COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL

Connection, Creativity, Community: Finding Hope in a Climate of Crisis

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
Mon & Tue, May 18-19, 2020
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 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, 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.

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Why You Must Attend

- Hear from and interact with Australia’s *best thinkers, leaders and doers*
- Help *rebuild* bushfire affected communities
- 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
- 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 and *be part of the change*
What attendees said about last year's Communities in Control Conference...

“It was unlike any conference I have ever attended. My team and I had been finding it tough going navigating the system of late. This conference was like a shot of optimism and energy. THANK YOU!”

“Loved it – please keep it up.”

“Thank you, possibly the best conference I have ever attended.”

“Thank you so much – it was an excellent two days! I have a lot to transfer to life – personally and professionally.”

“This was my first conference of yours I have attended... I spoke to someone I met there who told me she came for a motivational boost every year and I can see why.”

“It was two days that interested and energized me.”

“Thanks for helping us take time to lift our eyes to the horizon amidst the intensity of day to day work.”

“Thank you for your insight, energy, passion.”
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*May you live in interesting times.* It wasn’t meant to be a blessing.

But interesting times is what we’ve got.

The planet is in crisis and we only have milliseconds (in the scheme of human life) to act. Our heads are spinning but we’re not responding fast enough. Privacy is dead. Google and Facebook know more about us than our partners. (Much more.) Traditional owners are ignored. Patriotism trumps globalism. Old white men froth at the mouth. Increasing numbers of us find ourselves living in an idiocracy.

As the turmoil whirls towards us, some of us retreat to our homes, pull the curtains and switch on Netflix. Others take to the streets.

And then there is hope. It comes in the form of a 16-year-old Swedish polyglot who sails across the Atlantic in a zero-carbon yacht to talk truth to power. It comes in the form of online groups that connect us to things that matter and help us get to know the neighbours we’d forgotten we had. It comes in the form of park runs, pub choirs, windmills, little book libraries, art shows, sporting contests, and plant-swap groups. Connection. Creativity. Community.

Greta can’t save us single-handed. Come to Communities in Control 2020 and find out how to identify a path through the confusion. We can promise you it’ll be interesting. In a good way.
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 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.
Katie Noonan
Musician and artist

Over the past 20 years, five-time ARIA award-winning artist Katie Noonan has proven herself one of Australia’s most hardworking, versatile and prolific artists.

Named one of the greatest Australian singers of all time by the Herald Sun, Katie has produced more than a dozen albums over her career, seven of them recording platinum sales, and 25 ARIA award nominations spanning diverse genres.

Katie has performed for royalty, national and international leaders, and blazed a trail for young women artists. Music, for Katie, is a lifelong lesson, a generous act of giving, and a means to change the world.

Monday, May 18, 2020, 9.30am
A Musical Performance
The Power of Respect: Replacing alert and alarmed with informed and engaged

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Dr Fiona Kerr
CEO, The NeuroTech Institute

Dr Fiona Kerr’s consuming interest in the science and power of human connectivity continues to develop after more than 35 years working in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors in Australia and abroad.

Fiona’s doctoral research combined neuroscience and complex systems engineering to examine how good leaders think, how they change others, and how they build adaptive, responsive and successful organisations and systems.

In late 2018, she founded The NeuroTech Institute to investigate the neurophysiology of interaction - between humans, with and through technology and how it is impacted by the dynamics of the system within which we live.

Fiona is an advisor to the robotics industry, the health sector, the Global Centre for Modern Ageing, Finland’s national artificial intelligence program, and Defence organisations in both Australia and the United States, and holds a number of international honorary academic positions.
Climate and Communities: Adapting to the new normal

We all know that climate change is damaging our natural environment, but what impact is it having on our communities? A future defined by climate change will bring new issues and obstacles that the community sector will need to face and overcome. We have to. There is no Planet B.

Professor Hilary Bambrick
Head of School, School of Public Health and Social Work, Queensland University of Technology

Hilary is an environmental epidemiologist and bioanthropologist researching the health impacts of global heating, especially on more vulnerable populations, and has expertise in the development, implementation and evaluation of adaption strategies.

Hilary has consulted for the World Health Organisation and the United Nations on resilience and adaption, including building resilience in national health systems in some of the least developed countries in the world. She co-developed Samoa’s climate adaption strategy for health, and she led the health impacts assessment for Australia’s national climate change review, the Garnaut Review.

A Councillor with Australia’s independent Climate Council, Hilary contributes regularly to media and public debate, advocating for rapid and well-managed energy transition away from fossil fuels to protect global health, now and into the future.
We Could Have Avoided This: Why inaction is no longer an option

In March 2018, Jo Dodds’ life was changed forever as devastating bushfires ripped through Tathra, her home town. Since then, the bushfires have only become worse, destroying localities all across the country. We knew this was coming. The warning signs have been there for years. And still, our political leaders won’t act. They tell us that now is not the time to talk about climate change. But why, when the forests are burning, and people are sifting through the ashes of their homes, can we not talk about this? Inaction will get us nowhere. We must act.

Jo Dodds
President, Bushfire Survivors for Climate Action

Jo Dodds is a councillor at the Bega Valley Shire Council and the President of Bushfire Survivors for Action. On March 18, 2018, Jo witnessed devastating bushfires rip through Tathra. Since then, she has dedicated her time and effort to speak out against our political leaders who fail to listen to the experts.

Adjunct Professor Susan Pascoe AM
Commissioner, 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission

Adjunct Professor Susan Pascoe AM was a commissioner for the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission. Reflecting on her experience in this role, Susan will respond to Jo Dodds, and offer insight on how the community can move forward despite inaction from our politicians. Susan is also Chair, ACFID, Chair, Community Directors Advisory Council and many other Boards, along with being the former inaugural Commissioner for the Australian Charities and not-for-profits Commission.
Breaking Badly: How I worried myself sick

Working in the community sector can often be emotionally draining. How do community workers balance their life with the long hours and stresses of the job without breaking down? How do you keep it together when tackling some of society’s darkest issues? What is required to remain in control? Hear one woman’s story of rising and falling and rising again.

Georgina Dent
Author, writer and mental health advocate

At 24, life was good for Georgina Dent. After graduating with top marks she had landed her dream job at a prestigious Sydney law firm and moved in with a boyfriend she adored. She had the world at her feet and no right to break. But she did. Badly.

Within a year Georgina was unemployed, back living with her parents and suffering such crippling anxiety that she ended up in psychiatric care. Georgina documented her experiences in the brutally honest and warmly engaging Breaking Badly, which was released in May 2019.

These days Georgina is a journalist and editor, and a passionate advocate for gender equality and mental health. The former lawyer is a regular media commentator, public speaker and MC, and is the contributing editor of Women’s Agenda.
Building a Community: Bringing social infrastructure into the conversation

When we hear the word ‘infrastructure’ most of us automatically think of roads, railways and bridges. But we all know that it takes much more than that to build a community. As a society, we need to shift the conversation to ensure that social infrastructure is brought into the mix. If we fail, what chance do we have at building stronger communities in Australia?

Peter Colacino
Executive Director, Policy and Research, Infrastructure Australia

As the head of Infrastructure Australia’s Policy and Research team, Peter’s task is to identify the greatest challenges and opportunities for delivery of infrastructure for Australia’s growing cities and regions.

Peter brings his experience of having worked as an advisor to Premiers, Ministers, Leaders of the Opposition and infrastructure sector thought leaders, as well as on a diversity of transport projects from toll roads, to rail and ferries.

More recently, as a member of the Infrastructure Australia executive, Peter has lead the development of the second Australian Infrastructure Audit. The Audit examines the rapid pace of change within the Australian infrastructure sector and the implications for users and places. The team is now shifting its focus to the Australian Infrastructure Plan, which proposes reforms to enhance the sector over the next 15 years.
Understanding the Social Progress Index: Using data to measure our progress

The new Social Progress Index is used to measure if the environmental and social needs of citizens are being met. Currently, Australia ranks 12th in the world. That’s great, but what exactly does it mean? How do you measure progress? And what are we learning from doing so?

Prof. Kristy Muir

CEO, Centre for Social Impact

Professor Kristy Muir is the CEO of the Centre for Social Impact (CSI) and a Professor of Social Policy at UNSW Sydney Business School. She is an elected member of UNSW Sydney’s Council, the Chair of Allan & Gill Gray Philanthropy Australasia, a Non-Executive Director of the Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth, and a member of the Community Directors Council, the NSW Premier’s Council on Homelessness, and the Gonski Institute for Education Advisory Board.

Kristy has worked for almost three decades with for-purpose organisations. She’s driven by a desire to better understand and find solutions to complex social problems and measure whether and where we are making a difference. Her research spans housing, education, employment, social participation, disability, mental health, and financial resilience and wellbeing. She has published widely in policy, sociology, social work, history, and public health journals and in publicly accessible and popular media, such as TEDx, The Mandarin, The Guardian and The Conversation.

Kristy frequently gives keynotes, runs workshops on applied systems thinking, facilitates board strategy planning days, and she founded and teaches the highly regarded Governance for Social Impact course for non-executive directors. She founded CSI’s Change Collection series and Amplify Social Impact – one of her most innovative and potentially transformational capacity building projects. She is a founding partner and governance member of the Financial Inclusion Action Plan and The Constellation Project.

Kristy has a PhD in social history, is a graduate of the AICD and Sydney Leadership and, prior to joining academia, worked in the not-for-profit sector.
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Tom Nash
Pirate, motivational speaker

Tom contracted deadly Meningococcal Septicemia at age 19, losing both his arms and legs and suffering other injuries and losses throughout his body.

Tom’s tenacity for problem solving and optimism led him on a journey he’d never have dreamed. He went back to university, switching from science to sound engineering and music business management, and is today a successful Australian DJ and in-demand motivational speaker.

Tom has refashioned his life to share his story in order to effect change in others, mesmerising audiences around the world with his story of personal triumph over unimaginable adversity.
Inequality in Our Communities: Why are so many missing out?

We hear a lot about the rising divides in economic opportunities and wealth in Australia: between country and city, young and old and the top 1% and ‘everyone else’. What do we know about rising inequality in our communities and what can we do about it?

Danielle Wood
Program Director, Budget Policy and Institutional Reform, Grattan Institute

Danielle is the Budget Policy and Institutional Reform Program Director at the Grattan Institute. Her research and advocacy efforts focus on tax and budget policy, inequality and integrity reforms. She is a regular media commentator and speaker on economic policy issues.

Danielle previously worked as Principal Economist at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Senior Consultant at NERA Economic Consulting, and as a Senior Research Economist at the Productivity Commission.

Danielle has a Masters of Commerce (Economics) and a Masters in Competition Law from the University of Melbourne, and a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Adelaide.

She is the President of the Central Council of the Economic Society of Australia and the National Chair of the Women in Economics Network.
The Iron Law of Business-as-usual: What is it and can we escape it?

In Australia, policy agendas come, tip everything upside down, and then they go, swept away by the next fad. New Zealand has garnered world attention for its ‘Wellbeing Budget’ but Australia had a wellbeing framework a decade ago. It was quietly scrapped a few years ago and no-one noticed the difference. It looks like New Zealand is heading down a similar path. What can we do to overcome this churn-and-burn cycle of policy building? How do we escape the path of business-as-usual?

Nicholas Gruen
Economist, community advocate & social commentator

Nicholas is a widely published policy economist, entrepreneur, and commentator on the economy, society and innovation.

He was formerly Chairman of the Australian Centre for Social Innovation, the Australian Government’s Innovation Australia, and founding chairman of Kaggle.

Former Australian Treasurer Lindsay Tanner has described him as “Australia’s foremost public intellectual”.

Leading a Meaningful Life: Leaving a legacy through advocacy

We all hope to live a meaningful life, but when it comes to an end, how do we find dignity and composure? Oncologist Ranjana Srivastava has two decades of experience working with people in their last days. She draws on this experience to share her observations on leading a meaningful life. Through advocacy and staying true to our deepest convictions, we can all leave a legacy to be proud of when our time runs out.

Dr Ranjana Srivastava OAM
Oncologist, Fullbright scholar

Dr Ranjana Srivastava is an internationally-renowned oncologist and healthcare authority, as well as an award-winning author and broadcaster.

In 2004 she won the prestigious Fullbright Award, which she completed at the University of Chicago. She was admitted as a fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 2005 and started practicing oncology in the public health system.

Nowadays, Rajana is a regular columnist for The Guardian newspaper. She is also a health presenter on ABC television and ABC 774 radio. She speaks frequently on health matters, ethics and doctor-patient communication at scholarly and community events.
Poster Boy: Using art as advocacy to reshape community opinions

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Peter Drew
Street artist, community advocate

Interview to be conducted by:

Lynne Haultain
Executive Director, Victoria Law Foundation; former ABC broadcaster

Peter Drew was born in 1983 in Adelaide. He holds a Masters Degree from the Glasgow School of Art. His artworks have been exhibited at the Art Gallery of South Australia and the National Gallery of Australia, though his most prominent work is installed on city streets.

His posters are a familiar sight across Australia – his ‘Real Australians Say Welcome’ and ‘Aussie’ campaigns took on lives of their own, attaining cult status and starting conversations all over the country.

Lynne Haultain is an esteemed journalist who worked as a broadcaster for ABC Radio for 16 years. She is currently the Executive Director of the Victoria Law Foundation.
This is Where We Live: Using people-centred data to remake cities and towns

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Jessica Christiansen-Franks
Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Neighbourlytics

Lucinda Hartley
Co-founder & Chief Innovation Officer, Neighbourlytics

Jessica Christian-Franks and Lucinda Hartley are both urban designers and serial entrepreneurs who’ve been leading the conversation on urban innovation globally for more than a decade.

In 2017, they launched Neighbourlytics, one of Australia’s fastest growing urban-tech companies.

The pair have held positions with the United Nations and the World Bank and were consecutive CEOs of award-winning placemaking consultancy CoDesign Studio.

Their shared passion for putting people back at the centre of urban planning led them into data analytics. They’re now developing world-leading technology to help citymakers around the globe create cities that people love and feel connected to.
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Paul Bongiorno AM
Journalist; social justice advocate

Paul Bongiorno is a veteran political journalist and commentator. After leaving the priesthood in 1974, he began working in television, winning four Walkley Awards for his investigative journalism. He hosted Ten’s national Sunday morning show, Meet the Press, from 1996 to 2012, and in more recent times has been a regular contributor to The Saturday Paper and commentator on ABC Radio National Breakfast.

Bongiorno was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to the print and broadcast media as a journalist, political commentator and editor.
8.30 – 9.15  Registration opens (tea, coffee and water available)

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4.00  Close

The 2020 Festival of Community Directors
A year-long celebration of community governance

Find out more communitydirectors.com.au/festival
Date & Time
Monday & Tuesday, May 18 & 19, 2020

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

Parking
Free all-day parking is available at the venue.

Public transport
Taxi/Uber: Ask to be dropped at Members Gate 1, 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, turn left into McPherson St, enter at Members Gate 1.
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 turn left at McPherson St; enter at Members Gate 1.
Info on timetables, ticket prices and maps; www.ptv.vic.gov.au; phone 131 638.

Price
Communities in Control: $395 per person (see registration form for group booking discounts).
Strictly no split tickets permitted or single days.

Accommodation
We recommend www.booking.com or https://www.airbnb.com.au/

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 – phone (03) 9320 6800 or email 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. The caterers can normally deal with special dietary requirements related to health issues, religious beliefs and allergies, but cannot meet individual personal preferences.

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.
FLYING SOLO
Full Price
Single Ticket
Price per person: $395

DYNAMIC DUO
Save $30pp
2-4 people
Price per person: $370

GANG OF FIVE
Save $55pp
5 or more
Price per person: $345

Register Online:
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Tick The Price That Applies To You

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Registration (Attendee two)

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More than 2 attendees? Photocopy this page or register online at communitiesincontrol.com.au
Registration
Communities in Control (May 18 & 19, 2020)

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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: _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______

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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.
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:

1. **OurCommunity.com.au**: Australia’s centre for excellence for the nation’s 600,000 not-for-profits and schools: where not-for-profits go for help

2. **Institute of Community Directors Australia**: the best-practice governance network for the members of Australian not-for-profit boards, committees and councils, and the senior staff who work alongside them

3. **FundingCentre**: the best place to go to get information on grants and fundraising in Australia

4. **GiveNow**: Australia’s first and best online donations platform, providing no and low cost fundraising tools for Australian not-for-profits

5. **Good Jobs**: Connecting good people with social sector jobs, board vacancies and internships

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

7. **Australian Institute of Grants Management**: information, inspiration and education for government, philanthropic and corporate grantmakers

8. **SmartyGrants**: software and data science for revolutionary grantmakers

9. **The Innovation Lab**: the engine room for sharing ideas and mobilising data to drive social change

10. **Our Community House**: a co-working space for people who want to create a new era of social change

Our Community is proud to be a Certified B Corporation

B Corporations are a new kind of company that use the power of business to solve social and environmental problems.

There are more than 3130 Certified B Corporations from more than 150 industries in 71 countries with one unifying goal – to redefine success in business.

B Corps are important because they inspire all businesses to compete not only to be the best in the world, but to be the best for the world. Certified B Corporations meet higher standards of social and environmental performance, transparency and accountability. It’s like Fair Trade certification but for the whole business.

The performance standards are comprehensive and transparent. They measure a company’s impact on all its stakeholders (e.g. workers, suppliers, community, consumers, and the environment).

Unlike traditional corporations, Certified B Corporations are required to consider the impact of their decisions not only on their shareholders, but also on their stakeholders.
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