


Symposium Program

Tuesday 17 February

8.00 am	Registration desk open	
8.00 am	Exhibition Open	
	Urban GreenScapes Symposium	
9.00 am	MC Announcements & Welcome Jenny Brockie – Journalist/ TV -SBS Official Opening (Government Minister – TBC)	
9.15 am	Setting the Scene: Overview of the Issues Josh Byrne – Environmental Scientist/ Media	
9.35 am	Environment – Overall Research USA – Urban Forests and Impacts on Carbon, Water, Heat Island Dr Greg McPherson, USDAF	
10.30 am	Morning Tea	
11.00 am	Environment – Urban GreenScapes and Green House Gases- Can Plants Have an Impact? Dr Stephen Livesley – University of Melbourne	
11.30 am	Health and Wellbeing: NGIA Research Review and Gap Analysis Professor Allyson Holbrook – University of Newcastle	
12.00 pm	Health: How Plants Affect People Associate Professor Mardie Townsend - Deakin University	
12.30 pm	Lunch	
1.15 pm	Planning: Australian Backyards – Urban Greenspace is Being Limited by Building Regulations and Developers Prof Tony Hall - Griffith University	
1.45 pm	Planning: Local Government Issues and GreenSpace Development Philip Hewett - Newcastle City Council – Urban Forestry NSW	
2.10 pm	CASE STUDY: Who Has Done It Well? What Are The Key Successes and Benefits Flowing From Increased Urban GreenScapes? Adam Schwerner, City of Chicago (Sponsored by Ball Horticultural Company (Australia))	
3.00 pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30 pm	What Actions are Needed in Australia? Panel x 6 convened by Jennie Brockie (Josh Byrne, Greg McPherson, Philip Hewitt, Adam Schwerner, Robert Prince, Mardie Townsend with audience participation)	
4.45 pm	Wrap up and Conclusion	
5.00 pm	Symposium close	
5.15 pm	Sector Group Meetings	
5.00 pm- 8.00 pm	Conference Welcome Reception (Exhibition Hall) Includes NextGen Function. Entertainment provided by the John Black Trio.	
8.00 pm onwards	NextGen Social Function. Venue to be advised.	

