

MWA Bendigo 2027

**Smarter, Faster,
Greener Municipal Works**

Prince of Wales Showgrounds | Bendigo
WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH TO THURSDAY 18TH MARCH



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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CONFERENCE THEME

Smarter, Faster, Greener Municipal Works

Welcome to MWA Bendigo 2027, bringing together local government works professionals, engineers, industry specialists and suppliers to share ideas, strengthen connections and explore the future of municipal works.

Our theme, “Smarter, Faster, Greener Municipal Works”, highlights practical ways to improve how we plan, deliver, and maintain the infrastructure and services our communities rely on. From artificial intelligence and equipment innovation to energy efficiency, recycling and sustainable asset management, the program connects fresh thinking with real council experience.

Alongside technical presentations and project case studies, our keynote speakers offer perspectives on leadership, resilience, teamwork and performing under pressure.

The exhibition and practical demonstrations provide further opportunities to discover new solutions and speak directly with the people behind them.

We look forward to two days of learning, conversation and discovery—and to the ideas you will take back to your council, workplace and community.

KEYNOTE Speakers



Steve Moneghetti AM

Australia's greatest ever marathon runner

What does it take to sustain high performance when the pressure builds? Australian marathon legend Steve Moneghetti AM draws on his elite-sport experience to explore the discipline, preparation, and resilience behind lasting success. With lessons for municipal works teams and leaders alike, Steve shares how clear goals, consistent effort and a strong sense of purpose can help us navigate setbacks, build endurance and perform at our best.



Narelle Fraser

Former Detective, Homicide, Rape and Sexual Crimes Squads

Drawing on her experience investigating some of the most confronting crimes, former detective Narelle Fraser explores resilience, decision-making and the human impact of working under pressure. Drawing on personal insights from a career spent saving lives and facing death, Narelle reflects on managing stress, recognising our limits, and supporting those around us. Her story offers valuable lessons for municipal works leaders and teams navigating demanding roles and difficult situations.



Dr Sarah Lawley

Founder & Director, RPD Insights

As Australia's energy landscape evolves, councils face important decisions about how they power their facilities, fleets and services. Dr Sarah Lawley draws on more than 20 years of energy sector experience to explore how smarter energy planning can support greener municipal operations. From procurement and risk management to infrastructure investment, Sarah offers insights to help councils balance sustainability goals with cost, reliability and long-term operational needs.



David Campese AM

Wallabies Legend & Rugby World Cup Champion

How do you spot an opportunity, back your judgement and deliver when the pressure is on? Wallabies legend and Rugby World Cup champion David Campese AM draws on his remarkable sporting career to explore faster thinking, smarter decisions and the confidence to try something different. Through memorable stories from international rugby, David shares insights into teamwork, resilience and creativity, offering municipal works leaders and teams a fresh perspective on tackling challenges and performing together.

Program

Wednesday 17th March 2027

8.00 am REGISTRATION OPEN
9.00 am EXHIBITION HALL OPENS

SESSION 1 – WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Chaired by: Darren Findlay | Works Coordinator, Hobsons Bay City Council

- 8.30 am to 8.45 am • **SMARTER, FASTER, GREENER MUNICIPAL WORKS**
Dr Peter Ali | Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Works Australia
- 8.45 am to 9.20 am • **GREENER BY DESIGN: The Australian Energy Market**
Dr Sarah Lawley | Founder & Director, RPD Insights
- 9.20 am to 10.00 am • **FASTER WITH PURPOSE: Building Endurance, Resilience and High Performance**
Steve Moneghetti AM | Australia's greatest ever marathon runner
- 10.00 am to 10.30 am • **SMARTER SURFACES: Asphalt Innovation for Better Local Roads**
Presenter | Boral Asphalt Technical Division

10.30 am to 11.30 am **MORNING TEA & EXHIBITION HALL VISIT**

SESSION 2 – WORKS INNOVATION

Chaired by: Brian Weeks | President MWA Queensland

- 11.30 am to 12.00 pm • **SMARTER MACHINES: Komatsu Specialisation for Municipal Works**
Mafraz Amjah | Komatsu
- 12.00 pm to 12.30 pm • **SMARTER PROTECTION: A New Class of Crash Attenuator for Road Workers – An Australian Innovation Story**
John Ferguson | Director, ProTx
- 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm • **GREENER CONCRETE: A New Paradigm in Concrete Recycling**
Dr Tuan Nguyen | Technical and R&D Director, R2Crete

1.00 pm to 1.45 pm **BUFFET LUNCH & EXHIBITION HALL VISIT**
Hosted by: Darren Findlay | Works Coordinator, City of Hobson Bay

SESSION 3 – THE NEXT GENERATION IN MUNICIPAL WORKS

- 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm • **GETTING A START AND STAYING AHEAD**
Hosted by: Sheridan Kilner | AGA Intowork
Olivia Salamone | Team Leader Construction Engineering, Knox City
Ruby Ali | Graduate Engineer - Waste & Resource Recovery, SMEC
Harrison Chirio | Senior Consultant, Ninety Mile Consulting
- 2.30 pm to 3.00 pm • **THE GRADUATE PERSPECTIVE**
Anthony Eid, Michael Mekhaee, Dawa Dawa & Doha Safa | City of Whittlesea
- 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm • **SMARTER THROUGH SHARED EXPERIENCE: Lessons from a European and UK Study Tour**
Anthony Kyrkou | Manager Engineering and Capital Works Delivery, City of Moonee Valley

SESSION 4 – OUTDOOR DEMONSTRATIONS

Hosted by: Darren Findlay | Works Coordinator, Hobsons Bay City Council

- 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm • Experience firsthand the exciting product and service demonstrations highlighting the cutting-edge innovations in municipal works. Don't miss this opportunity to see the latest advancements!

6.00 pm to 10.00 pm **KOMATSU CONFERENCE DINNER**

Venue: Bendigo Showgrounds Function Centre

- **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**
Mauro Starc | Board Chair, Municipal Works Australia
- **DINNER ENTERTAINMENT**
TO BE ANNOUNCED

Thursday 18th March 2027

8.00 am REGISTRATION OPEN
8.30 am EXHIBITION HALL OPEN

SESSION 5 – TOOLBOX SESSION

- 7.30 am to 8.30 am • Municipal works staff from the City of Greater Bendigo and neighbouring councils in the Bendigo region! Get ready for an exclusive and engaging toolbox session designed just for you.

SESSION 6 – BREAKFAST & CONNECTIONS

- 8.30 am to 8.40 am • **A WARM WELCOME: Start the Day with MWA**
Peter Donato | Clarence City Council & MWA Events Committee
- 8.40 am to 8.50 am • **WELCOME FROM THE CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO**
Mayor Cr Thomas Prince | City of Greater Bendigo
- 8.50 am to 9.30 am • **SMARTER UNDER PRESSURE: Lessons in Resilience from Saving Lives and Facing Death**
Narelle Fraser | Former Detective, Homicide, Rape and Sexual Crimes Squads

9.30 am to 10.15 am **BREAKFAST & EXHIBITION HALL VISIT**

SESSION 7 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT CASE STUDIES

Chaired by: Brett Quarrier | Manager Works, City of Greater Bendigo

- 10.15 am to 10.45 am • **SMARTER ORGANISATIONS: Putting AI to Work in Local Government**
Ben Harries | Director Service Delivery, City of Moonee Valley

- 10.45 am to 11.15 am • **GREENER HEATING: Replacing an Ageing Gas Boiler with Energy-Efficient Heat Pumps**
Gemma Portelli | Project Manager & Julian Summers – Senior Project Manager, City of Moonee Valley
- 11.15 am to 11.45 am • **SMARTER CITIES THROUGH INNOVATION: The UiLab Experience in Logan**
Ash Ivory | Ventures Lead, UiLab

11.45 am to 12.30 pm **LUNCH**

SESSION 8 – PARKS & OPEN SPACE

Chaired by: Tim Greenham | Municipal Works Australia

- 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm • **SMARTER SPORTING SPACES: A Stadium Build Case Study**
Jarrod Hill | Chief Executive Officer, SportEng
- 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm • **GREENER COMMUNITIES: Understanding Australian Tree Management Standards**
Carl Dalla Riva | Managing Director, The Tree Company Arboriculture Services
- 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm • **DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS OF PERMEABLE PAVEMENTS**
Patrick Jeschke | City of Whittlesea

SESSION 9 – ROUND UP

- 2.15 pm to 3.00 pm • **FASTER THINKING, SMARTER DECISIONS: Lessons from a Rugby World Cup Champion**
David Campese AM | Wallabies Legend & Rugby World Cup Champion
- 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm • **CONFERENCE CLOSE**
Dr Peter Ali | CEO, Municipal Works Australia

Friday 19th March 2027

- 9.30 am to 11.00 am • **SITE TOUR: The City of Bendigo Active Transport Hub**
Michael McIntyre | City of Greater Bendigo

Start the morning with breakfast at **Galkangu GovHub**, Bendigo's landmark state and local government building in the city centre. With one of Victoria's largest mass timber frames and a 6-Star Green Star rating, it offers an impressive setting to start the tour. From Galkangu, join a walking tour of the **Mundy Street separated cycling corridor**, a \$3.74 million project connecting McCrae Street to Back Creek. Explore the new McCrae Street pedestrian signals and public open space before finishing at the **Farmer Lane Ramp**, where new access, retaining walls and a raised safety platform connect to the Bendigo Low Line.

Meeting Point: Galkangu GovHub | 195–229 Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo
 Level Ground – Yapena Meeting Room 06 (50)

Trade Floor Presentation Area

Wednesday 17th March 2027

- 10.30 am to 11.30 am • **ROADS OF THE EAST FORUM**
CONVENER: Nathan Hadfield | Coordinator Construction, Knox City Council
- 1.00 pm to 1.45 pm • **GREENWAY WEED SOLUTIONS – Session 1**
Dale Tunstall | General Manager, Greenway Weed Solutions

Thursday 18th March 2027

- 9.30 am to 10.15 am • **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FIRESIDE CHAT**
CONVENER: Ford Davis | Ninety-Mile Consulting
- 11.45 am to 12.30 pm • **GREENWAY WEED SOLUTIONS – Session 2**
Steve Hampton | Technical Field Agent, Greenway Weed Solutions

ACCOMMODATION & Tourism

Begin your Bendigo adventure at the iconic historic Post Office, home to the official Bendigo Visitor Centre.

Our dedicated local experts provide a comprehensive service to make your trip unforgettable.

We offer personalised bookings for accommodation, tours, and attractions, alongside a wealth of resources including detailed maps, visitor guides, and insider tips on the best places to dine and shop.

Remember to quote **NWEC2027** for any bookings.

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Accommodation: <https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/bendigo-accommodation>

COMPANIES

that exhibited at MWA Bendigo 2026

PLANT, MACHINERY, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

- AGCO Australia
- Brandt
- Bucher Municipal
- Construction Equipment Australia
- Daimler Truck Australia Pacific
- Easyquip
- Farm and Diesel
- Greenworks
- Hako
- HiDrive
- International Mowers
- Komatsu Australia
- KOR Equipment Solutions
- Midstate Machinery
- Porter Plant Hire
- Proquip
- RDO Equipment
- SME Mowers
- Stihl
- Sweepers n Scrubbers
- William Adams

ROADS, PAVEMENTS AND CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

- Bild Group
- Boral
- Chook Civil
- Downer EDI Group – Upatch
- EME Contracting
- Fulton Hogan Industries

- Hiway
- Leading Civil Solutions
- Murphy's Spray and Blast Equipment
- Stabilco
- Stabilised Pavements of Australia
- SuperSealing

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, ROAD SAFETY AND SIGNAGE

- Adelaide Signs Group
- Artcraft
- Ausroads
- Delnorth Group
- DeNeefe Signs
- Game Traffic Control
- Modus Traffic and Transport
- Road Safety Services and Maintenance
- Roadside Safety Solutions
- Safer Roads
- Uniform Safety Signs

PIPES, DRAINAGE AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

- Bates Pipes and Products
- Colbrook Industries
- EJ
- Flocon Engineering
- Katam Drainage
- M Tucker & Sons
- Padman

- Pipe Doctor Australia
- Road and Safety Grating
- TDM Pipeline Solutions
- Tefco Piping Systems
- Vinidex

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, RECYCLING AND LAND MANAGEMENT

- Arbtrack Australia
- Bluemont Rock Bags
- Djandak Land Management Services
- ELT Recycling Australia
- Envirocon
- EVM Australia
- Greenway Solutions
- TDG Environmental & Mainstream Recycling
- TMC Enviro

TURF, GROUNDS AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

- HG Turf
- Oasis Turf
- StrathAyr Instant Lawn
- Greenway Solutions

MATERIALS, COATINGS AND SURFACE TREATMENTS

- Danley
- Floorex Products
- Gemm Chemicals & Coating Solutions

- GMA Australia
- Optimum Coating Solutions
- Peerless Products
- Plasgain
- Rettenmaier ANZ

GEOTECHNICAL, GROUND ENGINEERING AND GEOSYNTHETICS

- Mainmark Australia
- Southern Geosynthetics Supplies
- Terra Firma
- Terrain Group

ASSET MANAGEMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Asset Vision
- Before You Dig Australia
- ESP Australia
- Retinavision
- Wireless Communications & Teletrac Navman

SAFETY, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES

- Abott Supply
- Blackwoods
- Energy Safe Victoria

TRAINING AND WORKFORCE SERVICES

- IntoWork Australia
- Link Resources

COUNCILS

that participated at MWA Bendigo 2026

VICTORIA

- Baw Baw Shire Council
- Bayside City Council
- Brimbank City Council
- Buloke Shire Council
- Campaspe Shire Council
- Cardinia Shire Council
- Central Goldfields Shire Council
- City of Ballarat
- City of Greater Bendigo
- City of Greater Dandenong
- City of Greater Geelong
- City of Monash
- City of Moonee Valley
- City of Whittlesea
- City of Wodonga
- Corangamite Shire Council
- Frankston City Council
- Gannawarra Shire Council
- Glenelg Shire Council

- Golden Plains Shire Council
- Greater Shepparton City Council
- Hepburn Shire Council
- Hobsons Bay City Council
- Horsham Rural City Council
- Hume City Council
- Indigo Shire Council
- Knox City Council
- Loddon Shire Council
- Macedon Ranges Shire Council
- Melton City Council
- Merri-bek City Council
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Moira Shire Council
- Moorabool Shire Council
- Moyne Shire Council
- Mount Alexander Shire Council

- Pyrenees Shire Council
- Rural City of Wangaratta
- South Gippsland Shire Council
- Southern Grampians Shire Council
- Strathbogie Shire Council
- Surf Coast Shire Council
- Swan Hill Rural City Council
- Towong Shire Council
- Warrnambool City Council
- Whitehorse City Council
- Wyndham City Council
- Yarra City Council
- Yarra Ranges Council
- Yarriambiack Shire Council

- Wagga Wagga City Council
- Wentworth Shire Council

QUEENSLAND

- Logan City Council
- Quilpie Shire Council
- Scenic Rim Regional Council

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- Adelaide Hills Council

TASMANIA

- Clarence Council
- Flinders Council
- Waratah-Wynyard Council

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- Shire of Dumbleyung
- Shire of Narembeen

WATER AUTHORITY

- Goulburn-Murray Water

SPECIAL EVENTS

MWA Bendigo 2027

INDUSTRY SESSIONS

Wednesday 17 March & Thursday 18 March 2027
Trade Floor Presentation Area

The Trade Floor Presentation Area will host practical discussions and industry insights across both days of MWA Bendigo 2027. On Wednesday, join Nathan Hadfield from Knox City Council for the Roads of the East Forum, followed by the first Greenway Weed Solutions session, presented by General Manager Dale Tunstall. Thursday features the Local Government Fireside Chat, convened by Ford Davis from Ninety-Mile Consulting, and a second Greenway Weed Solutions session with Technical Field Agent Steve Hampton. These sessions offer delegates valuable opportunities to exchange ideas, ask questions and explore approaches to everyday municipal works challenges.

REGISTRATION

Options

Join us in Bendigo for the 2027 National Municipal Works & Engineering Conference, where industry leaders, councils, suppliers, and innovators will come together to explore the future of municipal works. We offer a range of registration options to suit all attendees:

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION – \$1,175 (inc. GST)

Gain full access to all conference sessions, the exhibition, networking events, and daily catering across the entire two-day program.

Includes: All keynote and technical sessions, morning and afternoon teas, lunches, and the Wednesday evening Conference Dinner.

DAY REGISTRATION – \$650 (inc. GST)

Perfect for delegates who can only attend part of the event.

Includes: Access to all sessions, the exhibition, and catering on the selected day.
Conference Dinner ticket available for purchase separately.

BENDIGO CITY CENTRE ACTIVE TRANSPORT TOUR

Friday 19 March 2027 | 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Meeting Point: Yapena Meeting Room,
Galkangu GovHub 195–229 Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo.

Start with breakfast at **Galkangu GovHub**, Bendigo's landmark government building featuring a mass timber frame and a 6-Star Green Star rating. Then join a walking tour of the **Mundy Street separated cycling corridor**, new McCrae Street pedestrian signals and public open space, finishing at the **Farmer Lane Ramp**—a new access point connecting to the Bendigo Low Line.

FIELD DAY REGISTRATION – FREE OR \$50 (WITH CATERING)

Ideal for municipal works staff with half a day to spare, the Field Day option offers a hands-on experience with the latest equipment, vehicles, and technologies in municipal operations.

Includes: Access to all exhibition areas (indoor and outdoor), product demonstrations, and networking opportunities throughout the day. Participants can test their operator skills at interactive displays and connect directly with suppliers and colleagues from across the sector.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Early bird pricing is available for all paid registrations completed before 15 December 2026.
(See the conference website for details)
- All registration fees include GST.

CANCELLATIONS

An administration fee of 10% will be deducted from any refund due for cancellations received on or before 28 February 2027. No cancellations will be refunded from 1 March 2027; however, a substitute delegate may attend in place of the original registrant. All cancellations and substitutions must be submitted in writing to ceo@municipalworks.com.au.

THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DEFER, AMEND, OR CANCEL THE PROGRAM IF REQUIRED.

DEMONSTRATIONS

As outlined in the conference program, live demonstrations of plant and equipment will take place over the two days. Exhibitors will also provide Test Drive sessions, which participants undertake at their own risk.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER

A shuttle bus service will operate to and from the dinner venue for delegates staying at the eight main motels near the lake. Please get in touch with the registration desk during the conference for route and schedule details.

DELEGATE IDENTIFICATION

All delegates will receive a name badge upon registration. Badges must be worn at all times to gain entry to conference sessions, the exhibition, and social functions.

NO IDENTIFICATION, NO ACCESS.

REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

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