

Community Infrastructure Forum

Date: Wednesday 24 June 2015

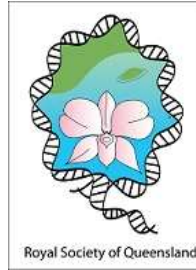
Time: 8.30am – 1pm

Brisbane Venue: The Kindler Theatre, P421, QUT Gardens Point

Start Time	Time	Topic	Description	Speaker
8.30am	30min	Pre-event registration and setup	Guests arrive.	
9.00am	10min	RSQ Welcome	Background to the event and concern of scientists. Common ground between the two professional bodies (lack of due process; fuel security)	Geoff Edwards PhD, President, Royal Society of Queensland
9.10am	10min	EA Welcome	The importance of sustainable infrastructure planning and delivery	Chris Warnock FIEAust CPEng RPEQ, Queensland Division President, Engineers Australia

Chris Warnock:

- Recognised the traditional custodians of this land, and paid respects to their elders, past, present and future;
- Thanked Engineers Australia's Queensland Division sponsors:
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- Explained that this is an interactive event and encouraged the audience to participate as much as possible



Biography for Dr Richard Denniss:

Dr Richard Denniss is an economist and Executive Director of independent think tank The Australia Institute. Richard contributes columns to The Canberra Times and Australian Financial Review and has co-authored *Affluenza, An Introduction to Australian Public Policy: Theory and Practice*, and the forthcoming *Minority Policy – Rethinking Government when Parliament Matters* with Brenton Prosser.

9.20am	30mins	Use and misuse of economic modelling in project advocacy	The Australia Institute	Dr Richard Denniss
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Biography for Dr Adrian Volders:

Adrian holds a PhD in Environmental Economics from the University of Tasmania and a Masters in Public Policy from Deakin University. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Australian Rivers Institute at Griffith University and is currently on the Board of Queensland Trust for Nature and a Member of the Healthy Waterways Executive Scientific Advice Committee. Adrian has extensive experience in both the water and natural resource management sectors across Australia. Prior to becoming a consultant five years ago Adrian held a number of senior positions with SEQWater and has extensive experience in the strategic management of catchments with competing land uses.

9.50am	30mins	Economic value of green assets	Sustainability Queensland	Dr Adrian Volders
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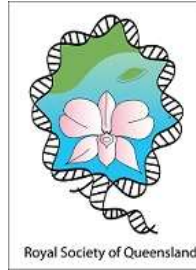
Biography for Mr Simon Warner:

Simon Warner is Chief Executive Officer and Director of SEQ Catchments Ltd. He is also Chairman of SEQC Offsets Ltd and a director of Tactiv Limited. He is an experienced corporate manager with significant involvement in a wide range of senior executive roles including Chief Operating Officer, and General Manager Logistics and Human Resources with Grainco Australia. Simon is currently a Member of Regional Development Australia – Ipswich and West Moreton Committee.

Simon has also held Director positions with the Port of Brisbane Corporation, Bulk Terminals Australia, Australian Bulk Alliance, and Grainco Australia Limited Subsidiary Companies. He was also Chairman of the National Grower Register. Simon lives at Murphys Creek in the Lockyer Valley and operates a small grazing holding.

10.20am	30mins	Case studies of creating economic value through NRM	SEQ Catchments	Mr Simon Warner
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10.50am	30mins	Morning Tea		
Dr Edwards launched <i>Proceedings of the Royal Society of Queensland</i> vol.119, the latest in a series first published in 1884.				



Biography for Prof John Quiggin:

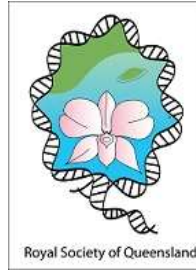
John Quiggin is an Australian Laureate Fellow in Economics at the University of Queensland. He is prominent both as a research economist and as a commentator on Australian economic policy. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society, the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and many other learned societies and institutions. He has produced over 1500 publications, including six books and over 200 refereed journal articles, in fields including decision theory, environmental economics, production economics, and the theory of economic growth. He has also written on policy topics including climate change, micro-economic reform, privatisation, employment policy and the management of the Murray-Darling river system. His latest book, *Zombie Economics: How Dead Ideas Still Walk Among Us*, was released in 2010 by Princeton University Press, and has been translated into eight languages.

11.20am	30mins	The use and misuse of economics in State budgeting	University of Queensland	Professor John Quiggin
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Biography for Dr Scott Laurent:

Scott is an engineer economist who has worked for thirty years in transport planning in Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia. He has experience in network and concept planning, transport demand modelling, traffic capacity, business cases, wider economic benefits and financial analysis. He was head of discipline for transport planning in Queensland Main Roads prior to joining Jacobs. Recent projects Scott has worked on include the Adelaide South Road corridor, Glenelg Tram extension and Auckland Light Rail. Scott gathered the project database and wrote the transport aspects of the paper on which this presentation is based.

11.50am	30mins	Politics, Finance and Transport in South East Queensland: National and international comparison	Jacobs	Dr Scott Laurent
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Biography for Wally Wight:

Wally Wight is an urban and regional planner, transport planner, and Adjunct Senior Research fellow with Curtin University. He has long experience in both public and private sectors. In his professional career, he has worked with engineering-based multi-disciplinary consultancies and has led project teams in planning, site/route selection, feasibility studies and impact assessment of major infrastructure projects from highways and high-voltage transmission lines to urban developments. A highlight was leading the study team for the site selection and pre-feasibility study for Expo 88.

Having grown up in a post-peak oil community in Alberta Canada, Wally has firsthand knowledge and experience of the oil and gas industry, and of the vulnerability of communities to oil depletion. Wally is the co-ordinator of the Brisbane Chapter of the Association for the Study of Peak Oil Australia. Wally has developed expertise in the management of vulnerability to oil depletion risks.

12.20am	30mins	Peak oil, peak oil investment and fuel security	Queensland Chapter, Association for the Study of Peak Oil Australia	Wally Wight
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12.50pm		Closing remarks		
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Closing Remarks:

- Thank you to Engineers Australia’s Queensland Division sponsors:
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- Thanks to speakers, all eminent and busy people who all agreed readily to present and to leave presentations for web publication
- Thanks to Barry Jahnke (Usher); Sara James (Events Manager, EAQ); and the Royal Society’s Steering Committee
- Thanks QUT Institute for Future Environments for use of their facilities
- Thank participants and request they complete survey
- Invite all attendees to stay and network.

1.00pm		Networking and buffet lunch		
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Follow-up action:

1. A summary of the proceedings will be prepared by the two sponsor bodies.
2. On a show of hands, on the motion of Neil Davidson, there was wide agreement that there would be benefit in a follow-up meeting to pursue the ideas raised. The Royal Society agreed to arrange an event within a couple of weeks.

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