



**OFFSHORE
WIND
AUSTRALIA**

OFFSHORE WIND CONFERENCE

Sydney, Australia

**Energising and
accelerating
the offshore
wind industry in
Australia**

Event Program
19-20 October 2022

Welcome



Andy Evans

Founder, Offshore Wind Australia

Co-Founder, Oceanex Energy and Star of the South

Australia is on the cusp of an exciting era of opportunity, with new forms of large-scale infrastructure, often just classified as energy projects, appearing to lead the way in driving future prosperity and giving an insight into what the future may look like.

Offshore wind energy is more than simply the production of a new form of electricity to feed into Australia's grid. Like similar proposed new energy initiatives such as hydrogen production and the electrification of transport, offshore wind is large-scale infrastructure that provides economic, social, technical, environmental and community benefits for current and future generations of Australians and plays to our strengths of innovation, hard work and utilising the many natural resources we are blessed with.

Offshore Wind Australia was established in late 2019 to give industry, investors, supply chain, local regions and communities a forum to meet, discuss and progress how the offshore wind industry will develop and most importantly, how we can actually execute a new opportunity for Australia and the region, beyond merely discussing policy and concepts. When the initial Offshore Wind Australia conference was scheduled in April 2020, and subsequently cancelled due to COVID-19, there was only one Australian offshore wind project progressing (the Star of the South) and no regulatory framework in place aside from a summary document released by the Commonwealth Government in January 2020 as to what an offshore energy regime may look like.

How times have changed in only a few years.

There are now nearly 30 projects that have been announced and the introduction by the Commonwealth Government of the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021 (Cth), which commenced in June 2022, provides a firm footing to provide certainty and encourage the further development of what is still a fledgling industry. This is only just the start.

To develop and build an offshore wind industry, it is critical that we have a deep understanding of what is actually required to be in place to physically do so and then set to work to implement it. The development of a robust 'community' of developers, investors, supply chain, advisors, local regions and key stakeholders, working together with governments, is critical to success and cannot be left until late in the process to progress.

We hope this conference provides an opportunity for those interested in driving the offshore wind industry forward in Australia a chance to meet and discuss how we can all work together to make offshore wind a key part of Australia's future prosperity, not merely another form of energy.

Cheers

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Andy Evans

20 October 2022

CONFERENCE ITINERARY

19-21 OCTOBER 2022

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Host
Wed 19 Oct 2022	6:00pm-8:00pm	Pre-Conference Drinks	Kimpton Margot Hotel, 339 Pitt Street, Sydney	Fugro, Star of the South, BMT Group, Aventus, Jacobs, Ausnet Services, Scottish Development International
Thur 20 Oct 2022	Registration from 8:15 - 8:45am	Conference	Kimpton Margot Hotel, 339 Pitt Street, Sydney	

CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2022

Time	Topic	Speakers	Host	Format
8:45-9:00	Welcome	Andy Evans, Offshore Wind Australia/Oceanex		
9:00-9:30	Setting the Regulatory Framework – Local and International Experience	Belinda Wilson, Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water Tim Power, White & Case Gareth Phillips, Pinsent Masons	DLA Piper Rhys Davies	Panel
9:30-10:00	Developing Offshore Wind Projects In Australia	Peter Sgardelis, Oceanex Energy Erin Coldham, Star of the South Tim Sawyer, Flotation Energy	GHD Taraz Saba	Panel

10:00-10:30	Stakeholders – Understanding and Identifying the Real Stakeholders and Issues	Jenni Forrester, Nation Partners Ben White, Marinus Link Jeanine Drummond, Integral Marine Miranda Taylor, NERA	RPS Fiona Thompson	Panel
10:30-11:15	Building Offshore Wind Farms What are the Components Involved in Offshore Wind Farms and What Regional Supply Chain Opportunities will there be?	Emily Scivetti, Oceanex Paul Cann, Aurecon Vidar Skjaeveland, Equinor	Bhagwan Marine Tim Glenister	Presentation
11:00-11:25	Morning Tea		Worley	
11:25-12:00	Connecting Australia and Its Power Requirements	Robert Tempone, Mondo Mike Young, EnergyCo Richard Lowe, Lumea	Marinus Link Ben White	Panel
12:00-12:45	Large Energy as Nationally Significant Projects	David Griffin, Sun Cable Bess Clark, Marinus Link John Blackburn AO, Institute for Integrated Economic Research Charles Rattray, Star of the South	Offshore Wind Australia Andy Evans	Panel
12:45-1:45	Lunch		Pinsent Masons	
1:45-2:15	Operating in the Marine Environment	Nick Ramsay, Fugro Darren Cormell, Subsea7 James Ives, XOCEAN Loui Kannikoski, Bhagwan Marine	Atlas Professionals Lara Taylor	Panel
2:15-2:45	Understanding Environmental Issues in the Marine Environment	Lisa McKinnon BMT Stuart Clough, APEM Tamara Al-Hashimi, RPS Petrina Raitt, Xodus	Aurecon Claire Whiteway	Panel

2:45-3:15	New and Key Learnings in Approving Large Energy and Infrastructure Projects – What can offshore wind learn from large infrastructure and offshore oil & gas?	Derek Langgongs, Jacobs Giulio Pinzone, Aventus Daniela Hajkova, Worley	Xodus Scott Hamilton	Panel
3:15-3:30	Afternoon Tea			
3:30-4:00	Investing in New Offshore Wind and Large Energy Markets – What do Investors Look for?	Matt Taylor, Green Giraffe Chris Mitchell, DLA Piper Katie Barnett, PwC Michael Hannibal, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners	White & Case Andrew Clark	Panel
4:00-4:30	Developing New Offshore Wind Markets – How is it done?	Linda Miles, Scottish Development International, Stewart Mullin, Global Wind Energy Council Vidar Skjaeveland, Equinor	Green Giraffe Matt Taylor	Panel
4:30-5:00	The Human Element Resourcing and Preparing Workforces for Large New Industries	Jim Caldwell, Atlas Professionals Boris Novak, HunterNet David Bridge, i3Net	PwC Guy Chandler	Panel
5:00	Closing Remarks	Andy Evans, Offshore Wind Australia/Oceanex		
5:00-6:30	Post-Conference Drinks at Kimpton Margot	Best to get Light Rail/Tram from Town Hall to Circular Quay		
7:00-11:30	Dinner at Museum of Contemporary Art	Host: Hamish Macdonald Keynote: John Blackburn AO Panel: International Offshore Wind Leaders - International Offshore Wind Pioneers/Luminaries	White & Case, Subsea7	

SPEAKERS



Tamara Al-Hashimi

Senior Principal Scientist | RPS Group

Tamara has over 22 years' experience delivering environmental approvals for large scale infrastructure projects in marine and coastal environments in Australia and the UK, across offshore wind, ports and harbours, and oil and gas. Working across the project development lifecycle from inception through to delivery, she provides strategic advice to inform the approvals strategy. Tamara has provided approvals support to the Star of the South project since 2017; and is the Deputy Project Director and technical lead for the marine mammals and underwater noise scopes. Tamara has also led delivery of due diligence environmental constraints and feasibility studies for confidential offshore wind clients across NSW, Victoria, Tasmania, Western Australia and New Zealand.



Air Vice Marshall John Blackburn, AO (Ret'd)

Chair | Institute for Integrated Economic Research - Australia

John Blackburn is the Chair of the Institute for Integrated Economic Research – Australia. He retired from the Royal Australian Air Force in 2008 as the Deputy Chief of the Air Force, following a career as an F/A-18 fighter pilot, test pilot and strategic planner. Since 2008, John has consulted to Industry and Government Agencies and has undertaken a range of National Security and Resilience related studies under the Institute for Integrated Economic Research - Australia, the Australian Security Leaders Climate Group, the Kokoda Foundation, and the Sir Richard Williams Foundation. For the past two years he has led a National Resilience Project that has highlighted a lack of resilience in addressing the pandemic, climate change impacts, energy transition, and growing regional security threats.



Katie Barnett

Partner, Energy Transition, Deals | PwC

Katie Barnett is a Partner and Energy lead in PwC Australia's Energy Transition, Deals practice. With an executive career spanning over twenty years in the power, renewable energy and infrastructure sectors, Katie brings a wealth of experience in greenfield/brownfield M&A, project finance, asset operations and management, and equity and debt capital markets. In over A\$18 billion worth of completed deals and more than 50 transactions, Katie has demonstrated strong technical skills in strategy development, commercial analysis, valuation, legal analysis and taxation in the power sector. Prior to PwC, Katie was the founding CEO/CFO of Powering Australia Renewables (PoWAR), at the time a privately-held, \$1.5b /+800MW renewable energy business. Before that, she was Head of Project Finance, International Development at Origin Energy. Earlier in her career, Katie was an investment banker in Babcock & Brown's Infrastructure & Project Finance team. Katie holds a Master of Applied Finance, a Bachelor of Business, Applied Finance and Accounting and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



David Bridge

Director and Lead Consultant | i3Net

David is the Chairman of i3net, the Illawarra Innovative Industry Network, a leading network of industry-based companies working from the Illawarra. From bolts to blast furnaces, from 3D printing to submarines, i3net provides access to the Illawarra's vast range of manufacturers, engineering service providers and industrial suppliers.

David is also a degree qualified and certified practicing senior project manager, with more than 30 years of portfolio, program and project management experience. His industry sector experience includes Energy, (including renewables), Advanced Manufacturing, Mining, Local Government, Light Rail and Defence. David has been the recipient of two global corporate awards for project delivery excellence.



Jim Caldwell

Chief Executive Officer | Atlas Professionals

Jim was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the then newly formed Atlas Professionals in July 2017 which operates as a joint venture between Atlas Professionals and Programmed in Australia and New Zealand. Jim's career has seen him work both in Australia and internationally having held a variety of roles in the Oil and Gas sector and UK military. He is a passionate believer in the development of the offshore wind sector as part of the energy transition for Australia and has positioned Atlas to support the growth. Most recently Atlas Professionals received their accreditation as the first climate neutral offshore service provider in Australia a fact that he is very proud of.



Paul Cann

Lead Consultant Power Generation | Aurecon

Paul leads multi-disciplinary teams to design and deliver major renewable energy projects. He has extensive people and project management experience across the design and construction, transmission and grid connection, commissioning and operations and maintenance project phases. This has been gained working on world-leading offshore wind projects in the UK and Europe, large Australian onshore wind farms and emerging battery technologies.

He has more than 10 years' experience in roles as Design Manager, Project Manager, Technical Advisor and has held responsibility for implementation of work on onshore and offshore substations, asset management and quality assurance. Paul has a proven track record in site management including offshore platforms and substations where general safety and electrical system safety are critical.



Guy Chandler

Partner | PwC

Guy is a Partner with PwC with over 20 years of management and digital consulting experience in asset intensive industries.

The energy transition requires businesses, especially those in carbon-exposed industries, to rethink their business and operating models. Guy works with these organisations to accelerate their profitable growth and evolution through the design and delivery of digital strategies and business transformation programs.

Guy is a 'Top MBA' and 'Alumnus of the Year' award winner, with an MBA from the University of Queensland, and postgraduate certificates from Stanford University in Energy Innovation and Emerging Technologies, and Strategic Decision Management.



Bess Clark

Chief Executive Officer | Marinus Link

Bess established Project Marinus in 2017 as a General Manager at Tasmania's electricity network business TasNetworks. The Project Marinus team progressed feasibility and business case assessments and supporting regulatory investment assessments, with Marinus Link now recognised as a key part of Australia's future electricity grid. Marinus Link Pty Ltd was established as an operating subsidiary business of TasNetworks in December 2021, with Bess appointed inaugural CEO. Bess has over 25 years of experience in the utilities and infrastructure sectors, holding executive roles at TasNetworks and Transend, and project and stakeholder roles at Sydney Water, focusing on business strategy, large projects, regulation, government and stakeholder relations. Bess holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Graduate Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning, is an AICD graduate and Director of the Tasmanian Leaders Board.



Andrew Clark
Partner | White & Case

Andrew is regarded as one of Asia Pacific's leading projects lawyers. He has over 20 years' experience in the development of major power and infrastructure projects and works with organisations at the forefront of renewable energy, particularly in the wind, solar and hydro sectors. He recently advised the lenders on the 640 MW Yunlin offshore wind project and the sponsor on the 600 MW Changfang and Xidao offshore wind projects in Taiwan. In addition, he is advising on offshore wind developments in Japan, Taiwan, Korea and Australia, including Australia's first proposed offshore wind farm – the 2,000 MW Star of the South project. He is recognised in Best Lawyers as one of the leading Energy, Government, Transportation and Project Finance and Development lawyers in Australia and by Chambers Global as one of the leading lawyers in Australia in Projects, Construction and Energy and Natural Resources.



Dr Stuart Clough
Group Board Director and President | APEM Ltd

Stuart has a PhD in animal behaviour from the University of St Andrews, Scotland, and trained as an aquatic ecologist. He has published numerous scientific papers on a broad range of ecological topics.

Stuart has pioneered the development of digital aerial surveys to monitor a wide range of environmental issues including the potential impacts arising from renewable energy technologies such as offshore wind.

The APEM Group are the global leaders in airborne offshore wildlife surveys, and have delivered comprehensive survey programmes in Europe, USA, southeast Asia and Australia, both for offshore wind developers and for regulatory and nature conservation bodies.



Erin Coldham
Chief Development Officer | Star of the South

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 development activities, working with industry, regulators, policy-makers and local communities to bring offshore wind to regional Gippsland and the State of Victoria. 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.



Darren Cormell
VP Strategy, Energy Transition | Subsea7

Darren started his career in the Oil and Gas engineering and contracting sector in 1994, working for eleven years with Clough Offshore in project management and engineering roles, based in Australia and working across south east Asia.

Darren is a Mechanical Engineer having graduated from the University of Western Australia in 1993.

Since joining Subsea 7 in 2006, Darren has held a number of country, regional and corporate management positions based in Perth, Australia, Glasgow, Houston and London.

Darren is based in corporate headquarters in London, as Vice President – Strategy & Energy Transition working in this role since February 2020.



Rhys Davies

Partner | DLA Piper

Rhys is a Partner of DLA Piper with over 15 years' experience advising in relation to a range of environmental, social and governance matters, with an emphasis on developing and financing mining, energy, infrastructure and real estate projects. Rhys' experience includes advising project sponsors, lenders, funds and governments in relation to regulatory and policy frameworks regarding topics including ecological impacts, climate change, biodiversity loss, human rights and responsible business practices. His regulatory experience includes environmental impact assessment, planning, compulsory acquisition, emissions licencing, contaminated land, mining and natural resources, water, native title and cultural heritage law. Rhys is the International Sustainability & ESG Lead at DLA Piper.



Captain Jeanine Drummond

MD, Principal Maritime Advisor | Integral Maritime

As an experienced maritime transportation and supply chain industry leader, Captain Jeanine Drummond has an extensive background across our industry sectors, at sea and ashore, across operations, development, and commercial, in Australia and overseas. Jeanine is currently Managing Director and Principal Maritime Advisor at Integral Maritime. She is passionate about providing sustainable and innovative port and maritime solutions that deliver safe, effective, and efficient operations while delivering pathways where 100% of the Australian population can embark on a maritime career journey. Jeanine is a strong advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion in maritime.



Andy Evans

Founder/Chief Executive Officer | Oceanex Energy

Andy Evans is a co-founder and the Chief Executive Officer of Oceanex Energy, a developer of large-scale offshore wind energy projects located off the coast of Australia and associated land-based infrastructure required to deliver energy to market. Prior to co-founding Oceanex Energy, Andy was one of the co-founders and inaugural CEO of the Star of the South, Australia's first proposed offshore wind farm, with a proposed capacity of approximately 2,000MW, located off the south coast of Gippsland, Victoria, and also the holder of the first set of exploration rights for offshore wind farms granted in Australia.



Jenni Forrester

Technical Director | Nation Partners

Jenni Forrester is Director Stakeholder Relations and Communications at Nation Partners, an infrastructure, environment and stakeholder advisory business supporting Australian offshore wind development for almost five years.

Jenni is known for pragmatic stakeholder relations strategies that build enduring relationships and reduce risks to approvals, major infrastructure projects and change programs.

Her experience on highly-scrutinised projects includes Australia's first offshore wind project Star of the South, Melbourne Airport Rail, West Gate Tunnel, Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project and East West Link.

Jenni specialises in project development and planning approval processes, bringing rigour to engagement programs to genuinely inform decisions, build trust and contribute to project licence to operate.

**Tim Glenister****Regional Manager | Bhagwan Marine**

Tim Glenister is Victorian Regional Manager for Bhagwan Marine, Australia's largest privately owned & diverse marine service provider.

After starting his career working as a project manager in Western Australia for Neptune Marine Services, Tim has been involved in offshore, subsea & port & marine projects.

He is passionate about new technology and potential for offshore wind development in Australia.

Outside Tim has a passion for snow skiing so hence keen to see current warming trends reduced!

**David Griffin****Founder/Chief Executive Officer | Sun Cable**

David Griffin was noted as one of Australia's top 100 Green Power Players by The Australian newspaper in 2022. Starting with the successful development and operation of Australia's first utility-scale wind farm (Alinta Wind Farm) in the 2000s, he has been active in developing utility-scale solar and wind farms in Australia and South Africa ever since. Through his own development companies, his chairmanship of Terrain Solar, and during his time as General Manager of Development at Infigen Energy, he has developed gigawatts of wind and solar farms. Whilst travelling across Australia, he was always struck by the abundant solar resource and suitable land that was available for renewable electricity generation. As a result, Sun Cable was founded with the initial objective of developing the Australia-Asia PowerLink, a first of a kind in terms of the scale of dispatchable renewable generation and intercontinental transmission.

**Daniela Hajkova****Business Development, Low Carbon Energy | Worley**

Daniela has been working in energy industry for over 10 years, first in UK and Netherlands focusing on offshore wind and green hydrogen in Europe and Central Asia market and most currently based in Melbourne, Australia. Daniela's role within the offshore wind team is to grow capability, industry relations and offshore wind portfolio in the emerging market. In 2012 she graduated at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland with MSC in international business in energy. Her thesis topic was "The Level of Health and Safety in Offshore Wind, Wave and Tidal industry."

Daniela has been selected by Transition Economist as one of 100 Women of Energy Transition in 2021.

**Scott Hamilton****Renewables Manager | Xodus Group**

Scott leads the global renewables service line at Xodus, with operational responsibility for offices in UK, US and Japan – as well as a specific focus on supply chain analysis, due diligence, and techno-economic analysis.

Scott currently co-chairs the Supply Chain and Clusters working Group for the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council (SOWEC) alongside the Scottish Minister for Business, and holds a corresponding role on the UK Government's Floating Offshore Wind Task Force. Scott advises governments at state and national level to optimise their resources for the industrial opportunity from offshore wind, and advises developers and finance institutions on how to maximise their investments into projects and acquisitions.



Michael Hannibal

Partner | Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners

Michael joined CIP in 2017 as Partner and is responsible for CIP's Floating wind development, and responsible partner for the technical solutions in relation to the offshore development projects. Michael has worked more than 26 years within power generation business, on different types of power plants, including hydro power generation, substations and electrical transmission and distribution systems. Michael started his career in ABB where he had approximately 10 years as a high voltage engineer and general management positions, followed by approximately 13 years in Siemens Wind Power. Michael has a track record of more than 20 years with renewable energy business, including more than 7 years as CEO Siemens Offshore Wind.



James Ives

Founder/Chief Executive Officer | XOCEAN

James is the founder and CEO of XOCEAN. He is passionate about technology and a leading advocate for the sustainable management of our oceans through data. He holds an Engineering Degree, is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of Engineers Ireland.

XOCEAN operates a fleet of Uncrewed Surface Vessels (USVs), which are a proprietary design and purpose built to provide a safe, low carbon, and economic solution for the collection of ocean data.

XOCEAN provides efficient and sustainable offshore windfarm data, from surveys during development and construction through to routine integrity inspections during operation.



Loui Kannikoski

Founder/Managing Director | Bhagwan Marine

Loui Kannikoski is the founder and managing director of Bhagwan Marine who have been operating for over 20 years. Bhagwan is a leading provider of offshore services, commercial diving, port services, marine & civil construction support, subsea services & project management and marine logistics.

Originating from Geraldton with a family background in Cray fishing, Loui has been instrumental in the growth of Bhagwan Marine to what it is today.

Loui and Bhagwan have been involved in most major offshore projects within Australia & pride themselves on their can do attitude.

He is looking forward to the future of offshore wind and benefits it will bring.



Derek Langgons

Director of Operations, Environment Solutions, Aus/NZ | Jacobs

Derek has over 25 years' experience in environmental consulting including periods based in Asia and Europe. He currently leads Jacobs' Environmental Solutions business across Australia and New Zealand. This business consists of around 250 passionate and innovative practitioners providing advisory and consulting services in planning and environmental approvals, environmental and heritage management, stakeholder and community engagement and social planning. The team works collaboratively with clients, regulators and communities to achieve Jacobs' purpose of a more connected and sustainable world.



Richard Lowe

Chief Executive Officer | Lumea

Richard is the Chief Executive Officer of Lumea, a leading energy infrastructure provider with 13GW of connection assets completed or under construction. Lumea operates throughout Australia offering connections services, integrated energy management and energy storage solutions and carrier grade telecommunications to large load customers and renewable energy generators.

Richard has over 30 years' experience in domestic and international markets specialising in infrastructure and real assets. His executive management roles include executive and non-executive director roles across listed and unlisted markets including with Macquarie, Asian Development Bank and NM Rothschilds.

Richard has a long standing commitment to applying ESG principles to infrastructure development and operation, including across ports, transportation, energy, telecommunications and data and health and education. He strongly believes that well-planned infrastructure is a critical enabler of opportunity for individuals and better outcomes for communities.



Lisa McKinnon

Principal Scientist | BMT Group

Lisa McKinnon is an experienced Principal Environmental Scientist at BMT with 22 years' experience in the environmental management, sustainability and climate change areas. Lisa has led major environmental assessments and construction management for a number of large-scale infrastructure and master planning projects, concentrating on impacts within the marine environment. She has been heavily involved in the infancy of a number of offshore wind projects in Australia, performing marine environmental impact assessments, preparing approval applications and planning field work across Australia.



Linda Miles

Senior Trade Specialist for Energy and Low Carbon Transition
Scottish Development International

Linda Miles is a Senior Trade Specialist for Energy and Low Carbon Transition with Scottish Development International, the Scottish Government's trade and investment agency. She is focused on promoting Scotland's energy sector capabilities in Australia and identifying trade opportunities for Scottish companies in renewable energy and energy transition. Offshore wind, green hydrogen and ocean energy projects are of particular interest.

Originally from the UK, Linda moved to Perth 30 years ago and has had a varied career which started in market research. The past 13 years have been immersed in international trade, following ten years in small business as a tour bus operator, showing Western Australia off to international backpackers and students.



Chris Mitchell

Partner | DLA Piper

Chris is a Partner of DLA Piper. He is an experienced Corporate, M&A and Projects lawyer who advises clients on a broad range of investments, acquisitions, joint venturing arrangements, disposals and project developments in a variety of industry sectors but with a particular focus on the renewable energy and broader energy, infrastructure and substantiality sectors. Chris regularly acts for both local and international investors and, separately, project sponsors and developers. His experience and expertise extends to a broad cross section of asset classes including offshore wind, onshore wind and solar, utility scale batteries, pump hydro storage, compressed air storage, behind-the-meter projects, hydrogen, EV charging infrastructure and emerging energy technologies.



Stewart Mullin

Chief Operating Officer | Global Wind Energy Council

With over 15 years' experience as a senior executive in wind, Stewart has worked for the world's leading wind turbine manufacturers (Siemens Wind Power and MHI Vestas) and has significant supply chain development experience. As an integral member of the executive management teams, he was responsible for strategic relationships with governments, international institutions and trade associations.

Stewart has established offshore wind in emerging and next generation markets; expanded offshore wind's impact in the green energy transition (Power2X); worked on unlocking the potential of floating offshore wind; and advocating the transformational socioeconomic value offshore wind provides for communities across the globe.



Boris Novak

Industry Advisor, Co-Lead New H2, Hunter Hydrogen Tech Cluster | HunterNet

After a career as an Electrical Engineering Officer in the Royal Australia Air Force and exiting his Systems Engineering firm of nearly 20 years, Boris Novak was engaged by HunterNet Co-Operative in early 2019 as an Industry Advisor where he actively organises Forums and education around Resources and Energy, Infrastructure & Asset Management, Environment and Sustainability and Defence. He is the co-lead of NewH2, the Hunter Hydrogen Technology Cluster, is the Judge for The Collaboration Award in The Hunter Manufacturing Awards and is a member of the Hunter Medical Research Institute Foundation. Privately he enjoys kitesurfing and aerobatic flying.



Gareth Phillips

Partner | Pinsent Masons

Gareth is a lawyer who specialises in the consenting, financing, acquisition and disposal of offshore wind projects. He understands the full lifecycle of these projects and is well-used to balancing regulatory and commercial factors, bringing together multi-disciplinary teams. A Word About Wind has ranked Gareth in its Legal Power List 2022 – the fourth edition of an independent power ranking that showcases the top 100 lawyers that exert the most influence on the wind industry globally, through the deals they work on and the advice they provide.

Gareth has been advising on offshore wind projects in Europe for over 10 years and achieved consent for those projects under multiple regimes in the different jurisdictions. His recent success includes securing development consent for Ørsted in relation to the 2.9GW Hornsea Three Offshore Wind Farm, and more recently he has led the consent team for the Hornsea Four project of similar scale, due to be consented in early 2023.



Giulio Pinzone

Managing Director & Principal Environmental Consultant | Aventus Consulting

Giulio Pinzone founded Aventus Consulting in 2009 and has 23 years' experience in environmental impact assessment, environmental management and compliance auditing for the energy industry, with extensive experience in onshore and offshore petroleum and linear infrastructure.

Giulio has worked on a plethora of projects in Bass Strait (Victorian and Commonwealth waters), including drilling, geophysical and geotechnical surveys, seismic surveys, gas pipelines and all aspects of the Basslink Project approvals, which included time on the cable lay vessel as a marine mammal observer. Giulio has submitted over 40 Environment Plans to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA).

**Tim Power****Partner | White & Case**

Tim Power is a partner at White & Case and has advised on the environmental and planning assessment and approval of renewable energy projects in Australia for over 20 years. He has also been working on the Star of the South offshore wind farm since its inception and is advising a number of stakeholders in the Australian offshore wind industry on the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021 and its implications for their projects.

**Petrina Raitt****Head of EIA Strategy and Innovation | Xodus Group**

Petrina Raitt is an environmental scientist with over twenty years professional experience within government agencies and energy industries in Australia. Her experience extends to the provision of strategic regulatory and environmental advice, environmental impact assessment and approvals, stakeholder management and ESG due diligence.

Petrina has held lead environment roles in significant offshore and onshore resource and infrastructure projects and government roles in environmental regulation and emergency response. Petrina currently works closely with operators to maximise project approval certainty and achieve better environmental and commercial outcomes through robust environmental and social impact assessment and the adoption of digital tools, targeted education, and robust knowledge management.

**Nick Ramsey****Senior Principal Geotechnical Engineer | Fugro**

Nick has more than 30 years' experience providing advanced site characterisation and foundation assessments for O&G and wind-farm projects offshore Australasia, Europe, America, Africa, and Asia. In Nick's experience, the only geotechnical engineering constant is that all sites are different. So, in Nick's opinion, ignoring the possibility of ground-related problems on any offshore project would be akin to ignoring the possibility of an unhappy outcome when picking up a solitary hitchhiker travelling at night to an uninhabited house in remote Transylvania...

Nick is a Chartered Engineer in both Australia and New Zealand. He has presented invited lectures on advanced site characterisation in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, U.S.A., China, India, and Vietnam.

**Charles Rattray****Chief Executive Officer | Star of the South**

Charles commenced his professional life at Duntroon in Canberra and achieved the rank of Captain in the Army. This was followed by 15 years in investment banking and finance. He worked on varied opportunities such as mining and minerals in emerging markets, renewable projects (wind and solar), PPPs in Australia and UK and acquiring discounted debt securities during the Global Financial Crisis. In more recent times Charles has held executive level roles in large utilities focused on renewables, new business in energy transition and acquisitions. Most recently Charles was Managing Director of IPP in Australia with around 500MW of installed capacity and projects at various stages from early development to construction and into operations.



Taraz Saba

Senior Technical Director and Power Generation
Service Line Leader APAC | GHD

Taraz Saba is Senior Technical Director and Power Generation Service Line Leader in GHD for APAC region. Taraz has over 25 years of direct experience in study, design, planning, technical advisory, and delivery of renewable power projects, in particular wind farms. His wind farm expertise goes back to 1993 and covers full spectrum of wind farm projects' development, construction and operation life cycle. Taraz has held senior and executive roles in engineering consultancies and worked on over 50GW of renewable power projects worldwide. Recently, Taraz has been involved in several offshore wind projects in the APAC region. He is the Technical Lead for the Victorian Offshore Wind Cost-Benefit Analysis and Business Case project that GHD-Nous are doing for DELWP, which has directly supported the recent announcement of game-changing offshore wind targets by the Victorian Government.



Emily Scivetti

Chief Operating Officer | Oceanex Energy

Emily spent the first part of her career managing an investment portfolio for property developers, Morgan & Banks. She then led a multi-million-dollar social enterprise with 70 staff across four business units as COO at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern. Emily went on to develop major infrastructure projects and was the Commercial Manager and Deputy Project Director on TransGrid's 700 km high voltage interconnector, EnergyConnect. Before joining Oceanex Energy in early 2022, Emily authored supply chain and local content strategies for the NSW Government as part of the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap.



Tim Sawyer

MD, Flotation Australia, Chief International Officer
of Flotation plc | Flotation Energy

Tim Sawyer is Managing Director of Flotation Energy Australia and Chief International Officer of Flotation Energy plc, a specialist offshore wind developer focusing on mature and emerging markets including the UK, Asia and Australia. Flotation Energy has a proven track record in the development and delivery of offshore wind projects, with the team delivering some 3GW of fixed offshore wind in the UK, including the world's largest offshore floating wind project (the 50MW Kincardine Offshore Floating Wind). Tim leads Flotation Energy's subsidiaries in Taiwan, Japan and Australia, including the 1.5GW Seadragon Offshore Wind project in Victoria and 1GW Perth Array in Western Australia.

After starting his career in applied oceanographic research in the UK, Tim has been focused on offshore renewable energy for over 20 years including development of several offshore wind, wave and tidal projects in the UK and Asia Pacific. He is passionate about, and committed to delivering, the energy transition and seeing offshore wind flourish in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.



Peter Sgardelis

Founder/Chief Development Officer | Oceanex Energy

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Vidar Skjaeveland

Head of Business Development, Asia/Pacific
New Initiatives | Equinor

Vidar is a former officer in the Royal Norwegian Armed Forces. Broad experience in Equinor; exploration, sourcing and contracting, operations, strategy and renewable energy from 2005 to current date.

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Matthew Taylor

Managing Director | Green Giraffe

Matthew Taylor is a Managing Director of Green Giraffe, coordinating business activities across the APAC region.

Over the past 15 years, Matthew has led advisory mandates for offshore wind projects around the world, including buy- and sell-side equity transactions, green and brownfield debt raisings, bid preparations for tenders, and key project contract negotiations. Most recently he led the restructuring of the debt for a Taiwanese offshore wind farm, and in Australia advised Oceanex on a partnership with Equinor.

Prior to joining Green Giraffe, Matthew worked at RES, a UK based global IPP, and Garrad Hassan (now DNV-GL), a UK based technical advisor.

Matthew holds an MEng in aeronautics from Imperial College in London.



Miranda Taylor

Chief Executive Officer | National Energy Resources Australia

Miranda is a strategic and adaptive leader driving collaboration and innovation to improve productivity performance of the energy resources sector and to decarbonise, diversify and digitise and transform Australia's economy through the commercialisation of low emissions and smart technology supply chains.

CEO of NERA since its inception in 2016, Miranda brings a deep and broad range of energy and resources industry experience, skills and capabilities. Her leadership of NERA is bringing together the country's best minds from technology, research and enterprise to achieve NERA's vision of Australia as a global energy powerhouse, a sought-after destination of investment and leading source of knowledge and solutions.



Lara Taylor

Manager - Special Projects | Atlas Professionals

Lara started working in the oil and gas industry since 2008.

Lara's experience mainly lies in the offshore marine and drilling space. She has worked in recruitment, commercial and contract advisory, Indigenous engagement, marine traineeships, and project coordination roles.

Lara now manages the Renewables division for Atlas Australia and is focused on supporting the local transition into offshore wind. Her current work includes looking at skill and training requirements for offshore wind roles in Australia. This includes working with the industry and education institutions to map workforce pathways for those wanting to diversify their skills and enter this new energy sector. Additionally, Lara and the team at Atlas work with international clients to advise on the nature of the offshore landscape in Australia, vessel availability and the Australian labour market.



Robert Tempone

GM Commercial Development & Investments | Mondo

Robert Tempone is the General Manager of Commercial Development & Investments in AusNet Services' Development and Future Networks business. Robert has more than a decade of experience in the energy infrastructure sector and has connected over 2,000MW of renewables and storage projects to the grid.

Robert leads the strategic development and execution of growth pursuits for AusNet Services, with responsibility for creation of new commercial prospects and the commercial and investment execution of energy infrastructure projects. These projects range from the development and delivery of transmission linear infrastructure (i.e. lines) and substations to connect renewables and load, through to battery storage projects and large scale augmentations of the transmission network (i.e. Renewable Energy Zones).



Fiona Thompson

NSW/ACT State Lead, Director, Communication & Engagement | RPS Group

Fiona is a well-rounded public affairs and engagement professional, with more than 15 years' experience managing large, integrated teams on complex and high-risk communications programs. With experience across all areas of communications, engagement and public affairs, Fiona's expertise includes customer and community engagement, corporate and employee communications, media, government and stakeholder relations, and market engagement. Fiona works across the project lifecycle from strategic business case development to project implementation, ensuring community is at the heart of decision making. She brings experience in senior leadership roles and major projects for the government, energy, transport and water sectors.



Benjamin White

Executive Manager, External Affairs | Marinus Link

Benjamin White is Executive Manager, External Affairs at Marinus Link Pty. Ltd. Marinus Link is a 1500MW electricity interconnector between Tasmania and Victoria. Benjamin is an experienced executive leader with a strong record of delivery - covering corporate affairs, stakeholder engagement and government relations, strategy, investment attraction, land acquisition, environmental approvals, program design and project management, with Board and Cabinet level advisory on water & energy infrastructure. All underpinned by authentic and extensive relationships, nationwide.



Claire Whiteway

Associate, Environment and Planning | Aurecon

Claire has over 13+ years' experience and a passionate focus on the energy industry and the future of offshore wind. Claire has been responsible for feasibility and development stage site identification, and preliminary environmental assessments across multiple offshore wind farms in Europe in addition to environmental lead on a floating offshore wind test project and other offshore energy developments including wave technologies. Claire is primarily involved in the project development stages - environmental de-risking, survey scoping and preliminary assessments, and stakeholder engagement, before taking projects through assessments and approvals.

Claire is able to draw on her international energy experience to help clients navigate the local Australian context and support the nascent offshore wind industry succeed in Australia.

**Belinda Wilson**

Offshore Renewable Energy Lead | Dept Climate Change, Energy, Environment, Water

Belinda Wilson leads the offshore renewable energy section in the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW). Offshore Wind is one of Australia's first offshore renewable energy technologies to be progressed.

Belinda has a wealth of knowledge and years of experience in regulatory regimes, brings high levels of enthusiasm and integrity to her work and has been pivotal in developing the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021 that entered into force on 2 June 2022. Belinda's expertise and knowledge has been incredibly valuable for the industry in Australia. Belinda and her team have been engaging with global partners in key emerging markets, to bring learnings back to the Australian context. This is an especially important time for offshore wind in Australia, in order to establish a local offshore wind industry. Belinda is now working with her team on the process of declaring suitable areas for offshore renewable energy projects and building further detail into the new regulatory regime that enables offshore wind development in Australia.

**Mike Young**

Executive Director, Planning and Communities | Energy Corporation of NSW

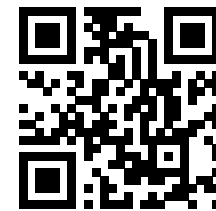
Mike is responsible for land use planning and engagement with regional communities in NSW's five Renewable Energy Zones, including whole-of-REZ strategic planning, environmental approvals for transmission lines, land access and acquisition, community benefit sharing, and development of an offshore wind policy for NSW.

Mike has extensive experience in the environmental and stakeholder management field and is a leader in NSW energy and resource planning and assessments. Mike has more than 25 years' experience working on major mining and energy infrastructure projects across NSW.

Mike holds a degree in Science, Master of Environmental Science and Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law.



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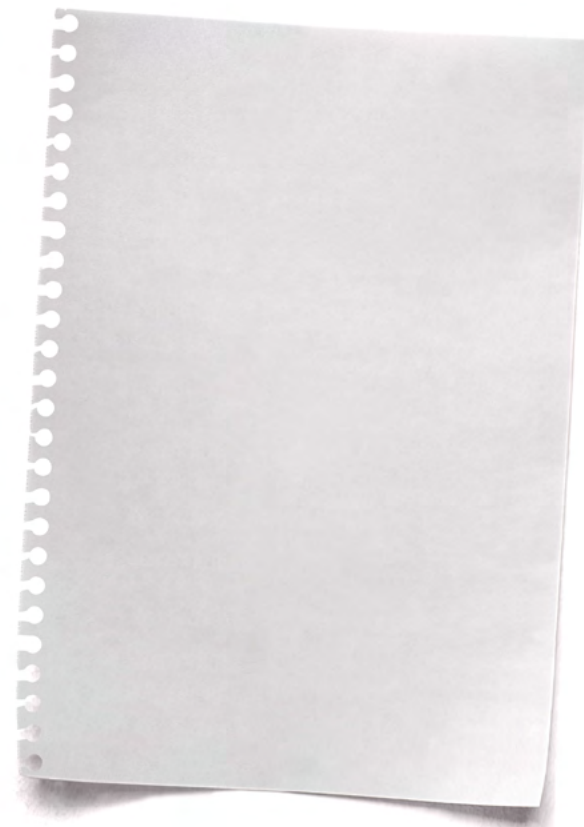
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Hamish has won a Walkley award for current affairs journalism and was named Young Journalist of the Year by Britain's Royal Television Society in 2008. In 2016 he was awarded a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University; he now sits on the Walkley's Judging Board.



Keynote Speaker

Air Vice-Marshal John Blackburn AO Retd

Chair, Institute for Integrated Research, Australia

John Blackburn is the Chair of the Institute for Integrated Economic Research – Australia. He retired from the Royal Australian Air Force in 2008 as the Deputy Chief of the Air Force, following a career as an F/A-18 fighter pilot, test pilot and strategic planner. Since 2008, John has consulted to Industry and Government Agencies and has undertaken a range of National Security and Resilience related studies under the Institute for Integrated Economic Research - Australia, the Australian Security Leaders Climate Group, the Kokoda Foundation, and the Sir Richard Williams Foundation. For the past two years he has led a National Resilience Project that has highlighted a lack of resilience in addressing the pandemic, climate change impacts, energy transition, and growing regional security threats.

Panel discussion



Lord Nicol Stephen

Executive Chairman, Flotation Energy plc.

Nicol Stephen's background is in corporate finance, law and politics. He has been developing successful offshore and onshore renewable energy businesses for more than a decade. Nicol is an entrepreneur with a strong track record of founding, growing and selling companies. He was previously Deputy First Minister of Scotland and the country's Energy Minister. In this role he did a great deal to support the growth of the renewables sector. As a life peer he now sits as a member of the House of Lords. In 2013, he founded Pilot Offshore Renewables (Kincardine) with Allan MacAskill, which has now developed the world's largest floating wind project.



Michael Hannibal

Partner | Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners

Michael joined CIP in 2017 as Partner and is responsible for CIP's Floating wind development, and responsible partner for the technical solutions in relation to the offshore development projects. Michael has worked more than 26 years within power generation business, on different types of power plants, including hydro power generation, substations and electrical transmission and distribution systems. Michael started his career in ABB where he had approximately 10 years as a high voltage engineer and general management positions, followed by approximately 13 years in Siemens Wind Power. Michael has a track record of more than 20 years with renewable energy business, including more than 7 years as CEO Siemens Offshore Wind.



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