities, and unequal distribution of support. Our inequality has exacerbated the effects of the pandemic. Government has so much money at its disposal, why aren't we seeing real change?

Professor Janine O’Flynn

Writer, educator, advisor

Professor Janine O’Flynn is Professor of Public Management at the University of Melbourne. Her expertise is in public management, with a particular focus on reform and relationships, covering topics as diverse as the creation and evolution of public service markets, collaboration and joined-up government, and performance management systems.

Professor O’Flynn is an award winning teacher and researcher, having received several awards for academic innovation and contribution.

Since 2015, Professor O’Flynn has been an editor of the *Australian Journal of Public Administration* and sits on the editorial boards of several other journals in this field.

Professor O’Flynn is also a regular commentator in the media, producing columns for *The Conversation* and *The Mandarin*.



How Do You Create Real Change?

Mapping out a path towards better communities

We all want to improve our communities, but sometimes it feels like everyone and everything is out to stop us. Why are we hitting these roadblocks? How can we move past them? No seismic shift will ever occur within our communities if we don't look at how social change is made, then map out our own paths. It's time to ask – how do you create real change?

Professor Chris Roche

**Professor of Development Practice,
La Trobe Institute for Human
Security and Social Change**

Chris Roche is Professor of Development Practice at La Trobe University where he is also the Director of the Institute for Human Security and Social Change.

He is also Deputy Director (Impact) of the Developmental Leadership Program, an international research program which explores how leadership, power and political processes drive or block successful development, and co-led the program's work on Gender and Politics in Practice.

Prior to joining La Trobe in 2012, Professor Roche worked for over 25 years for international non-government organisations as a project manager, evaluator, policy researcher and director.

Chris is particularly interested in understanding the *practice* of social change processes and how those involved might be more effectively supported.



My Year of Living Vulnerably: A rediscovery of love

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Rick Morton

Journalist, author

Rick Morton is an award-winning journalist and the author of three non-fiction books. His latest, *My Year of Living Vulnerably*, was launched in March, 2021. He is also the author of *One Hundred Years of Dirt* and the extended essay *On Money*. Rick is also a Senior Reporter for *The Saturday Paper*.

Originally from Queensland, Rick worked in Sydney, Hobart, Melbourne and Canberra as the social affairs writer for *The Australian* with a particular focus on social policy including the National Disability Insurance Scheme, aged care, the welfare system, religion and employment services.

Rick is the winner of the 2013 Kennedy Award for Young Journalist of the Year and the 2017 Kennedy Award for Outstanding Columnist. He appears regularly on television, radio and panels discussing politics, the media, writing and social policy.



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Michael McQueen

Futurist, speaker

Michael McQueen is a multi-award-winning speaker, trend forecaster and best-selling author of nine books.

With clients including KPMG, Pepsi and Cisco, he has helped some of the world's most successful brands navigate disruption and maintain momentum.

In addition to featuring regularly as a commentator on TV and radio, Michael is a familiar face on the international conference circuit, having shared the stage with the likes of Microsoft founder Bill Gates, best-selling author Dr. John Maxwell and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak.

Michael has spoken to over 500,000 people across five continents since 2004, and is known for his engaging, entertaining and practical conference presentations.

Having been formerly named Australia's Keynote Speaker of the Year, Michael has been inducted into the Professional Speakers Hall of Fame.



Why Not Try Peace?

Stopping violence before it occurs

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Gill Hicks AM

London Bomb survivor, peace advocate

Gill Hicks AM is a survivor of the 2005 London terrorist bombings, losing both legs from just below the knee in the attack. Following the attack, Gill left her career within architecture, design and the arts to devote her life to deterring people from following a path of violent extremism and destructive ideologies that seek to divide our global societies.

In 2006, Gill was appointed Ambassador for Peace Direct (Best New Charity 2005) and in 2007 she became an Advocate for Leonard Cheshire Disability and founded M.A.D for Peace, a not-for-profit organisation that communicates the importance of our individual responsibility in creating a world in which extreme conflict is ended.

Gill continues to be recognised and highly awarded for her work within the arts, the community sector, and in healthcare. She was been honoured with an MBE for her services to charity in the Queen's New Year's Honours List, and an AM for her ongoing devotion to making a positive difference through her own adversity. Gill has been both Australian of the Year in the UK and Australian Woman of the Year in the UK.



Say Less, Ask More: Ways to change your workplace

Drawing on years of experience training more than 10,000 busy managers from around the globe in practical, everyday coaching skills, Michael Bungay Stanier reveals how to unlock your peoples' potential. In this keynote, Michael will unpack seven essential coaching questions to demonstrate how – by saying less and asking more – you can develop a coaching method that produces great results.

Michael Bungay Stanier

Coaching expert, author,
Rhodes scholar

Michael Bungay Stanier is at the forefront of shaping how organisations around the world make being coach-like an essential leadership competency. His book *The Coaching Habit* is the best-selling coaching book of this century, with nearly a million copies sold and thousands of five-star reviews on Amazon. In 2019, he was named the #1 thought leader in coaching. Michael was the first Canadian Coach of the Year, has been named a Global Coaching Guru since 2014 and was a Rhodes Scholar.

Michael founded Box of Crayons, a learning and development company that helps organisations transform from advice-driven to curiosity-led. He is a compelling speaker and facilitator, combining practicality, humour and an unprecedented degree of engagement with the audience. He's spoken on stages and screens around the world in front of crowds ranging from 10 to 10,000. His TEDx talk has been watched by hundreds of thousands of people.



Radicals: Why we need them

The swinging sixties – an era of protest, free love, civil disobedience, duffel coats, flower power, giant afros and desert boots, all recorded on grainy black and white film footage – marked a turning point for change. Radicals found their voices and used them. While the initial trigger for protest was opposition to the Vietnam War, this anger quickly escalated to include Aboriginal land rights, women's liberation, gay liberation, dismantlement of Apartheid, student power and 'workers' control'. What can we learn from the sixties? How can we find our inner radical?

The Honourable Dr Meredith Burgmann AM

**Feminist, former president of the
NSW State Legislative Council**

The Honourable Dr Meredith Burgmann AM has been an early feminist and anti-racism activist, an academic, a senior politician and a writer. Dr Burgmann holds a PhD from Macquarie University, where she taught industrial relations and politics for 18 years before entering state parliament in 1991. She was the President of the NSW Upper House from 1999 to 2007.

Dr Burgmann's passion for politics is long standing. She was active in the Vietnam and apartheid protest movements at Sydney University, and spent time in prison for running onto the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1971 during the Springboks tour. She has been an outspoken feminist since the second wave women's movement in the 1960s, and is a founding member of the National Pay Equity Coalition, the Campaign against Discrimination and Emily's List.

Dr Burgmann has been awarded the Centenary Medal (2000), The Ordem de Timor-Leste Medalha (2016) and Member of the Order of Australia (2020).



Dance. Music. Culture.

Jungle City

Dance group

Jungle City is a team of highly skilled, culturally diverse dancers and arts practitioners who perform and teach with knowledge and respect for the roots and culture of the dance they practice, with a purpose to uplift communities through the power of dance.

Their mission is to make space for *Every Body Every Day* to participate in our innate human need to move, create and connect with people and place through the power of dance as a cultural, educational, celebratory and personal development practice.

Jungle City aim to create positive and meaningful connections between diverse communities, promoting the importance of historical and cultural knowledge and respect, and providing professional development and employment opportunities for those who are disadvantaged due to social and cultural inequality.



Reimagining Australia: Building a safer, fairer country for all

If we consider Australia the most successful multicultural country in the world, then we may need to rethink what success looks like. It is not enough to simply be culturally diverse, we also need to be socially inclusive. We need to have a conversation about how we can achieve this – and there's never been a better time than now, as we rebuild our communities after the pandemic. Let us be sure to rebuild them to be safer and fairer than what came before.



Nyadol Nyuon

Community advocate, writer

Nyadol Nyuon is a lawyer, community advocate, writer, and accomplished public speaker. She was born in a refugee camp in Itang, Ethiopia, and raised in Kakuma Refugee camp, Kenya. In 2005, at the age of 18, she moved to Australia as a refugee.

Since then, Nyadol has completed a Bachelor of Arts from Victoria University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Melbourne.

Nyadol is a vocal advocate for human rights, multiculturalism, and the settlement of people with refugee experiences and those seeking asylum. She has worked and volunteered extensively in these areas with a range of organisations. Nyadol is a regular commentator in these areas, having appeared on ABC's *The Drum*, as a panellist on Q&A and contributing to *The Age*, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Saturday Paper*, to name just a few.

In both 2011 and 2014, Nyadol was nominated as one of the hundred most influential African Australians. In 2016, she was the recipient of the Future Justice Prize.

In 2018 her efforts to combat racism were widely recognised, with achievements including the Australian Human Rights Commission's Racism. *It Stops With Me* award. The prestigious award was in recognition of her advocacy and activism on behalf of the Australian-African and Melbourne's South Sudanese communities. Nyadol also received the Harmony Alliance Award for significant contribution to empowering migrant and refugee women, and was a co-winner of the Tim McCoy Prize for her advocacy on behalf of the South Sudanese Community.

Who Can We Not See?

How a lack of diversity in the media shapes us

If you have consumed media in Australia, you may have noticed something: Almost everyone is white. Whether you're watching the television, reading the paper or having a look online, finding diversity in our media is like trying to find a needle in a haystack. How does this affect us and our views on important topics, and the wider community around us? Australian people and leaders love to boast about being the 'most successful multicultural country in the world'. Prove it. Let all voices be heard.



Osman Faruqi

Journalist, editor of the *7am* podcast

Osman Faruqi is one of Australia's leading political journalists, and is the editor of Schwartz Media's *7am* podcast. He is a frequent commentator on matters related to racial, ethnic and cultural identity in Australia.

Born in Pakistan, Osman moved to Australia with his family at the age of two.

He has worked as an editor at the ABC and was an award-winning reporter with the flagship audio documentary program *Background Briefing*.

He has judged the Walkley Awards and the NSW Premier's Literary Awards. He is an adjunct lecturer at the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales.

He sits on the board of one of Melbourne's premier contemporary arts spaces, Gertrude Contemporary.

No World, No Economy: We can't afford to not act on climate change

Every time we have a discussion about acting on climate change there is always someone quick to tell us that we simply cannot as it will destroy the economy. Wrong! Our economy cannot survive climate change, and we're already seeing the effects. The cost of extreme weather events in Australia has doubled since the 1970s, our climate-related health costs continue to climb, and our trade partners are leaving us behind. It is time to act on climate change now: for our children, our country and our economy. We might be done with the Glasgow Climate Change Conference - but it's only really starting.

Nicki Hutley

Economist, environmentalist

Nicki Hutley is a highly experienced economist with broad-based expertise gained over three decades of practice in financial and investment markets and in economic consulting. Her research has covered areas from housing affordability to modern slavery, to climate change to gender equity, and Indigenous affairs.

Nicki works with government, private and third sector clients across Australia to provide an evidence base for current and proposed projects, policies and programs, using triple bottom line and strategic analysis. She has extensive experience gained from working both in and for the private sector and government, including as a partner with Deloitte Access Economics.

Nicki's work has a strong theme of social impact. She has been involved in the design and evaluation of social impact bonds and payments-for-outcomes programs. She has been at the forefront of developing an economic framework for quantifying social outcomes in a rigorous and robust framework that is acceptable to Treasury departments and investors alike.

Her evaluation and impact work has covered programs such as the Community Development Program, the Growth Areas Infrastructure program (Victoria), NSW Ability Links, Newpin child restoration program, Last Days of Life palliative care initiative, a proposed AOD facility, and a NSW government energy efficiency initiative for low-income households.

Nicki is the president of the Economics Society of Australia (NSW Branch) and the executive of the Australian Business Economists, a board member for One Million Women and an advisory board member for the Finance Women's Economic Index.



Joan Kirner Social Justice Oration 2022

The Honourable Nicola Roxon

**HESTA Chair, company director, former
Federal Health Minister 2007-2011.**

Ms Roxon is currently the Chair of HESTA - the health and community sector superannuation fund - and Chair of VicHealth - Victoria's independent health promotion agency. She is also a non-executive director on two listed property boards and the board of charity HealthJustice Australia.

The Honourable Nicola Roxon was a member of the Australian Parliament for 15 years, representing Labor in the western suburbs of Melbourne seat of Gellibrand. Elected at 31, she served as Australia's Health Minister for four years from 2007 and oversaw major reforms to Australia's public hospital, primary care and preventative health systems.

In 2011 Ms Roxon became Australia's first female Attorney-General, overseeing the establishment of the Royal Commission into the abuse of children within institutions.

She has received national and international awards in recognition of her public health work, particularly in tobacco control. With Ms Roxon's leadership Australia successfully introduced a world first: all tobacco sold must now be in plain packaging with large, graphic health warnings. Ms Roxon's personal and professional story was recorded in a documentary *Kicking the Habit*, produced by the ABC's *Australian Story*.

Originally trained as a lawyer, protecting the dignity of workers and promoting the standing of women has been a hallmark of Nicola's career. Prior to entering parliament, Ms Roxon worked as an industrial lawyer, union organiser and an Associate to High Court Judge Mary Gaudron.



Communities in Control Program **Day One**

Monday, May 23, 2022

8.30 – 9.15 Registration opens

9.15 – 9.45 Welcome

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Kathy Richardson, Executive Director, Our Community

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A musical performance

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9.45 – 10.35 Truth Telling: The Yoo-rrook Justice Commission

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10.35 – 11.25 Understanding Inequality: How and why we are not equal

Emma Dawson
Researcher, commentator on inequality

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11.25 – 11.40 Morning tea break

11.40 – 12.20 Who Gets to Be Smart: Privilege, power and knowledge

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12.20-1.00 Confronting the Big Challenges of Our Time: Reshaping the government and the public service systems that drive community groups bananas

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1.00 – 1.40 Lunch break

1.40 – 2.20 How Do You Create Real Change? Mapping out a path towards better communities

Professor Chris Roche

Professor of Development Practice, La Trobe Institute of Human Security & Social Change

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2.20 – 2.40 Afternoon tea break

2.40– 3.30 My Year of Living Vulnerable: A rediscovery of love

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4.30 – 6.00 Drinks and Networking

(Drinks for in-person attendees supplied as part of the conference fee)

Communities in Control Program **Day Two**

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

9.00 – 9.50 Why Not Try Peace? Stopping violence before it occurs

Gill Hicks AM

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9.50 – 10.40 The Coaching Habit: Say Less and Ask More

Michael Bungay Stanier

Coaching expert, author, Rhodes scholar

Drawing on years of experience training more than 10,000 busy managers from around the globe in practical, everyday coaching skills, Michael Bungay Stanier reveals how to unlock your peoples' potential. In this keynote, Michael will unpack seven essential coaching questions to demonstrate how – by saying less and asking more – you can develop a coaching method that produces great results.

10.40 – 11.00 Morning tea break

11.00 – 11.50 Radicals: Remembering the sixties

The Honourable Dr Meredith Burgmann AM

Feminist, former president of the NSW State Legislative Council

The Sixties – an era of protest, free love, civil disobedience, duffel coats, flower power, giant afros and desert boots, all recorded on grainy black and white film footage – marked a turning point for change. Radicals found their voices and used them. While the initial trigger for protest was opposition to the Vietnam War, this anger quickly escalated to include Aboriginal land rights, women's liberation, gay liberation, apartheid, student power and 'workers' control'. What can we learn from the sixties? How can we find our inner radical?

11.50 – 12.10 Dance. Music. Culture.

Jungle City

Dance Group

12.10 – 1.00 Reimagining Australia: Building a safer, fairer country for all

Nyadol Nyuon

Lawyer, community advocate, writer

If we consider Australia the most successful multicultural country in the world, then we may need to rethink what success looks like. It is not enough to simply be culturally diverse, we also need to be socially inclusive. We need to have a conversation about how we can achieve this – and there's never been a better time than now, as we rebuild our communities after the pandemic. Let us be sure to rebuild them to be safer and fairer than what came before.

1.00 – 1.40 Lunch break

1.40 – 2.20 Who Can We Not See? How a lack of diversity in the media shapes us

Osman Faruqi

Journalist, editor of the 7am podcast

If you have consumed media in Australia, you may have noticed something: Almost everyone is white. Whether you're watching the television, reading the paper or having a look online, finding diversity in our media is like trying to find a needle in a haystack. How does this affect us and our views on important topics, and the wider community around us? Australian people and leaders love to boast about being the 'most successful multicultural country in the world'. Prove it. Let all voices be heard.

2.20 – 3.00 No World, No Economy: We can't afford to not act on climate change

Nicki Hutley

Economist, environmentalist

Every time we have a discussion about acting on climate change there is always someone quick to tell us that we simply cannot as it will destroy the economy. Wrong! Our economy cannot survive climate change, and we're already seeing the effects. The cost of extreme weather events in Australia has doubled since the 1970s, our climate-related health costs continue to climb, and our trade partners are leaving us behind. It is time to act on climate change now: for our children, our country and our economy.

3.00 – 3.15 Afternoon tea break

3.15 – 4.00 Joan Kirner Social Justice Oration 2022

The Honourable Nicola Roxon

HESTA Chair, company director, former Federal Health Minister 2007–2011.

4.00 Close

Conference Details

Communities in Control 2022

Dates

Monday & Tuesday, May 23 & 24, 2022. All program times are AEST.

Where

Moonee Valley Racing Club, McPherson St, Moonee Ponds, VIC; Melway Ref 29A7

Or

Online

Parking

Free all-day parking is available at the venue.

Public transport

Taxi and Uber: The drop off and pick up point for all ride share vehicles is the Tote Park turnstiles, located on the corner of Dean and McPherson Street, where the Winx Statue is located, close to Gate 2.

Tram: Route #59 City-Airport West. Catch the tram from anywhere on Elizabeth St in the city and get off at Stop 33 (Moonee Ponds Junction). MVRC main entrance is a 200m walk.

Train: Catch a Craigieburn line train from the city and get off at Moonee Ponds Station.

Walk down Puckle St (becomes Dean St) through the shopping strip and enter at Gate 6.

Contact Public Transport Victoria for info on timetables, ticket prices and maps; www.ptv.vic.gov.au; phone 131 638.

Price

Communities in Control: \$395 per person to attend in-person or \$295 per person to attend online. See registration form for group booking discounts. **Strictly no split tickets permitted or single days.**

Takeaway reference material

In line with our sustainability objectives, any materials made available for distribution will be provided via the Our Community website. A direct weblink will be advised via email following the conference.

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About the conference organisers

This conference is an initiative of Our Community, Australia's leading community sector support organisation - visit www.ourcommunity.com.au

Changes to the program

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- ☐ Cheque Enclosed
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Our Community

Our Community is Australia's Centre for Excellence for the nation's 600,000 not-for-profits and schools, providing advice, tools, resources and training.

A multi-award-winning social enterprise, Our Community's offerings include:

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- **Communities in Control:** Australia's most inspiring annual community sector gathering: thought leadership for the not-for-profit sector
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