

SPEAKERS



Alison Rowe

Managing Director, The Nature Conservancy Australia

Alison Rowe is The Nature Conservancy Australia's Managing Director. She has a wealth of experience across the environmental sustainability field, spanning two decades, with a fundamental passion for people and nature.

Alison has worked across a range of industries including energy, infrastructure, technology and transport in the Private, Government and Not for Profit sectors.

Alison is a Non-Executive Director at Edge Environment. She was previously the CEO of the Australian Energy Foundation and has held Non-Executive Director positions at the Infrastructure Sustainability Council, Future Business Council, Bioregional Australia, Climate Alliance, Environment Victoria and One in Five.

Alison holds an MBA from Mt Eliza Business School (MBS) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Technology Management from Michael Smurfit Business School (Dublin). Alison has completed the Sustainable Finance and the Business and Environment programs through Cambridge University. She is also a Williamson Fellow.



Dr Andrew Forrest AO

Chairman of Fortescue & Mincero Foundation

As Founder and Chairman, Dr Andrew Forrest has led Fortescue Metals Group from its inception 20 years ago to a US\$60 billion listed natural resources company that's invested US\$40+ billion developing some of the world's most efficient infrastructure.

In 2021, Fortescue Future Industries (FFI) was established as a green energy, manufacturing and technology company with a global portfolio of renewable energy resources to produce green energy at a scale equal to the oil and gas super-majors.

In 2001, Dr Forrest co-founded Mincero Foundation with his wife Nicola, and to date they have donated more than \$2.7 billion supporting initiatives addressing modern slavery, ocean health, cancer, indigenous disparity, childhood development, artificial intelligence, disaster resilience, and plastic waste.

Dr Forrest's investment group Tattarang owns Squadron Energy, Australia's largest renewable energy operator. Tattarang has also committed US\$500m seed funding to the Ukraine Green Growth Initiative, which will rebuild Ukraine with sustainable infrastructure.

Dr Forrest has a PhD in Marine Ecology from the University of Western Australia, and serves as an IUCN Patron of Nature, a World Economic Forum Friend of Ocean Action, and a member of the United Nations Environment Program's Scientific Advisory Committee on the Assessment on Marine Litter and Microplastics.

In 2017, Dr Forrest was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to philanthropy, mining, employment, and sustainable foreign investment.



Bel Quince

Climate Strategy Executive, NAB

Bel has over 25 years experience in the Australian legal, government and banking sectors in various executive leadership, risk management and strategist roles.

She was recently appointed to NAB's newly formed Climate Team, as their first Climate Strategy Executive, reporting directly to NAB's new Chief Climate Officer.

In her previous role as NAB's Agribusiness Strategy Executive, Bel led the strategic direction of NAB's Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries portfolio, as a market leader in the business finance sector, and was the driving force behind initiatives such as NAB's Agri Green Loan – designed to finance activities that deliver positive business and natural capital outcomes.

Her focus is on driving new initiatives and capacity building to support the sustainable growth, decarbonisation, and management of climate related risks across NAB's business and customer base.



Dr Beth Fulton

Domain Leader, Integrated Ocean Stewardship – CSIRO

Dr Beth Fulton is a Senior Principal Research Scientist with CSIRO. Beth is the CSIRO's research domain leader for integrated oceans stewardship and the blue economy. In shaping the strategic direction for CSIRO's research in this area, she is building off more than 20 years of work developing various system modelling tools for looking at marine ecosystems and sustainability.

Beth is also an Adjunct Professor and Deputy Director at the Centre of Marine Socioecology, a collaboration between University of Tasmania, CSIRO and the Australian Antarctic Division, which focuses on finding transdisciplinary, equitable and sustainable solutions to the problems facing coasts and oceans. The common theme to Beth's work has been on developing system-scale decision support tools in support of sustainable management of potentially competing uses of marine environments and adaptation to global change.



Bruce Tomlinson

Investment Director, Mincero Foundation

Bruce Tomlinson has decades of portfolio management and asset allocation experience on both alternative and traditional asset classes. Buy side experience with investment manager, insurance company, pension fund and foundation. Passionate about not for profit sector.

Portfolio management experience: Single asset coinvestments and funds across private and alternative credit, event driven, macro, relative value strategies, Australian equities, and asset allocation (derivative) overlays. Responsible for investing and managing direct private equity stakes in mid risk companies across energy, transport, agriculture, and insurance sectors. Governance/Board experience from various direct investments and coinvestments, and various not-for-profit Boards/committees.

Bruce has 5 years overseas experience in US and UK.



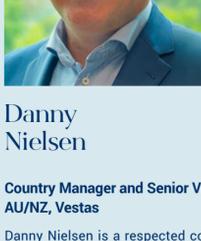
Professor Chris Turney

Pro Vice-Chancellor of Research, University of Technology Sydney

Professor Chris Turney is an award-winning British and Australian Earth scientist, entrepreneur and optimist. As Pro Vice-Chancellor of Research at the University of Technology Sydney, he is working with an amazing team to find solutions to environmental, social, and economic challenges facing the world today.

Chris champions the value of research findings in decision-making and passionate about universities supporting the decarbonization of the global economy to reach a net-zero economy. To help reach this goal, he was a Founding Director, Inventor and now Scientific Advisor to the New Zealand-based clean tech company CarbonScape (www.carbonscape.com) which has developed technology to convert plant material into locally-produced, sustainable, net zero bioengineered graphite for lithium-ion batteries.

Chris has published over 235 research papers and 4 books. Likened to Malcolm Gladwell (Publishers Weekly) and described as the 'new David Livingstone' (The Saturday Times), he is driven by a passion to share research findings and their implications with the public. Communicating scientific writing is at the core of what Chris does. He regularly writes articles and does interviews about research and exploration (including to The New York Times, The Guardian, CNN and The BBC). Chris is a Non-Executive Director of the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Board.



Danny Nielsen

Country Manager and Senior Vice President AU/NZ, Vestas

Danny Nielsen is a respected contributor to the wind industry and a pioneer in the renewable energy sector. With decades of experience in markets across Australia, New Zealand, Asia Pacific, China and Europe, Danny Nielsen also carries a deep understanding of Vestas – the world's leading designer, installer and maintainer of wind turbines.

Supporting the establishment of Vestas in Australia and New Zealand, he successfully managed a range of executive positions in the company for up to 21 years. This included the Head Chief Operating Officer for Vestas Asia Pacific & China before joining Blue Power Partners in 2019.



Amy Low

Brand and Marketing Director, Piping Hot Australia

Brand and Marketing Director of Piping Hot, Amy Low, is part of the team responsible for delivering the brand mission of making sustainability affordable and creating a global solution for clean oceans. Amy draws on more than 15 years' experience in fashion retail and brand management, engaging a diverse group of stakeholders in this endeavour.

Piping Hot is one of Australia's most well-loved surf brands. Piping Hot is synonymous with Australia's coastal lifestyle, offering a full range of sustainable fashion, footwear and accessories for families. Piping Hot's mission is to protect and serve the oceans as the most sustainable and affordable surf-wear offer in the market. Focusing on transparency, circularity and ocean impact, since July 2021 all Piping Hot products are made with low-impact materials.

Piping Hot is investing in material innovation, commissioning research with UTS to develop a biobased fibre made with algae that could transform the textile industry.

Piping Hot was recently named in the AFF's 2022 Sustainability Leaders List.



Anna Marsden

Managing Director, Great Barrier Reef Foundation

As Managing Director of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation (GBRF) since 2016, Anna has charted the development of a refreshed portfolio of Reef programs and steered the lead charity for the Great Barrier Reef to achieve record fundraising growth, bringing together corporate and private philanthropy with governments and science.

Anna has worked in leadership roles across the not for profit and creative industries for almost two decades. She was CEO of Queensland Ballet leading a major change program that achieved enormous growth. Her previous roles included General Manager - Creative for corporate communications agency Rowland, Development Director of the Queensland Art Gallery and GoMA, and General Manager at the Institute of Modern Art.

She has also held board positions with the Brisbane Festival, Brisbane Powerhouse and Circa. Anna was awarded the Australian Institute of Management's Not for Profit Manager of the Year (2013), a Winston Churchill Memorial Fellowship (2003), and Young Arts Manager of the Year (2001).

She is a member of The Prince's Charities International Sustainability Unit Advisory Group on Coral Reefs and the GBRF representative on the International Coral Reef Initiative. She sits on the GBRF's International Scientific Advisory Committee and the Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program executive committee.



Dr Ben Milligan

Secretariat Director, Global Ocean Accounts Partnership, UNSW

Dr Ben Milligan is a Scientia Fellow at the University of New South Wales, where he is Director of the Sustainable Development Reform Hub and Secretariat Director of the Global Ocean Accounts Partnership. Ben's work focuses on use of environmental information in public policymaking, and on the design of legal, institutional and policy frameworks for sustainable development. He is a member of the Expert Group advising the High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy, and Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the University College London Institute (UCL) for Sustainable Resources.



Bill Wall

Lead Sustainable Sourcing Manager (Seafood) – Coles

Bill Wall is the Lead Sustainable Sourcing Manager at Coles, where he leads and executes the sustainable seafood strategy overall and is developing a further vision for seafood sourcing with a key focus on conservation and regeneration.

Prior to joining Coles Bill spent 3 years managing the sustainable seafood program at Woolworths, tasked with assessing and transitioning all own brand and 'behind-the-counter' seafood to environmentally responsible sources.

Bill's earlier career was as at FishWise, a Californian sustainable seafood consultancy, where he helped to develop and implement multi-year sustainable seafood programs with major U.S. retailers such as Albertsons Companies and Target Corporation.

Bill completed a Bachelor of Technology (Aquaculture) at Flinders University, Adelaide, as well as diplomas in Business Administration and Marketing at the University of California, Berkeley. He currently serves on the steering committee for the National GS1 Traceability Advisory Group (NGTAG).



Cameron Grebe

Head of Environment, Renewables & Decommissioning, NOPSEMA

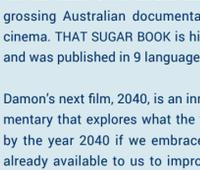
Cameron leads NOPSEMA's Environment, Renewables & Decommissioning Division since joining the regulator in August 2011, following 16 years as an environmental engineer, adviser, and manager at BHP, Woodside Energy and Shell Global Solutions International.

He is responsible for leading NOPSEMA's regulatory oversight of offshore renewable energy as well as decommissioning and environmental management for all offshore petroleum activities in Commonwealth waters.

Cameron led the inception and implementation of NOPSEMA's regulation of environmental management and streamlining program. He continues to work within NOPSEMA's leadership team to ensure offshore energy industries take place with appropriate protections for offshore workers and the environment. This has included substantial stakeholder engagement, reforms to improve transparency, consultation processes and more recently decommissioning and leads NOPSEMA's work with the Federal Government to establish and implement the offshore renewable energy regulatory framework.

Cameron is Australia's representative and current Chair of the International Offshore Petroleum Environment Regulators forum (IOPER) and a member of the National Committee for the Australasian Environmental Law Enforcement Network (AELERT).

Cameron holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Environmental Engineering) from RMIT University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Energy Studies from Murdoch University.



Damon Gameau

Director, Writer, Producer and Presenter

As a director Damon wrote, directed and performed most of the 2011 winning Tropfest short film, ANIMAL BEATBOX. THAT SUGAR FILM was Damon's first feature length film as a director and won Best Documentary at the Australian AACTA awards and became the highest grossing Australian documentary of all time at the cinema. THAT SUGAR BOOK is his first published book and was published in 9 languages.

Damon's next film, 2040, is an innovative feature documentary that explores what the future would look like by the year 2040 if we embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet. It was released in April 2019 and now sits in the top 4 highest grossing documentaries of all time in Australia at the cinema. Regenerating Australia is his most recent project which launched in March 2022, with a national tour of Australia. The film is accompanied with an impact campaign that includes a significant financial fund to develop and scale community solutions

Damon is a sought-after speaker and spoke at the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit in New York. Damon has also addressed numerous Governments around the world and spoken at organisations such as GOOGLE, BP, PWC, ANZ, ZURICH, ATSLASSIAN, UTAH CLEAN ENERGY, MASTERCARD, CREDIT SUISSE, CBA, HESTA and many more. He was a nomination for NSW for Australian of the Year in 2020.

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Daryl Karp AM

Director and CEO, Australian National Maritime Museum

Ms Daryl Karp has worked as a senior executive in the broadcast and cultural industries for over 20 years. Prior to her appointment as Director and CEO of the Australian National Maritime Museum she was the Director of the Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD) at Old Parliament House from 2013 to 2022. During her time at MoAD she established a strategic direction that focused on 'the spirit of Australian democracy and the power of your voice within it', positioning the museum as a new kind of town square, based on the democratic principles of equality, freedom, justice and representation.

Ms Karp is the Chair of the Canberra Writers Festival and served as Chair of the Council of Australasian Museum Directors from 2017 to 2021. She has previously held executive roles in broadcast media, independent production houses and the public sector. Previous roles have included CEO and Managing Director of Film Australia, Head of Factual Programs (Television) at the ABC, and Non-Executive Director for SBS. She has also served on the Boards of the Sydney Jewish Museum and the Australian Children's Television Foundation.



Drew Clarke AO FTSE

Chair, Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) Director, AEMO Services

Mr Clarke is currently Chair of the Australian Energy Market Operator, a Director of NBNCo, and a former Director of CSIRO. Drew's earlier career was in the Australian Public Service in science and policy roles. He has been working in energy policy for 20 years, including as Secretary of the Department of Resources and Energy, as Australia's representative on the Governing Board of the International Energy Agency, and in roles establishing ARENA and developing the National Energy Market.

Drake Clarke is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and was awarded an Order of Australia in 2016 for services to public administration. He Chairs the Energy Transition Research Committee at the Australian Council of Learned Academies.



Emily Albert

Executive Director and Head of Impact, Alberts

Emily is a Social Impact and Sustainability Strategist, and member of the 5th generation at Alberts. In her current role she is exploring the nexus between profit and purpose across all areas of the business, and focuses on how Alberts achieves a positive impact. Emily works with the Alberts Impact Ventures team investing in early-stage pioneering Australian businesses out to create a better tomorrow. She also manages Alberts Private Ancillary Fund, The Tony Foundation, which supports organisations using music to create improved life outcomes for young Australians. Prior to Alberts, Emily worked with a range of organisations in Australia and the UK on social impact design and measurement, sustainability strategies, sustainable supply chains and human rights approaches. She sees a great opportunity to mobilise capital, resources and everyday actions to create the world we want to live in.



Emma Herd

Partner, Climate Change and Sustainability – EY

Emma Herd is a Partner with EY's Climate Change and Sustainability team and is a skilled professional with over 20 years' experience in climate change, sustainable finance and sustainability practice.

Prior to joining EY, Emma was Chief Executive Officer of the Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC) (2015-2021), a member based industry association representing and working with institutional investors managing more than \$2.2tn in AUM implementing climate change and ESG responses across their portfolios and in their investment strategies. During this period, she was also Environment Commissioner for the NSW Greater Sydney Commission (2020-2021) focused on identifying opportunities for Sydney to become a regional leader in CleanTech, circular economy capabilities and physical risk and resilience.

Previously Emma worked in Westpac Banking Corporation and Westpac Institutional Bank for over 15 years across a range of sustainability strategy and reporting, environment, sustainable finance, climate change, carbon trading and ESG risk management roles.

She has worked directly in the development of finance, investment and business standards and initiatives focused on developing globally leading best practice for the Australian, New Zealand, Asia-Pacific and global financial sustainability practice. Emma was a founding member of the global Climate Action 100+ initiative, and Chair of the Global Steering Committee in 2020.

Emma is a regular media contributor on climate change matters and a respected voice on climate transition implications for business.

Today, Emma is a member of the Clean Energy Regulator's Corporate Emissions Reduction Transparency Advisory Committee, the Queensland Government Climate Change Advisory Council and Land Restoration Fund Investment Panel responsible for allocating A\$100m in funding to carbon projects across Queensland, the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) Greenstar Advisory Committee and was previously a member of the Australian Sustainable Finance Institute Steering Committee and sat on the board of the Carbon Market Institute for ten years.



Heidi Tait

CEO and Founder, Tangaroa Blue Foundation

Heidi Tait's love for the ocean comes from almost 20 years as a scuba diving instructor. In 2004 Heidi founded the Tangaroa Blue Foundation and the Australian Marine Debris Initiative (AMD) as a way of not only removing the ever-increasing loads of rubbish in our oceans, but more importantly finding ways that prevent marine debris from being released in the first place.

Today the AMDI has a network of more than 3500 partner organisations collaborating and contributing to the AMDI Database which is now the largest national marine debris database in the Southern Hemisphere.

Her mantra is "if all we do is clean-up, that's all we'll ever do", and this guides the work of Tangaroa Blue to inspire and catalyse action that has a long term positive impact on the health of our oceans. Heidi was named one of the "18 Most Influential Women in Ocean Conservation" by Ocean Geographic in 2018.



The Hon James Griffin MP

Minister For Environment and Heritage

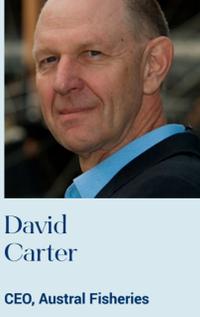
James Griffin is the Member for Manly in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly, and has represented Manly since April 2017.

In December 2021, James was appointed Minister for Environment and Heritage in the Perrottet Government.

The Minister is a conservationist, committed to protecting nature and rehabilitating ecosystems on the land and in the ocean. He wants to put Aboriginal land and ocean management techniques front and centre, and he's committed to protecting and celebrating our heritage.

Prior to being appointed a Minister, James was Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment, Veterans and Health. He was part of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Environment and Planning, and is the former Chair of the Legislation Review Committee.

Outside work, running helps him stay sane, as do his wife Elissa and two young children, Ted and Grace.



David Carter

CEO, Austral Fisheries

David Carter has worked his entire career at Austral Fisheries and its predecessors. After graduating from Melbourne University in 1978 with a Marine Science degree, David's first job was as a Deckhand on a prawn trawler off the coast of Darwin. This was the beginning of what has been a 44-year career in the fishing industry.

David has a strong commitment to sustainable, science-based fisheries management. He has helped numerous fisheries achieve sustainability certifications with the Marine Stewardship Council; campaigned and battled against Patagonian toothfish poachers to completely eradicate them from Australian toothfish fisheries; collaborated with NGOs such as WWF to improve global seafood sustainability standards, and in 2016, led Austral Fisheries to become the first carbon neutral seafood company in the world.

David was inducted into the National Seafood Industry Hall of Fame in 2012, and in 2020 he received the Marine Stewardship Council's Lifetime Achievement award.



Elizabeth O'Leary

Global Head of Agriculture & Natural Assets Macquarie Asset Management (MAM)

Elizabeth O'Leary oversees Macquarie Asset Management's (MAM) Agriculture and Natural Assets platform encompassing large-scale specialised funds and related investment vehicles. Under her leadership, MAM Agriculture and Natural Assets has become one of Australia's largest diversified agriculture portfolios. The platform has invested heavily in the development of methods of measuring, reducing and removing greenhouse gas emissions across its existing operations while expanding MAM's investment strategies into Natural Climate Solutions to increase carbon storage in landscapes and wetlands.

Prior to her current role, Elizabeth has two decades of experience in a number of senior corporate positions across Macquarie and worked in the Australian, UK and Hong Kong offices.



Dr Emma Carmody

Co-founder and Director, Legal and Partnerships – Restore Blue

Dr Emma Carmody is a co-founder and the Director of Legal and Partnerships of Restore Blue, a for-purpose business established in 2022 with the objective of restoring a minimum of 10,000 hectares of lost blue carbon wetlands by 2030.

Emma is also an international environmental lawyer with a long history of advising international organisations, treaty bodies, First Nations peoples, farmers and conservation groups in Australia and globally. She served as Legal Advisor to the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention Wetlands for the States (2017-2022), a position which required her to advise during complex multilateral negotiations between nation states, as well as interessionally. She also spent over a decade working for the Environmental Defenders Office, including as Managing Lawyer of the Freshwater Program, where her work resulted in significant improvements to water laws in Australia's Murray-Darling Basin (and for which she was the recipient of the 2018 Award for Most Outstanding Effort by an Individual at the NSW Environment Awards).

Emma's expertise has been recognised by listings in Best Lawyers in Australia (Water Law and Planning and Environmental Law). She is a fellow of the Peter Cullen Water and Environment Trust, sits on the Strategic Advisory Council of the Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA) and is an affiliate of the Australian National University Water Justice Hub.



Emma Jenkin

Partner, Kilara Capital

Emma Jenkin has over 20 years' experience in finance across portfolio management, fixed income and impact investing. She is considered a climate pioneer and has led a number of domestic and global innovations across the clean energy transition, ESG investing, carbon finance and emissions trading.

Initially working in investment banking, she also has entrepreneurial experience working directly in and with start-ups and early-stage ventures and has successfully established partnerships to accelerate innovation and product development. Emma is passionate about using her finance skills and experience to support climate restoration and biodiversity.



Erin Coldham

Chief Development Officer, Star of the South, Copenhagen Offshore Partners

Erin Coldham is the Chief Development Officer at Star of the South – Australia's first offshore wind project.

Erin brings decades of experience in major project planning and delivery and currently oversees Star of the South's planning and development activities, working with industry, regulators, policy-makers and local communities to bring offshore wind to regional Gippsland and the State of Victoria.

Erin is part of a global team of offshore wind specialists representing 30 nationalities across the world, delivering for one of the world's largest green energy fund managers, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners.

Included in A Word About Wind's Top 100 Women's Power List 2021, Erin is a champion for female talent in the energy industry and is driven by the positive opportunities offshore wind represents for Australia.



Professor Gretta Pecl

Professor of marine climate change and IPCC lead Author

Gretta Pecl is a Professor of marine ecology at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), and the Director of the Centre for Marine Socioecology (CMS) at UTAS. She has a diverse research background but currently spends most of her time exploring the impact of climate change on natural systems, and helping develop adaptation options for conservation, fisheries and aquaculture.

Gretta has a specific interest in how climate change is resulting in a redistribution of life on earth, and she leads several national and international efforts to better understand climate-driven changes to species distributions, including the citizen science initiative Redmap Australia and the Species on the Move international conference series. She is a Lead Author for the IPCC AR6 report, an Australian Research Council 'Future Fellow', and an associate editor for several leading international journals.

Gretta has been prominent in UN Decade of Ocean Science programmes, actions and working groups, including co-leading Future Seas 2030 and other major international initiatives. She has a strong passion for science communication and engagement with the public and is ranked in the top 200 most influential climate scientists in the world (and the top 20 women).

Dr Ian Cresswell

Co-chief Author National State of the Environment Report 2021

Dr Ian Cresswell has extensive experience working in environmental science in biodiversity conservation and discovery, wildlife regulation, protected areas and oceans governance.

He has led major programs in CSIRO both in marine science and terrestrial and freshwater ecology, as well as within the Australian Government. He is the Chair of the Atlas of Living Australia, the Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute, and the Resilient Landscapes National Environmental Science Program Hub, and sits on the board of the Western Australian Marine Science Institution.

For the past four years he has been the co-Chair of the national State of the Environment 2021 report, released in July 2022, and co-authored several chapters. In Tasmania he D sits on the boards of the Tasmanian Environment Protection Authority, the Royal Botanical Gardens and the Tasmanian Land Conservancy.

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Joanne Howarth

Founder and CEO, Planet Protector Packaging

It is her vision and inspirational leadership that drives their mission to be the leader in sustainable thermal packaging that does not harm the planet.

A passionate "environmentalist", her focus is on creating a legacy; their business aligns with 11 of the 17 UN SDG's. Armed with an Economics Degree and MBA from Sydney University, Joanne has 25 years' successful entrepreneurial experience but it is only now that she says "she is doing her life's best work".

Her story is one of someone who went from being a "waste offender" to a "sustainability crusader" after seeing the gargantuan volumes of polystyrene moving through her own foodservice logistics business.

In scouring the globe for a sustainable alternative, she discovered the thermal properties of wool and leveraged these to create the ingenious, award-winning WOOLPACK. Made from waste wool unsuitable for the textile industry, WOOLPACK is a building block for the circular economy and is transforming cold supply chains across the globe.

Planet Protector has won international acclaim for their disruptive innovation, in 2022 Jo was named Australia's first ever Laureate in the prestigious Cartier Women's Initiative. She is passionate about the oceans and business being a force for good.



Jonathan Fievez

CEO, Carnegie Clean Energy

Jonathan has a passion for sustainable practices, clean technology and the power of the ocean. He combines these passions at Carnegie Clean Energy, leading the company, and its subsidiaries, as CEO since 2018.

Earlier in his time at Carnegie, beginning in 2008, he was the Chief Technology Officer and headed up the development of the CETO wave energy technology through several large scale deployment projects in waters off Western Australia.

Jonathan is a qualified Mechatronic Engineer with broad experience covering areas such as business management, product development, mechanical and electronic design, intellectual property management and customer liaison. Prior to commencing at Carnegie, Jonathan was involved in the design and application of structural monitoring equipment throughout Europe including crack detection systems utilised in Eurofighter, Eurocopter and A380 aircraft designs.



Karl Watfern

Co-founder and CTO, Hullbot

Karl Watfern is an entrepreneur, electrical engineer, and environmentalist captivated by the potential of new technologies and innovation to address the big challenges of our time.

Karl has a deep affinity with the ocean, spending as much time as possible in, on, and under the water - surfing, sailing and regularly diving around Sydney, Australia. He found inspiration marrying his natural love of the ocean with the power of technology during a placement at CSIRO's Oceans and Atmospheres division in Hobart.

His latest venture, Hullbot, is an Australian startup with a clear mission - robots for healthy oceans. Hullbot develops underwater drone platforms that can inspect, map and interact with submerged structures. Karl leads the engineering team as chief technology officer as well as managing operations and business strategy.

Prior to founding Hullbot, Karl ran multiple small businesses, consulted as a freelance engineer and worked as a recording and touring musician.



Kylie Ahern

CEO and Founder, STEM Matters Publisher, The Brilliant

Kylie is an award-winning science and environment publisher and founder of several successful media publications. She began her career working across media titles in the UK and Australia before co-founding Cosmos Magazine in 2004 and G. Under her leadership, Cosmos became the leading science magazine and website in Australia, transforming the science sector by creating a new publishing category and raising the profile of countless Australian scientists.

After selling her stake in Cosmos, Kylie helped establish the Nature Publishing Group in Australia and New Zealand. In 2015, she founded STEM Matters which has become Australia's leading agency strategic communications and content agency for STEM sector.

In 2020, Kylie founded The Brilliant, a global science publication that showcases innovators in science communication.



Mark Ryan

Managing Director and CEO, Tassal Group

Mark is the Managing Director of the Tassal Group Ltd. Tassal is Australia's largest seafood and aquaculture business. Tassal is a vertically integrated business based in Tasmania, with an organisational focus on 'sustainably feeding tomorrow'.

In 2015, Tassal expanded its footprint and business offerings through the acquisition of De Costi Seafoods and more recently species diversification into prawns in Northern QLD. Mark has more than 30 years experience in strategy, finance and operational matters across many industries, with experience gained through Price-WaterhouseCoopers, Arthur Andersen and KordaMentha.

Mark currently sits on other boards, including the Tasmanian Salmonid Growers Association (TSGA) and Seafood Industries Australia (SIA).



Senator the Hon Murray Watt

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Emergency Management Senator for Queensland

Murray Watt is the Albanese Government's Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and Minister for Emergency Management. He has been a Labor Senator for Queensland since 2016.

Brisbane born and bred, Murray has strong family ties to regional Queensland, with both sides of his family having a long history in farming and teaching.

For over 20 years, Murray's working life has been spent as an advocate for others, as a lawyer, a public servant and as Chief of Staff to former Premier Anna Bligh. Murray also served one term as a Queensland State MP and Assistant Minister in health and economic portfolios.

Since his election in 2016, Murray played a key role in Senate Estimates and a range of Senate Committees including the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee.

As a Senator and Shadow Minister, he led a number of Senate inquiries into issues including regional development, energy and resources, emergency management and health care.



Dr Patrick Hone

Managing Director Fisheries Research and Development Corporation

Dr Patrick Hone was appointed Managing Director of the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) in December 2004. He is the current chair of the National Marine Science Committee, a member of the Australian Fisheries Management Forum, Chair of the Seafood Industry Safety Initiative, on the Australian Agrifood Data Exchange Advisory Council and a member of the Council of Rural Research and Development Corporations. Patrick has held previous board positions on the Aquafin CRC and Seafood CRC. He has more than 25 years working for FRDC, and has played a key role in the planning, management and funding of fishing and aquaculture related research, development and extension in Australia.

In recent years Patrick has become one of Australia's leading spokespeople on the role of marine and aquatic science, and evidence-based decision making. Patrick has a PhD from Adelaide University. He previously worked for the South Australian Department of Fisheries and then the newly formed, South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI). Patrick has worked on a wide range of research, including projects on Southern Bluefin Tuna, Pacific Oysters, Blue Mussels, Yellowtail Kingfish and Abalone.



Joe Morrison

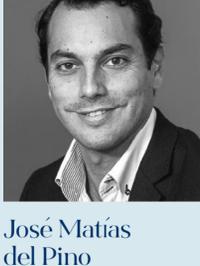
Group CEO, Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC)

Joe Morrison has Dagoman and Torres Strait Islander heritage and has over 30 years' experience working with Indigenous people in northern Australia, nationally and more recently globally. He has extensive advocacy, policy, research and practical experience across Indigenous communities, non-profit and government sectors.

He has a BA in Land Management from the University of Sydney and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of New South Wales.

He is currently the Group Chief Executive Officer of the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC), a corporate Commonwealth entity.

Prior to this, Morrison was the Managing Director of Six Seasons consulting, the Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Land Council and the founding CEO of the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA). He is currently a Director of the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre, International Savanna Fire Management Initiative, National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, Primary Partners Pty Ltd, Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia and a member of the AFL Indigenous Advisory Council.



José Matías del Pino

Co-founder and COO, OpenSC

José Matías del Pino is Co-founder and COO of OpenSC, a joint venture between the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Boston Consulting Group (BCG) that develops cutting-edge technology solutions to help companies demonstrate sustainable and ethical production in a transparent and data-driven way.

Prior to co-founding OpenSC he was part of the venture building part of The Boston Consulting Group (now BCG-X) across Europe and Asia-Pacific, where he built and launched a number of tech-enabled companies in various industries. Del Pino previously co-founded a VC-backed e-commerce technology solution and worked in supply chains for Procter & Gamble. He is passionate about the interaction between technology, climate and sustainability.

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Dr Katie Dafforn

Co-founder, Living Seawalls, Sydney Institute of Marine Science

Associate Professor Katie Dafforn is an environmental scientist recognised for her contributions to understanding and managing urban impacts in marine systems.

She has a PhD in Biological Sciences from the University of New South Wales and joined Macquarie University in 2018. Her recent research has focused on the ecological design of marine foreshores and her experimental work has contributed to several urban renewal projects. The findings have provided practical and policy tools for building marine infrastructure to reduce biosecurity risk.

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Raquel Carter

Chief Environmental Scientist, NOPSEMA

Raquel is NOPSEMA's Chief Environmental Scientist and an Environment Manager in NOPSEMA's Environment, Renewables & Decommissioning Division.

Raquel has a Master of Science (Environmental Science) and more than 20 years of experience in marine protected area management, biodiversity conservation, marine environmental impact assessment and offshore energy regulation.

While at NOPSEMA she has been involved in leading the change in NOPSEMA's strategic approach to the regulation of offshore energy projects in the face of rapidly evolving community expectations and government policy relating to of GHG emissions and climate change impacts.

Raquel is also responsible for overseeing the implementation of NOPSEMA's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Program and works collaboratively with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water in shaping the environmental regulatory posture for Australia's emerging of offshore wind industry.

Raquel also volunteers with the Pacific Blue Foundation to implement a seascape strategy in Beqa Lagoon Fiji. This initiative aims to empower local communities in achieving ecologically sustainable outcomes and economic development through nature-based solutions and livelihood diversification.



Sam Bastounas

CEO, Pacific Bio

Sam Bastounas is an experienced CEO who has worked extensively across Asia Pacific. He has a passion for sustainability, innovation, and disruptive technologies. He has led the transformation of Pacific Bio from a leading research organisation to a world leading circular economy business focused on water purity, sustainable onshore aquaculture, and regenerative agriculture.

Sam led the management buyout of Axio (now DKSH) a leading supplier of functional products for the food, life sciences and agriculture sector and served as President of Chemistry Australia. He was Australasian President of Nuplex (ASX:NZSX) and has built a highly engaged workforce in every organisation he has worked in producing great results for the business, its customers, and shareholders. He has also completed several successful mergers and acquisitions and has served on multiple boards as a non-executive director.



Sandy Laurie

Vice President, Roc Partners

Sandy is a Vice President in the Investment Team at Roc Partners – an Australian private equity firm which actively invests in natural capital. He is responsible for investment execution and ongoing portfolio company management, currently working with portfolio companies in carbon markets, hydroponic cropping, and horticulture.

Sandy is also actively identifying investments in blue carbon, fisheries, and aquaculture. Prior to joining Roc Partners, Sandy worked in M&A advisory at Greenhill & Co. in Sydney. Before commencing his professional career Sandy worked on his family's beef cattle grazing property in the Barrington Tops, NSW.

Sandy holds a Master of Agriculture & Environment from the University of Sydney, a Bachelor of Agricultural & Resource Economics from the University of New England, and in September will commence an MBA at Cambridge University.



Tony Goldner

Executive Director, Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures

Tony Goldner is the Executive Director of Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)

For over two decades, he has worked at the intersection of finance, sustainable ESG and climate change and interagency. Prior to joining the TNFD in September 2021, Tony was an adviser to government, financial sector and philanthropic leaders on a range of sustainable development challenges, including as a Senior Adviser with the World Bank Group. As a Partner at the strategy consultancy Monitor Deloitte, Tony led the development of national reform strategies at both a country and city level and advised government leaders on the design of governance arrangements and performance management frameworks for mobilizing strategic investment capital and delivery of policy outcomes aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He was a senior member of Monitor Group's global public sector advisory practice, has advised Fortune 500 US companies on their sustainability strategy and co-authored a seminal 2008 report on the investment behavior of Sovereign Wealth Funds.

Earlier in his career, Tony worked in infrastructure development and corporate finance in Australia and began his career in the Australian foreign service including a diplomatic posting in East Africa as a representative to UNEP and UN Habitat. He graduated as a Littauer Fellow from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and has degrees from Monash University and Sydney University.



Zoe Whitton

Managing Director, Pollination

Zoe Whitton is Head of Impact at Pollination Group, a specialist climate change and investment and advisory firm. Zoe assists companies and investors to navigate the impacts of climate change and to build new businesses and products which are transition aligned. She previously led the award-winning APAC ESG Research team at Citi, advising institutional investors globally on climate change and sustainable development. Earlier in her career Zoe covered ESG and climate change at Credit Suisse and at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, and served as a youth delegate to the UNFCCC. She serves on the boards of the Investor Group on Climate Change and the Centre for Policy Development, and on the Steering Committee of the Australian Climate Governance Initiative. She is also member of the Australian Sustainable Finance Institute's Technical Advisory Group, and the Sydney Environment Institute's Advisory Group.

Zoe has won numerous awards for her research and work on climate finance and risk, and regularly contributes to the wider conversation on sustainable finance by commenting in the Australian and international press along with various publications.



Dr Russell Reichelt AO FTSE

Australian Representative, Ocean Panel, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Chair, Marine Estate Management Authority, NSW

Russell Reichelt represents Australia's Prime Minister on the 17-nation High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy, also known as the Ocean Panel.

Russell has worked in Australian government agencies as Chair, CEO or board member across the fields of ocean and climate change policy, marine science, seafood and fisheries research and development, marine park management, and maritime transport safety.

Russell currently chairs the New South Wales Marine Estate Management Authority, and is a Board member of the Australian Climate Change Authority, Great Barrier Reef Foundation, and Ozfish Unlimited.



Sam Elsom

Co-founder and CEO, Sea Forest Ltd

Sam Elsom is co-founder and CEO of Sea Forest (Ltd), an innovative environmental bio-technology company developing the scaled cultivation of the red seaweed, Asparagopsis. This seaweed, when included in very low quantities, reduces the production of methane in ruminants such as cattle and sheep by over 90% and is the most prospective tool for Australia's agriculture industry to reach its carbon neutral target by 2030.

Sea Forest is set to make a significant impact on methane emissions reduction from livestock and dairy production with operations in Tasmania and has the potential to reduce over 1 million tonnes of CO2-e per year by 2023. Elsom is a passionate environmentalist and entrepreneur with over 15 year's experience in sustainability and is pioneering the development of a new and environmentally positive seaweed aquaculture industry in Australia.



Suluafi Brianna Frucan

Climate Activist and Pacific Climate Warrior

Suluafi Brianna Frucan is a Samoan Climate Activist who has been leading community grassroots projects pushing for climate justice for most of her life.

At 11, she became a founding member of 350 Samoa, becoming the youngest 350.org country coordinator. For thirteen years Brianna has been a climate organizer and campaigner working in both the local and international arenas. She is a proud Pacific Climate Warrior fighting for the survival of her islands.



The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP

Minister for the Environment and Water

Tanya Plibersek is the Minister for the Environment and Water, and the Federal Member for Sydney.

Between 2013 and 2019, Tanya was Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Deputy Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party. From 2013 to 2016, Tanya was also the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development. From 2017 to 2022 Tanya was the Shadow Minister for Education and the Shadow Minister for Women.

Tanya served as a Cabinet minister in the Gillard and Rudd Governments. Tanya was Minister for Health, Minister for Medical Research, Minister for Housing, Minister for Human Services, Minister for Social Inclusion, and Minister for the Status of Women.

Tanya grew up in the Sutherland Shire of Sydney and is the daughter of migrants from Slovenia. Like many newly arrived migrants, Tanya's parents helped build the country in which they made their new home. Her father worked on the Snowy River hydroelectric scheme in the 1950s.

Tanya holds a BA Communications (Hons) from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and a Master of Politics and Public Policy from Macquarie University. Before entering Parliament, Tanya worked in the Domestic Violence Unit of the NSW Ministry for the Status and Advancement of Women. Elected to Federal Parliament as the Member for Sydney in 1998, she spoke of her conviction that ordinary people working together can achieve positive change.

Tanya lives in Sydney with her husband Michael and her three children, Anna, Joseph and Louis.



Zali Steggall OAM

MP

Zali Steggall OAM is the Independent Member for the seat of Warringah in Sydney's North. She was formerly a barrister and is regarded as Australia's most successful Alpine Skier.

In 2019, Zali contested the Federal Parliamentary Seat of Warringah as an Independent Candidate. The seat had been held for nearly 25 years by former Prime Minister The Hon. Tony Abbott. In 2022, Zali retained the seat for a second term with an increased margin. As a Barrister Zali specialised in commercial, family and sports law for more than a decade.

Zali represented Australia at four Winter Olympic Games, her first at just 17. Zali won a bronze medal in slalom at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, and a World Championship gold medal Vail in 1999. She attended a fifth Olympics in 2018 in Pyeongchang as a member the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (ASADA) Anti-Doping Rule Violation Panel where she was one of 12 international representatives adjudicating on sports doping allegations through the International Court of Arbitration for Sport.

She has extensive business and leadership experience at board level and has had a strong focus on gender equity throughout all those appointments. She is a director of the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia, on the Council of Governors at Queenwood School for Girls in Mosman, and a member of the Sports Australia Hall of Fame.

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