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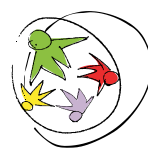
Melbourne, Australia

Monday & Tuesday, May 17-18, 2021

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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; 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 without taking 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, 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, 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**

Think Bigger: Fix Everything

What's the big idea?

Australia has big problems.

Wealth inequality is rising. We have to get over carbon. We need to save the Reef. And the Murray. And the koala. And so much more.

But our leaders are offering us small targets.

Australia can cope with big challenges. We've just done it. Australians can make sacrifices and work together and solve big problems quickly. We've been practicing for a year. The COVID-19 response showed us what we can achieve if we really want to - we halved poverty and homelessness in the depths of the crisis. Why walk that back now? We've never needed bigger ideas more.

The community sector has to step up. **Where's our wish list?** We have to flex our muscles. We have to find our voice. We have to cut through. New approaches, new urgency, new energy, new funding, a new sense of possibility.

No more bandaids. No more excuses. No more bullshit. Let's just do what has to be done.

It's 2021. We've got a once-in-a-generation opportunity to crash through the old roadblocks and break out into open country. Seize the day!





What attendees said about last year's Communities in Control Conference...

"It never ever ceases to amaze me how you do it. Every year I go away saying that was fabulous but you manage to pull the hat out of the bag and deliver another thought provoking and inspiring conference."

"It was uplifting, fun and interactive. I felt as informed and inspired as if I was at the conference in person."

"Thank you for organising this in difficult times, it was a wonderful conference and I will definitely attend again. Friendly, busy chat, engaging speakers."

"Really great and a smoothly run event in a whole new virtual climate - well done!"

"Thank you. My first CIC conference and I hope there will be a lot more virtual conferences in the future. I do love to travel but living remotely makes it very expensive to attend."

Photos: Ellen Smith

In-person or online options available!

Following the success of the 2020 Communities in Control conference, which was hosted virtually using the Hopin platform, the 2021 conference will be available both in-person and online.

We're so excited to present a hybrid conference option, which will allow even more people to join us from even more places.



Conference Opening

Acknowledgment of Country

This conference will be held on and broadcast from 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 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 may be achieved in the very near future. Voice, treaty, truth. We support the reforms outlined in the Uluru Statement from the Heart.



Denis Moriarty

Group Managing Director, Our Community

Denis is Our Community's founder and Group Managing Director. Denis has a strong background in executive and change management in both the government and private sectors. His early career in the 1980s was as a bureaucrat tearing down pictures of Queen Elizabeth in government offices and pushing through government reforms and privatisation as a Deputy Secretary and Commissioner. Denis' inspiration for starting Our Community came through his involvement in not-for-profit boards, which led to a realisation that technology and knowledge could be democratised to accelerate social sector reform. This thinking was crystallised during his 18-month participation in the Vincent Fairfax Ethics in Leadership Awards, run through the Ethics Centre.



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



Mitch Tambo

Musician, actor, presenter

Mitch Tambo has been called the 'Voice of our Generation' after he first came to national attention when he performed John Farnham's iconic anthem 'You're the Voice' on 2019's Australia's Got Talent. He subsequently released a version of the song in late 2019 and competed in Eurovision: Australia Decides with his uniting track 'Together'.

In February 2020, Tambo closed out the historic Fire Fight Australia concert singing 'You're the Voice' alongside John Farnham, Olivia Newton-John and Brian May (Queen).

His latest single, a cover of the anthemic 'Absolutely Everybody' sung in his native Gamiliraay language, soared up the charts. Mitch's songs continue to ignite music charts around the world, including the UK, US, Denmark, France, Switzerland, Malta, Indonesia, Thailand and New Zealand.

Most recently, Mitch hosted the Facebook NAIDOC Live: Celebrating Blak Excellence Special and was the finale performance for the 2020 TikTok NAIDOC celebrations.

Dignity and Respect: The foundation for how to treat people

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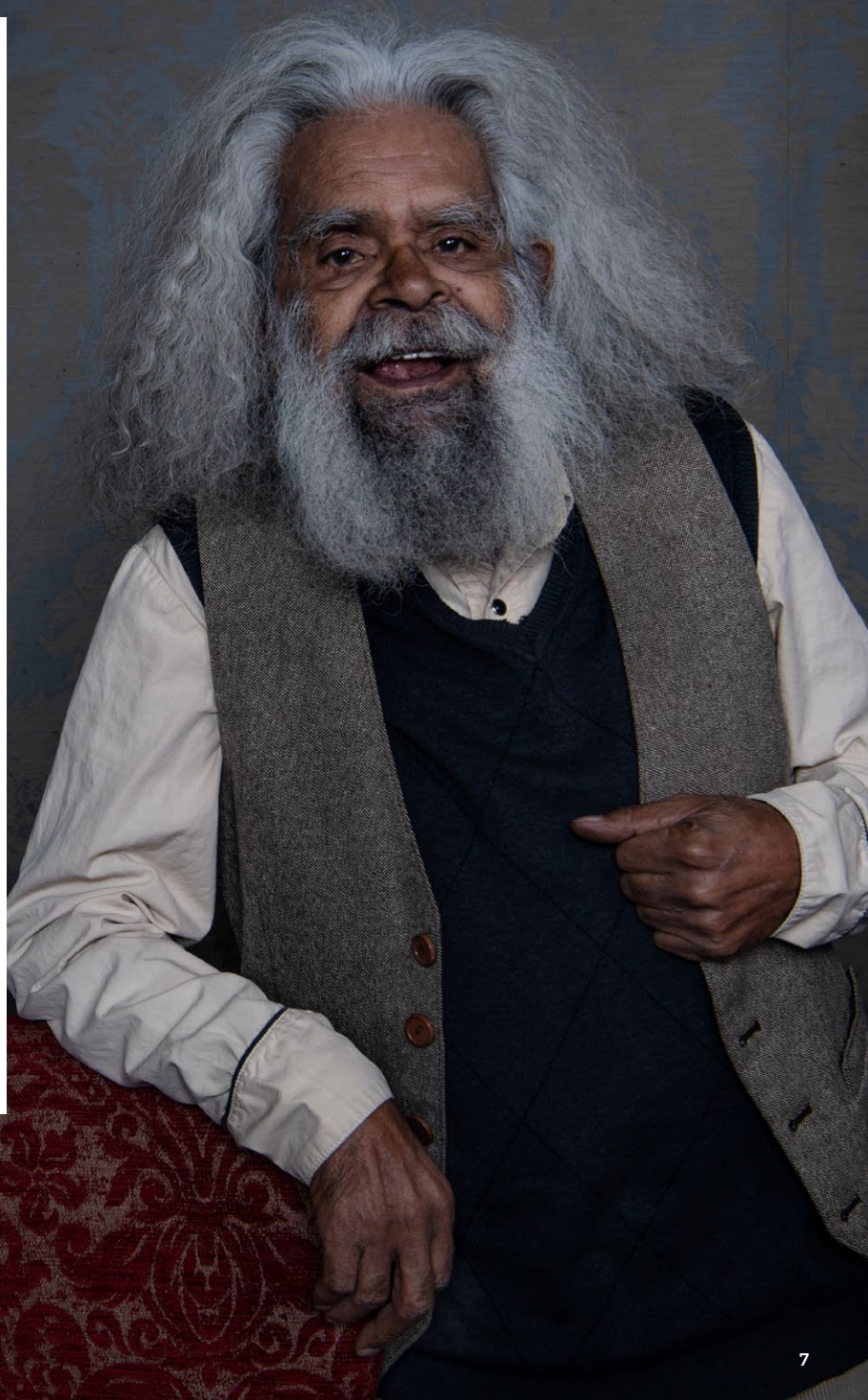
Actor, activist, mentor

One of the nation's most respected and enduring actors, Uncle Jack Charles is a member of Australia's Stolen Generation. Removed from his mother as a baby and raised in a Salvation Army boys' home, Uncle Jack knew nothing of his Aboriginal heritage as a child. At 19 he began a career as an actor, but his life was plagued by personal demons. His addiction to heroin and a life of crime saw him jailed.

Despite his struggles, Uncle Jack co-founded Australia's first Indigenous theatre group, Nindethana, meaning 'place of corroboree', at Melbourne's Pram Factory in 1971. His first play, *Jack Charles Is Up and Fighting*, was a runaway hit.

Uncle Jack has starred in several movies, including the landmark film *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* (1978) and the Warner Bros blockbuster *Pan* (2015), alongside Hugh Jackman. He has toured his own one-man stage show locally and internationally.

Now calm and centred, Uncle Jack Charles is a strong role model for a new generation of Australians.



Reimagining the Community Sector: It's time for reform

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Robert Fitzgerald AM

NSW Ageing and Disability Commissioner

Robert Fitzgerald AM is the NSW Ageing and Disability Commissioner. Previously, he served as a Commissioner with the Productivity Commission and a Commissioner of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Robert has also worked as the NSW Community and Disability Services Commissioner and Deputy Ombudsman, as well as a practicing solicitor.

He has served on numerous non-governmental boards, serving as President of the Australian Council of Social Service, Deputy Chair of the Benevolent Society and NSW State President of St Vincent de Paul Society. He's currently a Board Member at Social Ventures Australia and Caritas Australia. Robert was also the inaugural Chair of the Advisory Board for the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission.

Robert has conducted more than 18 government-commissioned national inquiries into economic and social policy, including the review of the National Disability Agreement and the inquiry into the Care of Older Australians.

He holds degrees in commerce and law from the University of NSW and an honorary doctorate from the Australian Catholic University. He is currently an Adjunct Professor with the University of Western Australia. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1994.

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Dr Helena Popovic

Doctor, author, media commentator

Helena Popovic is a medical doctor, a leading authority on how to improve brain function, a best-selling author and an international speaker.

She graduated from the University of Sydney and her philosophy is that education is more powerful than medication.

Helena shows people how to boost their brain, turn stress into success and come alive and thrive. Her two books are: *In Search of My Father* and *NeuroSlimming*. She believes in slow ageing despite fast living.

Promoting vibrant physical and mental health is not just her profession, it's her passion, her purpose and her personal way of life. Helena shared her mother's journey with lung cancer and is now sharing her father's adventure with dementia. She speaks from a personal and professional perspective.



The Kindness Revolution: Restoring hope, rebuilding trust and inspiring optimism

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Hugh Mackay AO

Social psychologist, author

A Communities in Control regular, Hugh Mackay is a social psychologist, and the author of 22 books, including eight novels. His non-fiction writing covers social analysis, psychology, communication and ethics.

Hugh has had a 60-year career in social research and was also a weekly newspaper columnist for 25 years.

A Fellow of the Australian Psychological Society and of the Royal Society of New South Wales, Hugh has been awarded honorary doctorates by five Australian universities.

He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2015 and is currently an honorary professor in the Research School of Psychology at the Australian National University.



Register for CIC and receive a **FREE COPY** of Hugh's new book (value \$33)



Gender equality in a generation? Achieving change by legislating with women in mind

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Dr Ramona Vijeyarasa

**Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law,
University of Technology Sydney**

Ramona Vijeyarasa is the architect of the Gender Legislative Index, the first comprehensive IT-based tool to make legislation better for women. Her work innovatively combines law, engineering and data science to show how the law can work more effectively to improve women's lives and mitigate gender inequality.

Before joining academia, Ramona worked for several international and domestic organisations on women's rights issues. The experiences of a decade of activism - from the slums of Rio de Janeiro, where she listened to the stories of survivors of domestic violence; to the floating villages of Cambodia, where she supported women's demands for better access to reproductive health care; from cassava plantations in the outskirts of Monrovia; to reintegration centres for exploited migrants in Ukraine - are still present in all her research, which aims to deliver practical solutions to real-life problems. In a personal capacity, Ramona still advises pro bono several organisations in Australia and overseas working on health, migration and women's rights.

Ramona was the 2020 Women's Leadership Institute Australia Research Fellow and has been honoured with grants and awards from (among others) the New York University School of Law, the Academy of the Social Sciences of Australia and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. She has lived and worked on every (inhabitable) continent.



See What You Made Me Do: Power, control and domestic violence

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Jess Hill

Investigative journalist

Jess Hill is an investigative journalist who has been writing about domestic violence since 2014.

Before this, she was a producer for ABC Radio, a Middle East correspondent for *The Global Mail*, and an investigative journalist for *Background Briefing*. Jess was listed in Foreign Policy's top 100 women to follow on Twitter, and her reporting on domestic violence has won two Walkley awards, an Amnesty International award and three Our Watch awards.

Jess' chilling but very accessible book, *See What You Made Me Do*, which looks at domestic violence in Australia, was released in 2019. It won a host of awards, including the 2020 Stella Prize and the 2020 ABA Booksellers' Choice Adult Non-Fiction Book of the Year.



#LetHerSpeak

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Grace Tame

2021 Australian of the Year

After being groomed and sexually assaulted by her maths teacher when she was just 15 years old, Grace Tame spent a decade turning her traumatic experience into advocacy for survivors of child sexual assault, becoming a leader of positive change.

Grace spent several months campaigning with #LetHerSpeak campaign in an effort to overturn a Tasmanian law that prevented survivors from identifying themselves publicly. In 2019, she finally won the right to speak out under her own name.

Now aged 26, Grace is dedicated to eradicating child sexual assault in Australia and supporting the survivors of child sexual assault. She works to enable survivors to tell their stories without shame, educate the public about the process and lasting effects of grooming, and advocate to policy and decision-makers to ensure we have a federal system that supports survivors.

Grace is also a passionate yoga teacher, visual artist, and champion long-distance runner, having won the 2020 Ross Marathon in a female course record time of 2:59:31.

Grace speaks openly about her own experience, but is even more passionate about preventing abuse to other children. She is a regular keynote speaker, media guest, advocacy commentator, and the 2021 Australian of the Year.

Better Economics for a Better World

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Dr Tim Thornton

Economist, researcher

Tim is Director of the School of Political Economy in Melbourne, Senior Research Fellow with the Economics in Context Initiative at Boston University and Senior Research Fellow at the Global Development and Environment Institute at Tufts University. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from La Trobe University and a Master of International Development from Monash University. Tim has previously worked as a researcher and teacher at Monash University, Swinburne University and La Trobe University.

Much of Tim's work has been focused on reforming the economics curriculum in order to make it more relevant to real-world challenges. His PhD focused on what was wrong with economics and economics education, and his subsequent work has been focused on pursuing solutions and alternatives. This work has included developing pluralist and interdisciplinary courses in economics and working with colleagues to produce innovative textbooks and teaching modules.

Tim's latest project is the School of Political Economy, which has been established to provide quality, accessible teaching in political economy and economics from outside the constraints of the university system.

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Hani Abdile

Writer, spoken word poet

Hani Abdile is a writer and spoken word poet who fled the civil war in Somalia. Being only 16 when she fled Somalia alone, Hani was forced to leave her siblings and family behind. She made her way to Australia by boat and spent 11 months on Christmas Island. While detained, Hani found healing in writing poetry while also using it to improve her English speaking and writing abilities.

Hani's first book, *I Will Rise*, was published in 2016 to critical acclaim. Hani continues tapping into the power of the spoken word and has a strong vision to shape the world through pen and paper.



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Andrew Wear

Policy advisor, author

Andrew Wear is a senior Australian public servant. He has degrees in politics, law, economics and public policy, and is a graduate of the Senior Executive Program at Harvard Kennedy School.

A fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia, he is also a director of Ardoch Ltd, a children's education charity.

Andrew's work appears in peer-reviewed journals, as well as in *The Mandarin*, *The Guardian* and others.

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Jess Scully

**Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney,
curator and author**

Jess is a curator who uses creativity to engage people in the knowledge economy and urban life in the twenty-first century, working to shape a sustainable and inclusive future.

Jess has charted a unique career over 20 years. From 2009 to 2017 she was the founding director of Vivid Ideas, Australia's largest creative industries event, a 23-day event designed to enliven the city with talks, workshops, exhibitions and events.

She has curated creative sector events including Junket, TEDxSydney and Curating Participation, and was a founding contributor to the Sydney Culture Network, a city-wide collaboration of cultural institutions co-ordinated by UNSW Art and Design.

In the past, Jess has served as an arts policy advisor to the NSW Minister for the Arts, directed the Qantas Spirit of Youth Awards and the Creative Cities East Asia project, established 2SER's so(hot)right(now) weekly arts radio show, curated public art projects, and began her career as editor of creative industries publications including *Yen, Empty, SummerWinter* and *Hotpress*.

In 2019 Jess was elected Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney. As a councillor, she advocates for new models to address the housing crisis and support workforces of the future. She's also working on reviving Sydney's nightlife, expanding access to culture, and protecting digital rights in the public realm. Jess is committed to opening up politics to younger and more diverse people.

Her first book, *Glimpses of Utopia: Real Ideas for a Fairer World*, was published by Pantera Press in August 2020.



How to Influence People: The tools and persuasion to connect and communicate

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Chris Helder

Professional speaker, author

Chris Helder is a world-class keynote speaker and master storyteller. His presentations give individuals and organisations the tools to make a simple shift in their thinking to gain greater clarity on achieving goals.

Chris brings with him an abundance of energy, humour and the ability to quickly connect with the audience.

He has been a professional speaker for 19 years and has delivered more than 2,500 presentations around the world.

Chris is an author of four best-selling books; *Usual Belief*, *The Ultimate Book of Influence*, *Cut The Noise* and *The Simple Shift*.

Joan Kirner Social Justice Oration 2021

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Senator the Honourable Penny Wong

Senator for South Australia, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate

Penny Wong was born in Malaysia. As an eight-year-old she moved to Australia with her family and settled in Adelaide.

Penny graduated in law and arts from the University of Adelaide.

Before entering politics she worked for a union, as a ministerial adviser in the NSW Labor Government, and as a lawyer.

Penny was elected to the Senate in 2001 and took her seat in 2002.

In 2004, Penny was elected to the Shadow Ministry. Following the election of the Labor Government in 2007, Penny was appointed the Minister for Climate Change and Water. After the 2010 election, Penny was appointed the Minister for Finance and Deregulation.

In 2013, Penny was appointed Leader of the Government in the Senate. After the change of Government she was appointed the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. Penny is the first woman to hold both of these roles.

Currently, Penny holds the position Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs.



Communities in Control Program **Day One**

Monday, May 17, 2021

8.30 – 9.15 Registration opens

9.15 – 9.45 Welcome and opening

Denis Moriarty, Group Managing Director, Our Community
Kathy Richardson, Executive Director, Our Community

Welcome to Country

Uncle Jack Charles, Actor, activist, mentor

A musical performance

Mitch Tambo
Musician

Renowned for his didgeridoo playing, actor, presenter and performer Mitch Tambo is one of Australia's most talented entertainers. A proud Gamilaraay man, Mitch lights up any arena (or conference room).

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4.45 - 6.00 **Drinks and Networking**
(Drinks for in-person attendees supplied as part of the conference fee)

Communities in Control Program **Day Two**

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9.30 – 10.20 **Better Economics for a Better World**

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10.20 – 10.45 **Morning tea break**

10.45 – 11.35 **Stop playing around and start playing seriously**

Daniel Teitelbaum
Lead facilitator at Playful Thinking

How to harness the power of play for your community organisation.

11.35 – 12.00 **I Will Rise: An Artistic Performance**

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4.00 **Close**

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Where

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Or

Online, via the Hopin platform.

Parking

Free all-day parking is available at the venue.

Public transport

Taxi and Uber: Ask to be dropped at Gate 6, Moonee Valley Racing Club, McPherson St, Moonee Ponds.

Tram: Route #59 City–Airport West. Catch the tram from anywhere on Elizabeth St in the city and get off at Stop 32 (Moonee Ponds Junction). Walk down Dean St, and enter at Gate 6.

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.

Bookings, cancellation & refund policy

Registrations must be paid no later than 10 working days before the event. 50% of the registration fee is refundable if notice of cancellation is received more than 10 working days before the event; **NO REFUND** is available where notice of cancellation is received less than 10 working days before the event. Substitution of attendees is allowed, provided written notice is provided. It is not possible to transfer registration between events.

Commitment to access & equity

The organisers and supporters of this conference are committed to access and equity and as much as possible will be done to meet the needs of all delegates. Please contact Maureen McGinnis if you require assistance – maureenm@ourcommunity.com.au. While we will do everything within our power to meet all needs, we may not be able to meet last-minute requests because of time constraints.

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

While we will make every attempt to deliver this conference as advertised, please be aware that sometimes events beyond our control may lead to unavoidable changes to the program or schedule.


Registration

Communities in Control (May 17 & 18, 2021)

Register Online: www.communitiesincontrol.com.au


(by credit card, cheque or EFT)

Tick The Price That Applies To You



FLYING SOLO
Full Price
Single Ticket

Attend in-person: \$395pp
 Attend online: \$295pp



DYNAMIC DUO
Save \$25pp
2-4 people

Attend in-person: \$370pp
 Attend online: \$270pp



GANG OF FIVE
Save \$50pp
5 or more

Attend in-person: \$345pp
 Attend online: \$245pp

STRICTLY NO SPLIT TICKETS PERMITTED

Registration (Attendee one)

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Job Title	<input type="text"/>		
Organisation	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		Post Code
Email	<input type="text"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
Dietary or accessibility notes (in-person only)	<input type="text"/>		

Registration (Attendee two)




Name	<input type="text"/>		
Job Title	<input type="text"/>		
Organisation	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		Post Code
Email	<input type="text"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
Dietary or accessibility notes (in-person only)	<input type="text"/>		

More than 2 attendees? Register online at communitiesincontrol.com.au

Registration

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Cost

	1 person:	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend in-person \$395 or <input type="checkbox"/> Attend online \$295	x	<input type="text" value="1"/>	=	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
	2-4 people:	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend in-person \$370 or <input type="checkbox"/> Attend online \$270	x	<input type="text" value="1"/>	=	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
	5 or more:	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend in-person \$345 or <input type="checkbox"/> Attend online \$245	x	<input type="text" value="1"/>	=	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
TOTAL						<input type="text" value="\$"/>

Payment Method

- Cheque Enclosed
- Please send me an invoice
- Credit card (see below or register online www.communitiesincontrol.com.au)
- Payment made by EFT to Our Community (CommBank BSB 063 020 Account No. 10473753)

Credit Card Details

- Visa Mastercard AMEX

Card No:

Expiry: Name on card: Signature:

Total Amount: Date:

Four Easy Ways To Register

- Online: www.communitiesincontrol.com.au
(payment can be made by credit card, cheque or EFT)
- Phone: (03) 9320 6800
- Mail: Our Community
PO Box 354
North Melbourne VIC 3051
- Email: service@ourcommunity.com.au

Tax Invoice

Where a registration is less than \$1000 (inc GST) this document becomes a tax invoice for GST purposes upon completion of payment. Prices inclusive of GST.

Our Community ABN is 24 094 608 705.

About Us



ourcommunity.com.au

Where not-for-profits go for help

Our Community

Our Community is the engine room for creating and disseminating practical, affordable training, leadership and technological solutions that allow not-for-profit and grantmaking organisations to get on with the crucial work of building stronger communities.

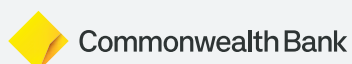
Our Community's offerings include:

- **Institute of Community Directors Australia:** The best-practice governance network for the members of Australian not-for-profit and government boards and committees, and the senior staff who work alongside them - providing ideas and advice for community leaders
- **FundingCentre.com.au:** The best place to go to get and store information on grants and fundraising in Australia
- **GiveNow:** Australia's most innovative giving platform - increasing donations to community causes, helping people become better givers, and providing a payment solutions hub for all not-for-profits.
- **Good Jobs:** Connecting people with social sector jobs, and providing HR support for not-for-profits
- **Communities in Control:** Australia's most inspiring annual community sector gathering: thought leadership for the not-for-profit sector
- **SmartyGrants:** Software, data science and intelligence for revolutionary grantmakers - accelerating outcomes and impact.
- **The Innovation Lab:** The engine room for sharing ideas and mobilising data science to drive social change
- **Our Community House:** A co-working space for the social sector, where data and creativity come together to catalyse social change

Our vision centres on social inclusion and social equity. Our dream is that every Australian should be able to go out their front door and stroll or wheel to a community group that suits their interests, passions and needs - or log on and do the same.

We want to help make it easy for people to join in, learn, celebrate, worship, plant trees, play a game, entertain and be entertained, care and be cared for, support others and be supported, advocate for rights and celebrate diversity. To get involved. To be valued.

Communities in Control Alliance Partners



Panel Pledge Champion
This event demonstrates gender balance