

## WORKSHOP PROGRAM: Co-Creating Our Future – 25 October 2025

9:30 am	Registration & tea/coffee		
10:00 am	Welcome to Country & Indigenous Wisdom for Co-Creating	<b>David Beaumont</b>	Hear about wisdom grounded in reciprocity and care for the environment and each other. Participants are invited to listen deeply and reflect on principles that can guide us to co-create a better future.
10:30 am	Housekeeping. Opening Talk: Joining Forces & Creating Change	<b>Anna Schlunke</b>	Introducing the workshop and the three organisations that have come together to host the event.
10:50 am	Smart Green Cities: Shaping the Urban Future	<b>Prof Michelle Leishman</b>	Discover how green urban spaces are supported by smart sensors, AI, and thoughtful design. Explore a future where cities are healthy, sustainable, and resilient – enhancing the wellbeing of humans, together with the animals and plants we share our environment with.
11:35 am	Obesity: Human Plague of Ecological Dimensions	<b>Robert Perry</b>	Explore the ecological dimensions of obesity.
12:15 am	Unity: The Struggle for a Sustainable Society	<b>Mark Diesendorf</b>	This talk will bring ideas from previous talks together into a single target for a grassroots campaign for a better future for all.
1:00 pm	Lunch		
1:50 pm	Extending the Economist's Toolkit: People, Culture and Environment	<b>Dennis Venter Mark Diesendorf Lise Sasaki</b>	Neoclassical Economics cannot incorporate the complex relationships underlying our economies and societies. The future of economics is

			outside economics departments.
2:35 pm	Post Growth Pathways: Design, MMT & Doughnut Economics	<b>John Haly</b> <b>Tom Foster</b> <b>Bradley Schott</b>	Mainstream economics sees the economy as separate from the environment and human society, with the latter serving its infinite growth on a finite planet. How would post-growth thinking, design and Modern Monetary Theory help to co-create our futures?
3:22 pm	Ending procedures & group photo		