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2017

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THE COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL MOVEMENT

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; so often, that's precisely what happens.

Too many governments respect only coordinated power or unquestioning support. Too many think that community groups can be ignored or picked off or bought off and silenced one by one. Too 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 more than a decade the Communities in Control Conference has offered an opportunity for community group workers, volunteers and 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 statisticians, 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'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
- 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**

WHAT MAKES HEALTHY COMMUNITIES?

People Have the Power!

We dose, diet, meditate and purge to be healthy. That's fine, can't hurt, but it's not going to do that much to your lifespan. Most of the things that affect our health don't originate in our own bodies and aren't under our immediate control.

What helps your health more is to be a citizen of a nation that has working rules against poisoning the water or the air, where inequalities are smoothed out by wealth redistribution, where guns are kept under control, and where you can get access to health care without having to sell a child or a kidney. Politics matter.

Civil society matters even more. Community groups are the immune system of Australian society, breaking down the toxins and preserving the health of the polity. The research shows that active community groups build trust between citizens – trust that supports public health, eases the path of commerce, lowers the crime rate, and makes traditional politics possible.

Trust builds health, anger diminishes it. Inequality corrodes trust, equality supports it. Participation promotes equality, cynicism and apathy undercut it. Every day community groups give a heart and a hand and a face to a society that would otherwise have no connection to the trials and triumphs of our everyday lives.

Australian society is showing the strain as the community sector battles for attention, funds and support. The individuals and communities not-for-profits support are under stress from buffeting and corrosive multilateral forces – globalisation, rapid technological advancement, climate change, cultural shifts. As everything that is solid melts into air, as old meanings shift and flow, as demagogues stir up waves of grievance, we're thrown back to the basics:

- **Work together.**
- **Help people.**
- **Have fun.**
- **Do something useful, and do it with all your might.**

Come to Communities in Control and remind yourself how it's done.

*The people have the power
To redeem the work of fools
From the meek the graces shower
It's decreed the people rule*

Patti Smith, People Have the Power

Conference Opening

Welcome to Country:

This conference will be held on Wurundjeri land. Conference participants will be welcomed to country by an Elder of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. 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 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.

Conference Convenors:



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 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", helping to oversee the organisation's many enterprises, as well as leading reform initiatives and new business directions. A journalist who spent the early part of her career working in community newspapers, Kathy has a passion for equality and social justice. She has served on many not-for-profit boards. Kathy was selected as an Eisenhower Fellow (Innovation) in 2014.

A Musical and Inspiring Performance

Benny Walker

Musician; Winner, Best Aboriginal Artist of the Year, 2016 *The Age Music Victoria Awards*

Indigenous singer/songwriter Benny Walker's love songs and epic tales are mixed with passion for the land, the people, summer vibes and deep grooves.

Benny's latest offering, *Oh No You Don't*, was written at his home in Moama and recorded at Way Of The Eagle studios in Melbourne with ARIA award-winning producer Jan Skubiszewski (The Cat Empire, John Butler Trio, Dan Sultan). *Oh No You Don't* heralds a new direction in sound for Benny Walker. Mixing blues and roots with a contemporary soul vibe, the song is written as a triumph over and a big "F you" to mental illness.

Benny was awarded Victorian Indigenous Performing Arts Award for Best New Talent in 2012 and was crowned "2016 Best Aboriginal Act of the Year" at *The Age Music Victoria Awards*.

He's performed at some of the country's best-loved festivals, including Moomba, Woodford, St Kilda Festival and Blue Mountains Music Festival, and has also taken the plunge into the Canadian festival circuit. In recent years, he has performed alongside some of Australia's finest, including Archie Roach, Blue King Brown, Tim Rogers and Vika and Linda Bull.

An accomplished solo performer, Benny is regularly joined on stage by his band, where he replaces his acoustic guitar with a Telecaster and indulges his passion for the big blues-rock sound.



Joan Kirner Social Justice Oration 2017

Andrew Denton in conversation with Virginia Trioli

"Everyone is entitled to a healthy death!" However good our public health care, however careful we are of our diet, however low the road toll falls, the all-causes death rate is, eventually, 100%. However far off the horizon looks for you now, we'll all have to go through that vanishing point, and we should all take an interest in the boundary conditions. Andrew Denton wants Australians to be informed consumers at the end of life – empowered participants in a national conversation. We die as we live: in society, bound by rules, enmeshed in politics. Let's talk it all through. It's the biggest social justice issue of your life.

Virginia Trioli

**Award winning journalist;
TV presenter**

Virginia is one of Australia's best-known journalists with a formidable reputation as a television host, radio presenter, writer and commentator.

A two-time Walkley Award winner, prior to broadcasting Virginia spent almost a decade as a news reporter, features writer, assistant news editor and columnist at *The Age*. She was the popular host of Melbourne's 774 ABC Drive program for four years before moving to Sydney to host the morning show on 702 ABC Sydney.

Virginia is currently the co-host of ABC TV's *News Breakfast*, having presented the program since its launch in 2008.



Joan Kirner Social Justice Oration

Named in honour of The Hon Joan Kirner AC (1938–2015)

Courageous, ceaseless, clever, compassionate – over many years, and in many theatres, The Hon. Joan Kirner AC fought for community, equality and social justice.

Joan was perhaps best known for her work as the front-woman for the grassroots campaign for educational reform in Victoria in the 1970s, and later as that state's first female Premier.

Having played an integral role in the development of the social fabric of Australia, Joan remained to her final days an enduring community activist and champion for the forgotten and the downtrodden.



Andrew Denton

Australian creative force; media innovator, producer

Andrew Denton is widely recognised as one of Australian media's genuinely creative forces and is known for his comedy and interviewing technique.

His television career takes in his groundbreaking early work on the ABC - *Blah Blah Blah*, *The Money or The Gun*, *Live & Sweaty* - through to his unforgettable reworking of television's "night of nights", the Logies; his role as Executive Producer of *Election Chaser* and *CNNNN*; his work hosting and producing the hugely successful *Enough Rope*; and as the Executive Producer of *The Gruen Transfer*, *Gruen Nation*, *Hungry Beast*, *30 Seconds*, *AFP*, *Can of Worms*, *Randling* and *Joy of Sets*.

Many of us come to community advocacy through a profound personal experience. For Andrew Denton, that was watching his father, Kit, suffer a painful and protracted death in hospital. Now he's asking why Australians at the end of their lives, who are suffering beyond the help of medical science, are denied the choice of a good death. His ground-breaking podcast series *Better Off Dead* received world acclaim. Hear for yourself why he believes our right to ask for help at the end of our lives, when medicine can no longer help us, is fundamentally an issue of social justice.



Leading Mindfully: How to focus on what *really* matters

In a world where we regularly feel captured by a never-ending 'to do' list, expanding demands and depleted energies, leadership expert Amanda Sinclair has found a way to block out the noise. Amanda has brought together the latest neuro-scientific and leadership research with understandings of modern and traditional meditation and mindfulness to create a suite of practices designed to help us find time for the people and purposes that matter to us most. If you're working to create stronger communities, there's no time to waste.

Professor Amanda Sinclair

**Author; visionary; academic;
management and leadership guru**

Amanda is an author, academic, teacher and consultant in areas of leadership, change, gender and diversity.

Currently a Professorial Fellow at Melbourne Business School (MBS) at the University of Melbourne, she held the Foundation Chair of Management (Diversity and Change) at MBS from 1995 to 2012.

Her books include *Doing Leadership Differently* (1998, 2004), *Leadership for the Disillusioned* (2007), and *Leading Mindfully: How to focus on what matters, influence for good and enjoy leadership more* (2016).

Much of Amanda's recent work has focused on bringing insights and evidence from meditative traditions, mindfulness and neuro-scientific research to enhancing leadership in corporate, community, medical and hospital, police, school, union, university, legal and government settings.

As a yoga and meditation teacher she seeks to support people to find enjoyable and sustainable ways of being in leadership.



Still Lucky: Why you should feel optimistic about Australia and its people

At a time when politics seems increasingly negative and our society hopelessly divided, Rebecca Huntley believes we're more fortunate than we think, and have more in common than we know. While many of our politicians are becoming more conservative, both in their policies and their ambitions for the country, the Australian people – almost all of us – want to see real social change, she says. We are more generous and more progressive, and more alike, than we think we are – and we are better than our day-to-day political discourse would suggest.

Dr Rebecca Huntley

Social researcher extraordinaire, author, social change analyst

Rebecca is one of Australia's foremost researchers on social trends, having spent years travelling the country, getting to know what's in our hearts and minds.

Rebecca holds degrees in law and film studies and a PhD in gender studies. For nearly nine years, she was at the global research firm Ipsos, where she oversaw the seminal *Mind & Mood Report*, Australia's longest-running social trends report.

Her experience ranges from community to academia to media to government. She's on the Artistic Advisory Board of the Bell Shakespeare Company, is an adjunct senior lecturer at the School of Social Sciences at The University of New South Wales, and provides research counsel to Essential, an integrated research and communications agency in Australia and New Zealand. She was a feature writer for *Australian Vogue*, a columnist for *BRW* and the presenter of *Drive* on a Friday on Radio National.

Rebecca has written numerous books, the latest of which, *Still Lucky: Why you should feel optimistic about Australia and its people*, forms the title for her Communities in Control keynote. In her presentation she'll tackle some of the biggest social questions facing Australia now: Why do we fear asylum seekers? Why are women still underpaid and overworked? Why do we over-parent? Why do we worry even though we are lucky?



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Professor Chris Sarra

Newly appointed member of the Federal Government's Indigenous Advisory Council; Chairman, Stronger Smarter Institute; Professor of Education, University of Canberra; Director, Australian Rugby League Commission

Chris is an inspiring and passionate Australian educationalist of Italian and Aboriginal heritage and the founder and Chair of the Stronger Smarter Institute. Growing up in Bundaberg, Queensland, as the youngest of 10 children, Chris experienced first-hand many of the educational issues faced by Indigenous students.

In 1998, Chris became the first Aboriginal Principal of Cherbourg State School in south-east Queensland, where his leadership significantly improved the educational outcomes of its students. He spoke movingly of that experience at the 2005 Communities in Control conference.

That same year, Chris finished up his stint as principal of Cherbourg School, and in 2006, with the support of the Queensland Government, he established the Indigenous Education Leadership Institute, the forerunner to what's now known as the Stronger Smarter Institute.

Chris has a Diploma of Teaching, a Bachelor of Education, and a Master of Education. He completed his PhD in Psychology with his thesis *Strong and Smart – towards a pedagogy for emancipation*, which was developed into a book and published in 2011. His autobiography was published in 2012.

In 2004, Chris was named Queenslander of the Year, and in 2010 he was Queensland's nominee for Australian of the Year. In February 2017 he was announced as a member of the Federal Government's revamped Indigenous Advisory Council.



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Brett de Hoedt

Brett is a media trainer and the founder of Hootville Communications, a public relations agency that serves not-for-profit clients. Prior to starting Hootville, Brett worked as a print journalist, talk radio host and publicist with various media organisations including Truth, New Idea, Channel 7, ABC TV, ABC radio and radio 3AK. Brett is a true believer in community causes, community organisations, and the people who choose to support them.



Luke Hilakari

Luke is the Secretary of Victorian Trades Hall Council. Under his leadership, Victorian workers are taking grassroots action in unprecedented numbers to improve our working lives. Luke's experience organising some of Victoria's lowest paid workers drives him to fight for wage justice in Victoria. Under the banner of We Are Union, Victorian workers are leading the fight for progressive social change.



Rodney Croome AM

Rodney has been an advocate for LGBTI equality for almost 30 years. He led the successful campaign to decriminalise homosexuality in Tasmania and was the national director of Australian Marriage Equality until last year. He has also worked extensively on anti-discrimination laws, LGBTI issues in education and policing, gay blood donation and many other issues. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2003 and Tasmanian Australian of the Year in 2015.



Meg Argyriou

Meg joined ClimateWorks in 2010 to lead the organisation's efforts to 'mainstream' Australia's zero net emissions opportunity, and to help spread this agenda into the Asia-Pacific region. Meg co-authored the reports 'Improving Australia's Light Vehicle Fuel Efficiency', 'How to Make the Most of Demand Management' and the 'Impact of the Carbon Price Package'. Prior to ClimateWorks, she worked in state government, managing funding programs focused on business and skills development, and for the International Energy Agency.



Dr Sonja Hood

Sonja is the CEO of Community Hubs Australia, where she leads a national partnership with schools, government, corporates and philanthropy to engage culturally isolated women and pre-school children through place-based hubs in primary schools across Australia. She has more than 20 years of social policy and program experience in the US, UK and Australia, across the government, health and not-for-profit sectors.



Matthew Phillips

Matt is a seasoned campaign manager with extensive experience at Oxfam Australia and Oxfam Great Britain. He's currently the human rights co-director at GetUp! where he leads the No Business in Abuse campaign, which targets corporate involvement in mandatory detention of asylum seekers, and #LetThemStay, which aims to prevent the deportation to Nauru of hundreds of asylum seekers currently in Australia.



The Truth is Out There: Decoding econobabble to make room for good ideas

"When nonsense is repeated often enough – especially by well-paid lobbyists, commentators and businesspeople – it can start to seem as though everyone believes that black is white, or up is down," Richard Denniss writes. "After enough exposure to econobabble, you might even come to think that the best way to help poor people is to give tax cuts to the rich." Richard's having none of it. His mission in life is to bust the myths peddled by people using mangled economic language to conceal the truth. There's never been a better time to learn how to speak econobabble. Richard has the phrasebook.

Richard Denniss

Intergenerational economic and social challenges leader

Richard is the Chief Economist at The Australia Institute, a progressive think tank that conducts research on a broad range of economic, social and environmental issues in order to inform public debate and bring greater accountability to the democratic process.

An economist by training, Richard has worked for the past 20 years in a variety of policy and political roles. In recent years he's been at the forefront of the national policy debates surrounding climate change policy and the Australian mining boom.

Prior to working at The Australia Institute, Richard was strategy adviser to then Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown, and was Chief of Staff to the then Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Natasha Stott Despoja.

Richard is known for his ability to translate economics issues into everyday language. He's published extensively in academic journals, has a fortnightly column in *The Canberra Times* and *Australian Financial Review* and was the co-author of the best-selling *Affluenza* (with Dr Clive Hamilton).

His latest book, *Econobabble*, is a must-read for anyone working to create social change in Australia.



What's Healthy: Transforming a Limited Life into a Limitless Life

Imagine waking up blind. One moment you can see, the next your vision is made up only of childhood memories. At 16, this became a reality for Ben Pettingill when he lost 98% of his eyesight to a rare genetic syndrome. While the shock then grief of losing one's eyesight cannot be discounted, once Ben processed his new reality he realised he had to make a choice that would define the rest of his life. Too many people have big ideas but lack the motivation and direction to bring them to life and make their dreams reality. Ben believed that a blind man could see, and his miracle was the activation of 'true vision'.

Ben Pettingill

Disability activist; role model; motivator

Ben is the blind guy who waterskies, coaches basketball teams without being able to see the ball, and has even driven a car. He is currently the only legally blind person in the world to have competed in a Spartan obstacle course race, untethered. He's not limited by circumstances and his potential is infinite.

Ben is the co-founder of Challenge on Purpose, through which teams participate in a variety of challenges that test them both physically and mentally while raising funds for organisations close to their hearts.

Ben views life as an oasis of opportunity to learn and grow. While he may not be able to see physically, what he can see is that "life has no limits" other than what we impose on ourselves. He says it's up to us to create the life that we see for ourselves.

Ben is passionate about sharing the tools he has used to build resilience and to see opportunity even in the face of adversity. You'll walk away from this presentation with the tools to activate "true vision" in your personal life as well as your community work, gaining insights into what it takes to overcome limitations, the nature of acceptance and the ability to choose an empowered life without limitations.



Testosterone Rex: Unshackling communities from a gendered mindset

Testosterone Rex is that familiar story that tells us that risk-taking, competitive, promiscuous masculinity evolved in males to increase their reproductive success, and is therefore built into the male brain and fuelled by testosterone. This belief that "boys will be boys" can (subtly or otherwise) encourage, excuse or exculpate behaviour and patterns that impede progress to healthier communities. But Testosterone Rex is based on outdated science, Cordelia Fine argues. As *The Guardian* put it, this "is a debunking rumble that ought to inspire a roar."

Professor Cordelia Fine

Author; academic, researcher and gender bias expert

A professor in the History and Philosophy of Science program in the School of Historical and Philosophical Studies at the University of Melbourne, Cordelia is also an internationally acclaimed writer.

Together, her three books have established her "reputation for exemplary clarity on complex topics, pleasing wit, feminist principle – and beneath it all, the animating faith that people can be improved through knowledge," as *The Guardian* (UK) put it.

Her second book, *Delusions of Gender*, was shortlisted for the Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Non-Fiction, the Best Book of Ideas 2011, the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize and the biannual cross-genre Warwick Prize 2013, and was a *Guardian* and *London Evening Standard* Book of the Year, a Washington Post Best Non-Fiction Book of the Year, and listed in "10 books by women that will change your life" (*Sunday Times*), "22 books women think men should read" (*Huffington Post*), "Top 10 books on women in the past 30 years" (*The Australian*) and "40 new feminist classics" (*Literary Classics*).

Cordelia's latest book, published in January this year, is *Testosterone Rex: Unmaking the myths of our gendered minds*, "a witty corrective" (*Nature*) and an Amazon Best Book.

Cordelia has also written for outlets including *The Monthly*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times* and *The Guardian*.



From Hanson to Hanson: What a difference 20 years makes

In 1997, law professor Martin Krygier delivered his Boyer lectures, *Between Fear and Hope: Hybrid Thoughts on Public Values*. Then Professor of Law at UNSW, he finished his sixth lecture with a call for his listeners to enroll in the Conservative-Liberal-Republican-Communitarian-Social-Democratic International Party (Sydney branch) – a tolerant multi-ideological party that he believed could cope with a turbulent multicultural Australia. Twenty years later membership of that party still hovers around one, but the problems Professor Krygier foresaw then – national narcissism, doctrinal rigidity, populist despotism, ethnic exclusiveness, willed blindness to injustice and humiliation – have indeed come to pass. Chancers and confidence tricksters still hawk simplified and inadequate answers to wicked problems. His remedies – civility, communalism, institutionalised values – are ever and always under threat. Professor Krygier could see back in 1997 where Australia was pointing, and he's had 20 years to think it over and tweak the model. If you're looking for an explanation of how we got where we are now, and how we need to respond, this is the place to come.



Professor Martin Krygier

1997 Boyer Lecturer; academic; world leader in law and social theory

Martin is the Gordon Samuels Professor of Law and Social Theory at the University of New South Wales, co-director of its Network for Interdisciplinary Studies of Law, and Adjunct Professor at the Regulatory Institutions Network at Australian National University. He is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences.

His writings explore the moral characters and consequences of large institutions, among them law, state and bureaucracy. He has written extensively on the nature of the rule of law, and on attempts to promote it worldwide.

Martin's most recent book is *Philip Selznick: Ideals in the World*. In 2005, he published *Civil Passions*, a selection of his essays on matters of public debate. He delivered the 1997 Boyer lectures, *Between Fear and Hope: Hybrid Thoughts on Public Values*.

In recent years, Martin has written extensively on the rule of law – its nature, conditions, and challenges – and on prospects for the rule of law in post-dictatorship, post-conflict, and generally screwed-up countries.

Apart from academic writings, he contributes extensively to journals of ideas and public debate.

In 2016 he was awarded the Dennis Leslie Mahoney Prize in Legal Theory.

This is Health: This is Healthy Communities: This is World Leading

It turns out you don't need a crystal ball to predict how life will turn out. What you do need is an impeccably designed, painstakingly executed longitudinal study. The Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study is one of the most detailed studies of human health and development ever undertaken. This world-renowned study followed the same group of over 1000 New Zealanders since their births in 1972, delivering fascinating insights on medical and social development. An inspirational documentary on the study, *Predict My Future*, was aired on SBS in 2016 and has been sold for distribution worldwide. We're living in a world that demands evidence for our interventions. Well, here it is.



Dr Sandhya Ramrakha

Health researcher, academic

Sandhya is Research Manager for the Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Unit, where she manages the assessment phases of the Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study. Led by Professor Richie Poulton, this world-renowned study focuses on the health, development and wellbeing of a sample of more than 1000 New Zealanders, who have been studied at regular intervals since their birth in 1972-73.

Sandhya joined the Dunedin Study as the lead mental health interviewer during the age-26 assessment phase, providing clinical support for the study members. Her previous career was as Senior Clinical Psychologist in the NSW (Australia) Department of Corrections.

Sandhya used data from the Dunedin Study for her PhD, which focused on the links between mental and sexual health, with specific reference to risky sexual behaviour.

In her keynote to Communities in Control, Sandhya will describe how the Dunedin Study is conducted and present some research highlights, including insights on the impact self-control in early childhood has on later adult life, how to identify vulnerability early in life, and how tackling the effects of childhood disadvantage through early-years support for families and children could benefit all members of a society.

The Program - Day One

Communities in Control 2017

8.30 – 9.15 Registration Opens (tea, coffee & water available)

9.15 – 9.40 Welcome and Opening

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10.40 – 11.10 Morning Tea

11.10 – 12.00 Still Lucky: Why you should feel optimistic about Australia and its people

Dr Rebecca Huntley, Social Researcher extraordinaire, author, social change analyst

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12.00 – 1.00 Stronger, Smarter, Healthier:

How high-expectation relationships create healthier communities

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1.00 – 1.45

Lunch

1.45 – 2.45

Power to the People: Creating change from the ground up

Brett de Hoedt (facilitator)

Panel members:

Rodney Croome AM, Co-founder, Australian Marriage Equality; equality activist

Dr Sonja Hood, CEO, Community Hubs Australia

Luke Hilakari, Secretary, Victorian Trades Hall Council

Meg Argyiou, Head of Engagement, ClimateWorks

Matthew Phillips, Human Rights Co-Director, GetUp!

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2.45 – 3.10

Afternoon Tea

3.10 – 4.00

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4.00 – 5.00

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5.00 – 6.00

Drinks and Networking (Drinks supplied as part of the conference fee)

"I laughed, I cried ... I was inspired by the people on stage and the delegates I met, and I have pages and pages of ideas."

The Program - Day Two

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9.00 – 9.30 Registration Opens (tea, coffee & water available)

9.30 – 10.30 **Testosterone Rex: Unshackling communities from a gendered mindset**

Professor Cordelia Fine, *Professor in History & Philosophy of Science, University of Melbourne, inaugural Women's Leadership Institute Australia Fellow, author, psychologist.*

Testosterone Rex is that familiar story that tells us that risk-taking, competitive, promiscuous masculinity evolved in males to increase their reproductive success, and is therefore built into the male brain and fuelled by testosterone. This belief that "boys will be boys" can (subtly or otherwise) encourage, excuse or exculpate behaviour and patterns that impede progress to healthier communities. But Testosterone Rex is based on outdated science, Cordelia Fine argues. As The Guardian put it, this "is a debunking rumble that ought to inspire a roar."

10.30 – 11.00 Morning Tea

11.00 – 11.30 **A Creative Interlude – Surprise Performance/artist**

11.30 – 12.30 **From Hanson to Hanson: What a difference 20 years makes**

Professor Martin Krygier, *1997 Boyer Lecturer, academic, world leader in law and social theory*

In 1997, law professor Martin Krygier delivered his Boyer lectures, *Between Fear and Hope: Hybrid Thoughts on Public Values*. Then Professor of Law at UNSW, he finished his sixth lecture with a call for his listeners to enroll in the Conservative-Liberal-Republican-Communitarian-Social-Democratic International Party (Sydney branch) – a tolerant multi-ideological party that he believed could cope with a turbulent multicultural Australia. Twenty years later membership of that party still hovers around one, but the problems Professor Krygier foresaw then – national narcissism, doctrinal rigidity, populist despotism, ethnic exclusiveness, willed blindness to injustice and humiliation – have indeed come to pass. Chancers and confidence tricksters still hawk simplified and inadequate answers to wicked problems. His remedies – civility, communalism, institutionalised values – are ever and always under threat. Professor Krygier could see back in 1997 where Australia was pointing, and he's had 20 years to think it over and tweak the model. If you're looking for an explanation of how we got where we are now, and how we need to respond, this is the place to come.

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.30 **This is Health: This is Healthy Communities: This is World Leading**

Dr Sandhya Ramrakha, *Health researcher, academic*

It turns out you don't need a crystal ball to predict how life will turn out. What you do need is an impeccably designed, painstakingly executed longitudinal study. The Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study is one of the most detailed studies of human health and development ever undertaken. This world-renowned study has followed the same group of more than 1000 New Zealanders since their births in 1972, delivering fascinating insights on medical and social development. An inspirational documentary on the study, *Predict My Future*, was aired on SBS in 2016 and has also been sold for distribution worldwide. We're living in a world that demands evidence for our interventions. Well, here it is.

2.30 – 3.00 Afternoon Tea

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3.00 – 4.00 Joan Kirner Social Justice Oration

**Andrew Denton in conversation with Virginia Trioli,
*Australia's creative genius; media innovator, producer***

"Everyone is entitled to a healthy death!" However good our public health care, however careful we are of our diet, however low the road toll falls, the all-causes death rate is, eventually, 100%. However far off the horizon looks for you now, we'll all have to go through that vanishing point, and we should all take an interest in the boundary conditions. Andrew Denton wants Australians to be informed consumers at the end of life – empowered participants in a national conversation. We die as we live: in society, bound by rules, enmeshed in politics. Let's talk it all through. It's the biggest social justice issue of your life.

4.00

Close

"I would like to thank and congratulate you all on the fabulous Communities in Control Conference last week. I didn't know what to expect – two of my colleagues who attended last year said I would love it and indeed I did. I'm now a passionate advocate. I had attended many conferences in my previous life and your conference easily beats them."

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Communities in Control 2017

Date & Time:

Communities in Control 2017: Monday and Tuesday, May 29 & 30, 2017

Venue:

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

Parking:

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Public Transport:

Taxi: Ask to be dropped at Members Gate 1, Moonee Valley Racing Club, McPherson St, Moonee Ponds

Tram: Route #59 Airport West-City; Catch the tram from anywhere on Elizabeth St in the city & get off at Stop 33 (Moonee Ponds Junction). Walk down Dean St, turn left into McPherson St; enter at Members Gate 1

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

Walk down Puckle St (becomes Dean St) through the shopping strip and turn left at McPherson St; enter at Members Gate 1.

Contact Public Transport Victoria timetables, ticket prices and maps | www.ptv.vic.gov.au | Ph: 1800 800 007

Price:

Communities in Control: \$385pp (see registration form for group booking discounts)

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Accommodation:

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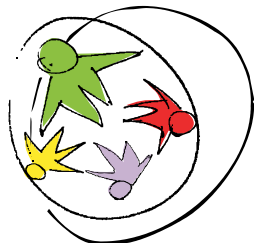
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