



## SEQCA Community Planning Conference 2023: Conference Program and Speaker Profiles

### Conference Program

8.50 am	<b>Conference registration</b>
9.00 am	Welcome and housekeeping
9.05 – 10.45 am	<b>Session 1: Grow – Can we do it better?</b> Mr John Mongard; Ms Amy Degenhart; Dr Mark Limb and Ms Rachel Gallagher
10.45-11.10 am	Morning tea
11.10-12.30 pm	<b>Session 2: Climate change and planning</b> Dr Philippa England; Mr John Brisbin; Mr Shannon Mooney; Cr Greg Christensen
12.30 -1.15 pm	Lunch
1.15 – 1.30 pm	<b>Keynote address</b> Ms Michelle Cottrell
1.30 – 2.45 pm	<b>Session 3: Panel discussion</b> Dr Laurel Johnson (chair), Ms Michelle Cottrell; Ms Revel Pointon; Ms Julie Brook
2.45-3.00 pm	Afternoon tea
3.00 – 4.00 pm	<b>Session 4: Workshop on climate change and planning</b>

## Speaker Profiles

**Mr John Mongard** is principal at John Mongard Landscape Architects (JMLA), an award winning design practice focused on ecologically sustainable place-making. JMLA has undertaken place-making throughout Australia over the last thirty years. Its goal of achieving sustainable place-making begins at the whole-of-town level and continues through the design and construction phases. Community engagement, activations, and installations form part of a process of tactical and temporal urbanism. JMLA aims to facilitate and celebrate local culture.

**Ms Amy Degenhart** is the Director of degenhartSHEDD and a member of the Queensland Government's Expert Panel on Housing. With a Bachelor of Architecture (Honours) from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, Amy has 35 years of experience designing innovative and affordable housing in Queensland, including as a consultant for Stockland, Metricon Homes, Economic Development Queensland, Lend Lease and Landmatters Currumbin. Amy is the founder of Bubbl Up and Urban Pure, where she is focused on creating tiny-lot and mixed-use housing. Amy believes these are key to solving the issue of housing affordability – and doing so in a way that not only benefits buyers' wallets, but also contributes positively to their lifestyles and communities.

**Dr Mark Limb** is a qualified urban planner with more than a decade of experience in strategic and statutory land use planning, and a full member of the Planning Institute of Australia. His doctoral research evaluated the implementation of two decades of compact city policy in greater Brisbane. Mark currently coordinates and lectures undergraduate units in Planning and Design Practice, Urban Planning Practice, and Stakeholder Engagement. His ongoing research interests include policy evaluation, infill development, land use planning, and active transportation.

**Ms Rachel Gallagher** is a member of the Policy and Strategic research team at QShelter. She is a public policy professional with research interests in geography, housing and planning. Rachel is also a qualified lawyer and has previously worked in private practice and with the Queensland Government as a senior planner. Her current research interests include: how cities adapt to changing conditions such as rapid population growth or decline, natural disasters, deindustrialisation and climate change; using GIS to track changes to urban layouts over time, including city blocks, streets and property parcels; and how urban policy influences (or fails to influence) desired settlement patterns.

**Dr Philippa England** is an adjunct senior lecturer at Griffith University where she taught planning and environmental law for many years. She is the author of *Planning in Queensland: Policy, Law and Practice*, Federation Press, 2019.

**Mr John Brisbin** is a resident of Mount Molloy in the far north-east of Queensland, at the headwaters of the Mitchell River. He has been active with a number of NRM groups over the past decade, serving variously in technical, operational, and governance roles for the Arid Lands Environment Centre, the Northern Territory NRM Board, Cape York NRM, Northern Gulf NRM, the Mitchell River Watershed Management Group, and the Kowanyama Indigenous Land & Sea Ranger program. John's background is in complex information systems and social ecology. He's worked with many State and Commonwealth agencies in Australia since arriving here in 1995. John is committed to growing an environmental economy and local-scale self-sufficiency to support right livelihoods and a cultural coming of age in Australia.

**Mr Shannon Mooney** is a recent freelance environmental consultant and knowledge specialist on all matters natural in SEQ. Shannon worked for Healthy Land and Water for over 6 years and, before that, for SEQ Catchments and Natural Resource Management SEQ for over 13 years.

**Cr Greg Christensen** is Mayor of Scenic Rim Regional Council having been re-elected for his second term in March 2020. Greg's professional career spans the manufacturing, mining and agriculture sectors. He holds a Masters degree in International Management and accreditations in Executive Coaching and Mentoring. Greg is committed to delivering strong leadership to the region's communities to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead and to building a strong region together.

**Ms Michelle Cottrell** is a Director in the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and is leading the review of ShapingSEQ. She brings over 17 years' experience working with private and public sector organisations across Australasia and the United Kingdom on urban planning and infrastructure projects. Michelle has broad experience within the planning field from development assessment to master planning and strategic policy, and has worked on significant city shaping projects such as Cross River Rail and policy such as the Mayor's London Plan and Transport Strategy. As a consultant, prior to joining government, Michelle led work on the Northern Inter Urban Break and Underutilised Urban Footprint Study as part of delivering ShapingSEQ 2017.

**Dr Laurel Johnson** is a UQ academic, director of Laurel Johnson Planning and holder of the PIA Outstanding Woman in Planning Award for 2021. Laurel is concerned about the narrowing of participation in planning and the gaping chasm between the mostly beautiful words in Strategic plans and what often happens on the ground at the site level.

**Ms Revel Pointon** is the managing lawyer for Southern and Central Queensland at the Environmental Defender's Office, Brisbane. Revel has been helping to defend our environment and empower the community on planning and environmental issues since 2011, and prior to that she specialised in planning law with Minter Ellison. She was the recipient of the Mahla Pearlman Young Environmental Lawyer of the Year award in 2019.

**Ms Julie Brook** is a Registered Planner with an MBA. She is the current volunteer convenor of the Planning Institute of Australia Policy and Advocacy Committee for Queensland. Julie specialises in local and regional planning strategies and the integration of natural hazards especially from a strategic, governance and settlement pattern perspective. She is passionate about housing diversity and the challenges of local government in today's complex world.