

# QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY RENEWABLES FORUM

**FORUM** HUGHENDEN - FRIDAY 30 MAY 2025



## Event Program

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
<b>8:00am</b>	Exhibition opens	
<b>9:00am</b>	Welcome to Country	Jim Hill - Yirendali man
<b>9:10am</b>	Introduction and housekeeping	Warwick Squire - CEO, Coexistence Queensland
<b>9:20am</b>	Official welcome	Cr Kate Peddle - Mayor, Flinders Shire Council
<b>9:30am</b>	Interactive pulse check: Community snapshot	Warwick Squire - CEO, Coexistence Queensland
<b>9:40am</b>	Keynote address	Brent Finlay - Managing Director, Finlay Agricultural Industries
<b>10:10am</b>	RAPAD power grid and the Texan renewables experience	Morgan Gronold - Acting CEO, Remote Area Planning & Development Board (RAPAD)
<b>10:30am</b>	<i>Morning tea</i>	
<b>10:50am</b>	Powerlink and QIC regional update	Ian Lowry - Executive General Manager, Major Projects, Powerlink Wade MacRae - Manager, Infrastructure, QIC
<b>11:10am</b>	Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner update	Tony Mahar - Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner
<b>11:20am</b>	Facilitated panel discussion: "Landholders and community at the core"  Facilitated by Warwick Squire (CEO, Coexistence Queensland)	Cr Shane McCarthy - Landholder, General President, AgForce and Councillor, Flinders Shire Council  Tony Mahar - Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner  Stephanie McKechnie - Energy Engagement & Education Advisor, Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF)  Jess Salvato - General Counsel, RELA

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<b>12:05pm</b>	Facilitated panel discussion: "Local renewables activity"  Facilitated by Katie-Anne Mulder, (CEO, Queensland Renewable Energy Council)	Adam Green - Development Manager, Queensland, Iberdrola  Auke Knuman - Senior Development Manager, NSW & QLD, WestWind Energy  James Yorston - Development Director, ACE Power  Toni Ward - Director, Land, Windlab
<b>12:50pm</b>	<i>Lunch</i>	
<b>1:30pm</b>	Regional water update	Jim Pruss - CEO, Mid West Water Alliance
<b>1:45pm</b>	Facilitated panel discussion: "Regional economic development"  Facilitated by Cr Kate Peddle (Mayor, Flinders Shire Council)	Joseph O'Brien - Managing Director, VisIR  Jeff Reid - Chairman, Hughenden Irrigation Project  Maria James - CEO, Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Development Zone (MITEZ)
<b>2:30pm</b>	Drawing of the raffle	Cr Kate Peddle - Mayor, Flinders Shire Council
<b>2:35pm</b>	Q&A – Open discussion	Facilitated by Warwick Squire - CEO, Coexistence Queensland
<b>2:45pm</b>	<i>Close of forum – Afternoon tea</i>	
<b>5:00pm</b>	Close of exhibition	

## Exhibitors

