PLENARY

The Global Resources Reset: Security, Supply Chains and the New Era of Resource Leadership

07:30 – 08:30

Registration

08:30 – 08:35

Acknowledgement of Country

Uncle Allen Madden, Gadigal Elder, **Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council**

08:35 – 08:40

Welcome from IMARC

Holly Ransom, Emcee, **IMARC**

08:40 – 08:45

Host Partner Ministerial Welcoming

Hon. Courtney Houssos MLC, Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources, **NSW Government**

08:45 – 08:50

Host Partner Premier's Address

Hon. Chris Minns, Premier, **NSW Government**

08:50 – 09:00

Australian Government Ministerial Address

Senior Official, Department of Industry, Science and Resources, **Australian Government**

09:00 – 09:10

International Ministerial Address

Senior Official, **Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, Saudi Arabia**

09:10 – 09:30

Keynote Interview: The Global Resources Reset: Geopolitics, Industrial Policy and the Race for Strategic Supply Chains

Interviewer: Holly Ransom, Emcee, **IMARC**
Interviewee: Gracelin Baskaran, Director, Critical Minerals Security Program, **Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)**

09:30 – 09:50

International Keynote Interview: United States Policy to Projects: Financing Strategic Supply Chains with Australia and Allied Partners

Interviewer: Abigail Hunter, Executive Director, Center for Critical Mineral Strategy, **Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE)**
Interviewee: Senior Representative, **U.S. Department of Energy**

09:50 – 10:35

Keynote Panel Discussion: Europe and Australia

Moderator: TBC
Panellists: Benjamin Gallezot, Interministerial Delegate for Strategic Minerals and Metals Supply, **The Prime Minister's Office, France**

10:35 – 10:45

International Ministerial Address

Senior Official, **Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Oman**

10:45 – 11:30

Keynote Panel Discussion: Australia's Competitive Edge: Turning Global Demand into Projects, Processing and Prosperity

Moderator:
Panellists: Dr Ross Lambie, Chief Economist, **Minerals Council of Australia**
Ivan Vella, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, **IGO**
Elsabe Muller, President, **Alcoa Australia**
Aaron Morey, Chief Executive Officer, **Chamber of Mines and Energy Western Australia**

11:30 – 12:10

Keynote Panel Discussion: From Mine to Manufacturing: Building Competitive Processing and Refining Capability

Moderator: TBC
Panellists: Daniel Havas, Vice President Strategy & Investor Relations, **Lynas Rare Earths**
Harry Pancasakti, Vice President of Government Relations and Smelter Technical Support, **PT Freeport Indonesia**
Jessica Pringle, President, Asia Pacific, **Metso**
Senior Executive, **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)**

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE	PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY	INVESTMENT	GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES
Digital Transformation & Operational Integration	Productivity & Cost Discipline	Advancing Critical Minerals & Strategic Projects	Mining Spotlights	Peru Program

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

12:30 – 12:35

Welcoming Remarks

Adrian Chapman, Managing Director, Mining & Metals Australia, **WSP**

12:35 – 12:55

Keynote: Vale's Mine of the Future Project - the Roadmap Shaping Key Innovation Trends across Mining Operations

Francisco Manesco, Head of Strategic Mining Projects, **Vale SA**

12:55 – 13:15

WSP

Adrian Chapman, Managing Director Mining & Metals Australia, **WSP**

13:15 – 13:35

RSM

Senior Executive, **RSM**

13:35 – 13:55

Single Source of Truth: The Real Foundation for AI in Mining

Andre Oosthuizen, Operations Manager – Mining, **Acquire**

13:55 – 14:15

Beyond Prediction – Turning Asset Intelligence into Action

Sanjeev Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, **Movus**

14:15 – 14:25

Interview: Beyond Australia: How a 20-year Mining Success took on Global Markets

Interviewer: Mirza Kozarcanin, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, **AI LAMB**
Interviewee: Doug Wallis, Chief Executive Officer, **BreatheSafe**

14:25 – 15:30

Panel Discussion: Is it Possible to Seamlessly Integrate Digitisation into Operations?

Moderator:
Panellists: Rafael Estrada, Manager of Information Technology, Telecommunications & Process Control, **Antamina**
Rob Johnston, Manager IS Solutions Delivery, **Citic Pacific Mining**
Will Alker**,** Customer Success Area Manager, Motion Metrics, **Weir**
Alain Blanchette, Director, **SensorMine**
Nicholas Walker, Enterprise Industry Account Manager, **Ideagen**
Steven Peacock, Head of Sales Commercial, **Castrol**

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

12:30 – 12:35

Welcoming Remarks

12:35 – 12:55

Keynote Interview: Building Through the Cycles: Lessons in Capital Discipline, Productivity and Project Delivery

Interviewer:
Interviewee: Jake Klein, Chair, **Evolution Mining**, Executive Chair, **Endura Mining**

12:55 – 13:15

Enabling Sustainable, Lower Cost Flowsheets with Innovative Comminution Technologies

Bjorn Nielsen, Vice President HPGR & Dry Grinding, **Metso**

13:15 – 13:35

From Equipment to Outcomes: Where Equipment Lifecycle Becomes Value

Terry Galvin, Vice President, Life of Mine Solutions, **FLS**

13:35 – 13:55

Bridging the Gap – a Framework for Productivity Improvement

Sandy Dunn, Managing Director, **Assetivity**

13:55 – 14:05

Fast, Accurate Data and the Decision Tied to Every Tonne

Alex Mayer, Acting Chief Executive Officer, **NextOre**

14:05 – 14:25

RazorLabs

Senior Executive, **RazorLabs**

14:25 – 14:45

Application of Technology

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

13:00 – 13:05

Welcoming Remarks

13:05 – 13:35

Keynote Interview: Building Strategic Resource Capability

Interviewer: Stephen McIntosh, Strategic Advisor, **EMR Capital**
Interviewee: Abigail Hunter, Executive Director, Center for Critical Mineral Strategy, **Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE)**
Paulo Castellari, Chief Executive Officer – Critical Minerals, **Appian Capital Advisory**

13:35 – 13:50

A New Resources Boom in the Northern Territory

Kate Mornane, Manager, Grants, Investment & Promotion, **Northern Territory Geological Survey**

13:50 – 14:05

Tasmania Delivering on Critical Minerals

Alastair Morton, **Mineral Resources Tasmania**

14:05 – 14:35

Interview: From Dream to Reality – the Funding Journey of Critical Mineral Projects

Interviewer: Henry Jennings, Senior Market Analyst, **Marcus Today**
Interviewees: Cameron Sobejko, Chief Commercial Officer, **Arafura Rare Earths**
Bernard Rowe, Managing Director**, Ioneer**
Annaliese Eames, Chief Legal & External Affairs, **Australian Strategic Materials**

14:35 – 15:15

Panel Discussion: Accelerating Critical Minerals Projects: The Power of R&D, Innovation and Collaboration
Moderator: Mark Pearce, Research Director, **CSIRO**
Panellists:

15:15 – 15:30

The First Nations Critical Minerals Strategy

Brian Bero, Associate Professor, **The Mabo Centre**

INVESTMENT

09:30 – 09:35

Welcoming Remarks

09:35 – 10:15

Panel Discussion: Future Proofing Gold – Maintaining Profit Irrespective of Price

Moderators: Jonas Dorling, Co-Founder, **Money of Mine**
Travis Ricciardo, Co-Founder, **Money of Mine**
Panellists: Hayden Bairstow, Managing Director & Head of Research, **Argonaut**
Michel Mamet, Founder & Investment Officer, **GERAF**

10:15 – 10:25

BMC Minerals

Michael McClelland, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **BMC Minerals**

10:25 – 10:35

Mining Spotlight

10:35 – 10:45

Island Passage Exploration

Donald McInnes, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, **Island Passage Exploration**

10:45 – 10:55

Maritana Minerals

Grant Haywood FAusIMM, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Maritana Minerals**

10:55 – 11:05

Tempest Minerals

Don Smith MAusIMM, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Tempest Minerals**

11:05 – 11:15

Australian Strategic Materials

Stephen Motteram, Chief Financial Officer, **Australian Strategic Materials**

11:15 – 11:25

Blackstone Minerals

Geoff Gilmour, Executive Chairman, **Blackstone Minerals**

11:25 – 11:30

Welcoming Remarks

Speaker, Title, **Company**

11:30 – 11:50

Keynote: Cyclical Capital Markets and Contrarian Investing

Rick Rule, CEO & President, **Rule Investment Media**

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

09:30 – 11:00

Peru Program

Ministerial and Government Updates

11:00 – 13:30

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From Strategy to Execution: Delivering Responsible, Resilient and Viable Resources

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Australia			11:50 – 12:00 Southern Cross Gold Michael Hudson FAusIMM, President, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Southern Cross Gold** 12:00 – 12:10 Hammer Metals Daniel Thomas, Managing Director, **Hammer Metals** 12:10 – 12:20 Western Mines Dr Caedmon Marriott MAusIMM, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Western Mines** 12:20 – 12:30 Flagship Minerals Paul Lock, Chief Executive Officer, **Flagship Minerals** 12:30 – 12:40 Orbit Resources Jeneta Owens, Chief Executive Officer, **Orbit Resources** 12:40 – 12:50 Sunstone Metals Patrick Duffy, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Sunstone Metals** 12:50 – 13:00 Verity Resources Patrick Volpe, Director, **Verity Resources**	

AI & Data-Driven Decision Making	Energy Efficiency & Decarbonisation Strategies	Regulatory Reform, Approvals & Social Licence	Mining Pitch Battle	Unlocking Victoria's Resource Potential
15:30 – 15:35 Welcoming Remarks Senior Executive, **DXC** 15:35 – 16:15 Panel Discussion: Integrating Data Sources to Improve Efficiencies Moderator: Panellists: Chad Burrows, Head of Digital Innovation, **Hancock Iron Ore** Rafid Morshedi, Director of Digital Services, **WSP** Rod Clarke, General Manager, Advanced Technology,	14:45 – 14:50 Welcoming Remarks 14:50 – 15:10 Extending Asset Life with Hybrid Retrofit Technology Cameron Lynn, Senior Specialist - Asset Decarbonisation, **Thiess** 15:10 – 15:20 Application of Technology 15:20 – 15:40	15:30 – 15:35 Welcoming Remarks Sarah Gooley, Principal Social Consultant, **Onterris** 15:35 – 15:55 Prioritising Governance and Security to Advance Critical Mineral Projects Mark Robinson, Executive Director, **EITI** 15:55 – 16:10 NSW Government	13:00 – 13:45 Mining Pitch Battle Host: Richard Morrow FAusIMM, Director, **Lowell Resources Fund** Battlers: Judges: Niv Dagan, Executive Director, **Peak Asset Management** Mark Sykes, Investment Executive – Resources & Energy, **Sev.en Global Investments**	14:00 -14:30 Unlocking Victoria's Resource Potential

German Program

14:30 – 17:30
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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

ESCO Division, **Weir**
Senior Executive, **Streamax**

16:15 – 16:35

Client Interview: IMDEX & Alkane Resources

Interviewer: Brenton Crawford, Global Chief Geophysicist, **IMDEX**
Interviewee: Braden Verity, Geology Manager, **Alkane Resources**

16:35 – 16:55

Vrify

Senior Executive, **Vrify**

16:55 – 17:15

Stratum AI

Farzi Yusufali, Co-Founder, **Stratum AI**

17:15 – 17:30

Why We Need a Higher Level of Data to Increase Certainty in Decision Making

Dr Joe Cronin FAusIMM, Member**, GMG Zero Entry Mining Workgroup**

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Building the World's First Net Zero Gold Mine

Michael Williams, Sustainability Superintendent, **Bellevue Gold**

15:40 – 16:00

Zijin Longking

Senior Executive**, Zijin Longking**

16:00 – 16:20

Ampol

Senior Executive, **Ampol**

16:20 – 16:40

Smart, Practical Path to Reliability, Productivity and Lower Resource Use

Jane Carland, General Manager, **Castrol Australia**

16:40 – 16:50

Delivering Firm, Renewable Steam for Minerals Processing

Masayori Yoshino. Chief Executive Officer, **FPR Energy**

16:50 – 17:30

Panel Discussion: Developing Optimal Operations that combine Reliability, Sustainability, Energy & Cost Efficiency

Moderator:
Panellists: Michael Williams, Sustainability Superintendent, **Bellevue Gold**
Jessica Pringle, President Asia Pacific, **Metso**
Karl Spaleck, Head of Site Sales, Indonesia & Eastern Australia, **FLS**
Jeremy Hanhiniemi, Director, Technology & Innovation, Minerals Division, **Weir**
Robert Cavicchiolo, Carbon Solutions Manager, **Viva Energy Australia**
Marco Alencar, Head of Business Improvement and Operational Excellence, **Ravenswood Gold**

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

16:10 – 16:30

Industry Spotlight

16:30 – 16:50

Mandatory Climate Disclosure – Lessons for Companies in the Mining Sector

Brendan Tapley, Working Group Member, **GRI Mining Sector Standard**

16:50 – 17:30

Panel Discussion: The Project Benefits of Embedding Sustainability, Trust and Environmental Considerations

Moderator: Toby Whincup, Global Director – Critical Miners, **ERM**
Panellists: Fiona Murfitt, Vice President – Sustainability, **Evolution Mining**
Aaron Colleran, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, **AIC Mines**
Lina Goodman, Chief Executive Officer, **Tyre Stewardship Australia**
Dr Mark Breitfuss, Market Sector Leader - Mining, **Onterris**
Felicia Binks, Director Environment & Sustainability, **Agnico Eagle**

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Mining Spotlights

13:45 – 13:50

Welcoming Remarks

Speaker, Title, **Company**

13:50 – 14:00

WIM Resources

Eddy Wu, Chief Executive Officer, **WIM Resource**

14:00 – 14:10

Kingsland Minerals

Richard Maddocks FAusIMM, Managing Director, **Kingsland Minerals**

14:10 – 14:20

Laramide Resources

Marc Henderson, President & Chief Executive Officer, **Laramide Resources**

14:20 – 14:30

Critical Metals

Tony Sage, Executive Chairman & Chief Executive, **Critical Metals**

14:30 – 14:40

Axel REE

Dr Patience Mpofu, Managing Director, **Axel REE**

14:40 – 14:50

BPH Global

Matthew Leonard, Managing Director, **BPH Global**

14:50 – 15:00

Mongolia National Rare Earth

Tsolmon Adiya, Chief Executive Officer, **Mongolia National Rare Earth**

15:00 – 15:10

Sarytogan Graphite

Sean Gregory, Managing Director, **Sarytogan Graphite**

Mining Spotlights

15:10 – 15:15

Welcoming Remarks

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NETWORKING RECEPTION

PLENARY

Capital, Confidence and Project Delivery: Unlocking Investment and Accelerating Development

07:30 – 08:25

Registration

08:25 – 08:30

Welcome from IMARC

Holly Ransom, Emcee, **IMARC**

08:30 – 08:35

Queensland Ministerial Address

Hon. Dale Last MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development, **QLD Government**

08:35 – 08:40

State Ministerial Address

08:40 – 09:00

International Keynote Interview: What Actually Gets Funded: Private Capital, Mining Investment and the Projects that Win

Interviewer: Holly Ransom, Emcee, **IMARC**
Interviewee: Rick Rule, Chief Executive Officer & President, **Rule Investment Media**

09:00 – 09:50

Keynote Panel Discussion: Capital is Available. So Why Aren't More Mining Projects Being Built?

Moderator: Jason Chang, Co-Founder, CEO & Managing Director, **EMR Capital** & Chair, **Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (AustCham)**
Panellists: Michael Willoughby, Managing Director and Global Co-Head of Metals & Mining, **Jefferies**
Mark Kristoff, Chief Executive Officer, **Traxys**
Edward Rigg, Executive Chairman, Head of ECM & Principal Investments, **Argonaut**
Kevin McElligott, Managing Director, Australia, **Franco-Nevada**
Mark Smith, Executive Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, **NioCorp**

09:50 – 10:30

Keynote Panel Discussion: How Global Export Credit Agencies Are Financing the Next Generation of Critical Mineral Projects

Moderator: TBC
Panellists: John Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer, **Export Finance Australia**
Belgin Rudack, Chief Executive Officer, **KfW IPEX-Bank**
Alyssa Pettus, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, **U.S. EXIM**
Senior Executive, **KEXIM**

10:30 – 11:20

Keynote Panel Discussion: NSW Mining: Delivering Australia's Next Generation of Mining Projects

Moderator: Jodie Currie, Director, **Hunter Mining Club**
Panellists: Stephen Galilee, Chief Executive Officer, **NSW Minerals Council**
Lawrie Conway, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, **Evolution Mining**
Campbell Jones, Chief Executive Officer, **RZ Resources**
Nic Earner, Managing Director, **Alkane Resources**
Chris Lauritzen, General Manager – Resource Development, **Mach Energy**

11:20 – 12:00

Keynote Panel Discussion: Building Allied Critical Minerals Capability: From Policy and Investment to Production

Moderator: Abigail Hunter, Executive Director, Center for Critical Mineral Strategy, **Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE)**
Panellists: Mark Compton, Executive Director, **American Exploration & Mining Association (AEMA)**
Mark Stockton, Vice President of External Affairs and Sustainability, **Integra Resources**
Joshua Kroon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles, Consumer Goods, Materials, Critical Minerals & Metals, **U.S. Department of Commerce**
Senior Official, **U.S. Department of War**
Senior Executive, **Lockheed Martin**

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE	PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY	INVESTMENT	GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES
Automation & Autonomous Operations	Operational Planning	De-Risking Projects for Investment & Delivery	Mining Spotlights	Peru Program
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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Keynote: Cutting-Edge Technologies from Remote Operations in a Complex Tailings Dam

Adriana Bandeira, Director – Dams De-Risking Programme, **Vale SA**

12:55 – 13:15

DXC

Senior Executive, **DXC**

13:15 – 13:35

From Reactive to Predictive: The Future of Intelligent Lubrication

Joseph Galdes, Global Key Accounts Marketing Manager, **Shell**

13:35 – 13:55

Interoperability: The Language of a Productive Mine

Russell Schwulst, Senior Category & Training Manager, **SMC Corporation**

13:55 – 14:15

Sandvik

Senior Executive, **Sandvik**

14:15 – 14:35

Beyond Machines – the LANDCROS for Smarter Mining

Eric Winsborrow, General Manager, New Business Strategy, **Hitachi Construction Machinery**

14:35 – 15:30

Panel Discussion: Exploring Real-time Data, Interoperability and Connected Mines to Drive Automation

Moderator: Senior Executive, **DXC**
Panellists: Senior Executive, **SMC Corporation**
Senior Executive, **Sandvik**
Professor Serkan Saydam, Chair of Mining Engineering, School of Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering, **UNSW**
Senior Executive, **Emerson**

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Keynote: Managing Variability in Operational Planning

12:55 – 13:15

Hexagon

James Dampney, Senior Vice President – Product, **Hexagon**

13:15 – 13:35

BHP WAIO Data-Driven Approach to Haulage Network Optimisation

Luis Talavera, Superintendent Mine Scheduling & Integration, **BHP**
Reza Babarahim, Senior Load & Haul Engineer, **BHP**

13:35 – 13:55

Interview: Energy Security in Operational Planning

Interviewer:
Interviewee: Senior Executive, **Ampol**

13:55 – 14:15

What Inspections Miss – Live Wearable Data for High-Risk Work

Sam Marciano, Forward Deployment Director, **Ideagen**

14:15 – 14:35

Breaking New Ground - Building the First New Box-cut and Exploration Decline in Victoria in ~20 years

Ben Edwards, Underground Development Manager, **Southern Cross Gold**

14:35 – 14:50

Application of Technology

14:50 – 15:30

Panel Discussion: From Plan to Performance – how do Miners Build Operational Plans that Survive the Complex Reality?

Moderator:
Panellists: Luis Talavera, Superintendent Mine Scheduling & Integration, **BHP**
Ben Edwards, Underground Development Manager, **Southern Cross Gold**

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

Keynote: Increased Exploration Funding: Has it Translated to New Projects?

John Forwood MAusIMM, Chief Investment Officer, **Lowell Resources Fund**

13:25 – 13:45

Parametric Natural Catastrophe (NatCat) Risk Transfer – Solutions to Narrow the Insurance Gap

Marion von Achten, Regional Director, Australia, Oceania & India, Parametric NatCat, **Munich RE**
Ernst Bedacht, Senior Underwriter, Parametric NatCat, **Munich RE**

13:45 – 14:25

Panel Discussion: The Path Forward for the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative (CMSI) and the Copper Mark

Moderator: Chris McCombe, General Manager – Sustainability, **Minerals Council of Australia**
Panellists: Terry Heymann, Chief Strategy Officer, **World Gold Council**
Briony Coleman, Head Enterprise Risk and Governance, **Newmont**

14:25 – 15:00

Panel Discussion: How to Develop Projects while Mitigating Risk and Attracting Investments, JV and Partnerships

Moderator:
Panellists: Christine Charles, Non-Executive Director, **Tivan Resources**
Chris Byrne MAusIMM, Managing Director, **Legacy Minerals**

15:00 – 15:30

Panel Discussion: From Discovery to Development: South Australia's Investment Pipeline

Moderator: Catherine Mooney, Chief Executive Officer, **SACOME**
Panellists:

INVESTMENT

Exploration Technology and its Implications for Juniors and Investors

Andrew Bailey, Chief Executive Officer, **MinEx CRC**

09:55 – 10:05

Vrify

Senior Executive, **Vrify**

10:05 – 10:15

Rua Gold

Simon Delander, Vice President - Risk, Stakeholder & Regulatory Affairs, **Rua Gold**

10:15 – 10:25

Legacy Minerals

Chris Byrne MAusIMM, Managing Director, **Legacy Minerals**

10:25 – 10:35

St George Mining

John Prineas, Executive Chair, **St George Mining**

10:35 – 10:45

Alligator Energy

Andrea Marsland-Smith MAusIMM, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Alligator Energy**

10:45 – 11:25

Panel Discussion: How Access to Capital is Reshaping Mining Capital Markets

Moderator:
Panellists:
Senior Executive, **Orogen Royalties**
Stephen Shipley, VP International Corporate Services (APAC Region), **OTC Markets Group**
Anitha Mushokolwa, **Jema Africa**

11:25 – 11:30

Welcoming Remarks

Speaker, Title, **Company**

11:30 – 11:50

Laboratory Services

Ahmed Abdelhafeez, VP & General Manager, **Al-Amir Labs**

11:50 – 12:00

Arafura Rare Earths

Cameron Sobejko, Chief Commercial Officer, **Arafura Rare Earths**

12:00 – 12:10

EQ Resources

Craig Bradshaw, Managing Director, **EQ Resources**

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Philippines Program

11:00 – 11:30

Philippines Program: Building Integrated and Resilient Industrial Ecosystems: Advancing Growth through Philippines-Australia Cooperation on Strategic Industries

This session will present the Philippines' investment proposition as Southeast Asia's emerging hub for smart and sustainable manufacturing and services, anchored on market-driven policies that empower the private sector while the government actively enables business success. It will highlight priority sectors for promotion to Australia, including mining and mineral processing, renewable energy, agribusiness and food industries, education and training, infrastructure development, IT-BPM, and shared services. The presentation will also cover game-changing reforms that enhance competitiveness and the ease of doing business, while showcasing how the country's strategic location and skilled workforce support long-term growth and shared prosperity.

Dr. Ceferino 'Perry' Rodolfo, Undersecretary for Industry Development, Trade and Investment Promotion, **Philippine Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)** & Managing Head, **Board of Investments (BOI), Philippines**

Mongolia Program

11:30 – 12:30

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Simulation & Electrification

15:30 – 15:35

Welcoming Remarks

15:35 – 16:15

Panel Discussion: Developing a Dynamic Technology Roadmap

Moderator:
Panellists: Rafael Estrada, Manager of Information Technology, Telecommunications & Process Control, **Antamina**
Rahman Daiyan, Associate Professor, **UNSW**

16:15 – 16:35

Application of Technology

16:35 – 16:55

Application of Technology

16:55 – 17:30

What's Next for Electrification in Mines?

Darren Kwok, Head of Mining Electrification and Technology, **Perenti**
Chris Carr FAusIMM, President & Chair of the Board, **AusIMM**

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Maintenance, Reliability & Safety

15:30 – 15:35

Welcoming Remarks

15:35 – 15:55

Embracing Data and Digital Transformations for the Future: How to Implement Meaningful Change in Health and Safety.

Misha Fazen, Group Manager, System, Data and AI HSE, **Whitehaven**

15:55 – 16:15

Closing the Gap Between Installed Capacity and Actual Output

Alain Blanchette, Director, **SensorMine**

16:15 – 16:35

EMESRT's Improvements in Vehicle Interactions

Tony Egan, Manager, Project Governance, **Glencore**

16:35 – 16:50

Application of Technology

16:50 – 17:30

Panel Discussion: Considering a Performance-Orientated, Human-Centred Approach in Mine Site Safety

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

Accelerating Exploration to Development

15:30 – 15:35

Welcoming Remarks

Senior Executive, **Terra AI**

15:35 – 16:05

Panel Discussion: NSW Government

Moderator:
Panellists

16:05 – 16:25

Terra AI

Senior Executive, **Terra AI**

16:25 – 17:05

Panel Discussion: Effective Strategies to Accelerate Project Development and Commodity Production

Moderator:
Panellists: Tim Benfield, Chief Operating Officer, **AIC Mines**
Senior Representative**, NSW Government**
Frank van Rooyen, General Manager Institutional Domestic, **Export Finance Australia**
Duncan Wyatt, Director, Critical Minerals and Hydrometallurgical Solutions, **Metso**
Colin Marsh, Second Vice President, **American Exploration & Mining Association (AEMA)**

INVESTMENT

12:10 – 12:20

Ioneer

Bernard Rowe, Managing Director, **Ioneer**

12:20 – 12:30

Impact Minerals

Mike Jones, Managing Director, **Impact Minerals**

12:30 – 12:40

Renascor Resources

David Christensen, Managing Director, **Renascor Resources**

12:40 – 12:50

Estrella Resources

Robert Mencel, Chief Executive Officer, **Estrella Resources**

12:50 – 13:00

EcoGraf

Andrew Spinks, Managing Director, **EcoGraf**

AMEC Mining Pitch Battle

13:00 – 13:45

AMEC Mining Pitch Battle

Host: Richard Morrow FAusIMM, Director, **Lowell Resources Fund**

Battlers:

Judges:

Conrad van Deventer, Manager Critical Minerals, **Idemitsu Australia**
James Morrison, Portfolio Manager, Resource Royalties, **Regal Funds Management**

Mining Spotlights

13:45 – 13:50

Welcoming Remarks

Speaker, Title, **Company**

13:50 – 14:00

Magmatic Resources

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Chile Program

13:00 – 14:30

Chile Program

Australia Minerals Program

14:30 – 16:00

Australia Minerals Program

Country Program

16:00 – 17:30

Country Program

From Strategy to Execution: Delivering Responsible, Resilient and Viable Resources

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE	PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY	INVESTMENT	GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES
	Moderator: Speakers: Misha Fazen, Group Manager, System, Data and AI HSE, **Whitehaven** Dr Sara Pazell, Representative, **EMESRT** Charan Valluru, National Practice Leader – People Risk Advisory, **Aon Human Capital**	17:05 - 17:30 Industry Spotlight	David Richardson, Managing Director, **Magmatic Resources** 14:00 – 14:10 Financing Tanzania's Next Gold Growth Story; Investment Opportunities in a Scalable Gold Mining Platform Michael Ngalaba, Audit & Mining Sector Specialist, **Jema Africa** 14:10 – 14:20 Kaiser Reef Brad Valiukas, Managing Director, **Kaiser Reef** 14:20 – 14:30 First Tin Bill Scotting, Chief Executive Officer, **First Tin** 14:30 – 14:40 Anson Resources Bruce Richardson, Executive Chair & Chief Executive Officer, **Anson Resources** 14:40 – 14:50 Pursuit Minerals Aaron Revelle, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Pursuit Minerals** 14:50 – 15:00 Li-FT Power Francis MacDonald, Chief Executive Officer, **Li-FT Power** 15:00 – 15:10 Hawk Resources Scott Caithness, Managing Director, **Hawk Resources** 15:10 – 15:30 Geopolitical and Commodity Outlook – Lithium Hayden Bairstow, Managing Director & Head of Research, **Argonaut** Roland Chavasse, Secretary General, **International Lithium Association (ILiA)** 15:30 – 15:35 Welcoming Remarks Speaker, Title, **Company** 15:35 – 15:45 Lac Gold Andrew Stocks, Managing Director, **Lac Gold** 15:45 – 15:55 Mining spotlight	

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			15:55 – 16:05 Gateway Mining Richard Pugh, Chief Executive Officer, **Gateway Mining** 16:05 – 16:15 Alvear Tungsten Spencer Cole, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Alvear Tungsten** 16:15 – 16:25 IMPACT Silver Fredrick Davidson, President & Chief Executive Officer, **IMPACT Silver** 16:25 – 16:35 Critica Jacob Deysel, Chief Executive Officer, **Critica** 16:25 – 16:45 Mining Spotlight 16:45 – 17:30 Panel Discussion: What do Technological Advancements, Substitutes and Electrification mean for Mining Investors? Moderator: Blayney Morgan MAusIMM, Director, **Rhopa Consulting & Advisory** Panellists: Grady Wulff, Senior Market Analyst, **Bell Direct** Michael Willoughby, Managing Director - Global Co-Head of Metals & Mining, **Jefferies** Alain Richardt, Founder, **Atomic Tessellator**	

NETWORKING RECEPTION

INTERNATIONAL MINING AND RESOURCES CONFERENCE+EXPO

Australia's International Mining Week

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Founding Partners: Victoria State Government Australia, AUSTMINE, AusIMM, mines and money

PLENARY

Operating for the Next Cycle: Technology, Productivity and Responsible Performance

07:30 – 08:25

Registration

08:25 – 08:30

Welcome from IMARC

Holly Ransom, Emcee, **IMARC**

08:30 – 08:50

Mining Keynote Interview: Operating for the Next Cycle: Innovation, Technology and the Future of Mining

Interviewer: Holly Ransom, Emcee, **IMARC**
Interviewee: Marley Palin, Vice President, Innovation, **BHP**

08:50 – 09:40

Keynote Panel Discussion: The Intelligent Mine: Scaling AI, Innovation and Integrated Operations

Moderator:
Panellists: Dave Goddard, President, Mining Division, **Hexagon**
Sinead Booth, Group Manager, Decarbonisation Program, **Fortescue**
Rae O'Brien, Group Executive – Australia East, **Thiess**
Senior Executive, **Gold Fields**
Senior Executive, **Zijin Longking**

09:40 – 10:00

Keynote Interview: Delivering Mining in a Higher-Cost, More Complex World

Interviewer: Holly Ransom, Emcee, **IMARC**
Interviewee: Vanessa Torres, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, **Perenti**

10:00 – 10:20

International Keynote Interview: Performance with Purpose: What Responsible Mining Must Deliver in the Next Cycle

Interviewer: Holly Ransom, Emcee, **IMARC**
Interviewee: Rohitesh Dhawan, Chief Executive Officer, **ICMM**

10:20 – 10:50

International Panel Discussion: Mining of the Future: Innovation, Strategic Projects and Latin America's Mining Transformation

Moderator: Paul Mitchell, Global Mining & Metals Leader, **EY**
Panellists: Francisco Manesco, Head of Strategic Mining Projects, **Vale SA**

10:50 – 11:10

Mining Keynote Interview: Building Resilient Mining Businesses for the Next Cycle

Interviewer:
Interviewee: Ion Hann, Vice President, Australian Operations, **Agnico Eagle**

11:10 – 11:30

Closing International Keynote Interview: The Next Decade of Mining: Building a Responsible, Secure and Competitive Resources Future

Interviewer: Holly Ransom, Emcee, **IMARC**
Interviewee: Maria van der Hoeven, Board Chair Nominee, **EITI**

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Connectivity & Digital Infrastructure

11:30 – 11:35

Welcoming Remarks

11:35 – 11:55

Keynote: Cyber Security and OT: As Systems become more Interconnected Cyber becomes Critical

Rafael Estrada, Manager of Information Technology, Telecommunications & Process Control, **Antamina**

11:55 – 12:15

Gold as a Service

Terry Heymann, Chief Strategy Officer, **World Gold Council**

12:15 – 12:35

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Workforce Capability

11:45 – 11:50

Welcoming Remarks

11:50 – 12:20

Interview: Building the Workforce, Culture and Capability for Mining's Next Era

Interviewer:
Interviewee: Jen Hoyle, Policy Director QMEA & DEI, **Queensland Resources Council**
Fiona Murfitt, Vice President Sustainability, **Evolution Mining**
Emma Pollard, Chief People & Sustainability Officer, **Coronado Global Resources**

12:20 – 12:50

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

Rehabilitation, Closure & Legacy Planning

11:30 – 11:35

Welcoming Remarks

11:35 – 11:55

Keynote: Geotechnical Hazard Management at Maules Creek

David Gonzalez, Technical Services Manager, **Whitehaven**

11:55 – 12:15

Mining Guarantees

12:15 – 12:35

Industry Spotlight

12:35 – 12:55

INVESTMENT

Mining Spotlights

10:00 – 10:05

Welcoming Remarks

10:05 – 10:45

Panel Discussion: M&A – How to Buy for Value or Sell to a Major

Moderator: Blayney Morgan MAusIMM, Director, **Rhopa Consulting & Advisory**
Panelists: Paul House, Chief Executive Officer, **IMDEX**

10:45 – 10:55

FI Joint Venture

Reza Azimi, Managing Director, **FI Joint Venture (FIJV)**

10:55 – 11:05

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Ericsson

Senior Executive, **Ericsson**

12:35 – 12:55

Mine to Market Traceability Improves Transparency

12:55 – 13:35

Panel Discussion: Developing Remote Communication Technology to go Further

Moderator:
Panellists:

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Interview: Developing Career Pathways for Local Communities from the Ground Up

Interviewer: Ally Coe, Chief Executive Officer, **Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation (WCC)**
Interviewees: Renee Pettit, Advisor & External Relations, Cowal Operations, **Evolution Mining**

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

Industry Spotlight

12:55 – 13:35

Panel Discussion: Planning for Social Transition and Community Resilience in Closure

Moderator: Jillian D'Urso, External Relations & Impact Director**, CRC TiME**
Panellists:

INVESTMENT

Scout Discoveries

Curtis Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, **Scout Discoveries**

11:05 – 11:15

Cambria Gold Mines

Robert McLeod, President & Chief Executive Officer, **Cambria Gold Mines**

11:15 – 11:25

Astron

Greg Bell, Chief Financial Officer, **Astron**

11:25 – 11:45

ASX Resource Opportunities

Rob Murdoch FAusIMM, Executive Director, **Austex Resources**

11:45 – 11: 55

Q2 Metals

Alicia Milne, President & Chief Executive Officer, **Q2 Metals**

11:55 – 12:00

Welcoming Remarks

12:00 – 12:10

Omai Gold Mines

Elaine Ellingham, President & Chief Executive Officer, **Omai Gold Mines**

12:10 – 12:20

Azzuro Resources

Gan-Ochir Zunduisuren, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Azzuro Resources**

12:20 – 12:30

NeuRizer

Justyn Peters, Executive Chair, **NeuRizer**

12:30 – 12:40

Mining Spotlight

Speaker, Title, **Company**

12:40 – 12:50

Mining Spotlight

Speaker, Title, **Company**

12:50 – 13:00

Mining Spotlight

Speaker, Title, **Company**

13:00 – 13:05

Welcoming Remarks

Speaker, Title, **Company**

13:05 – 13:25

Geopolitical and Commodity Outlook – Precious Metals

Mining Technology & Investment

14:00 – 14:05

Welcoming Remarks

14:05 – 14:45

Panel Discussion: Why Mining Technology is Attracting Investment from Traditional Junior Resource Sector and the Tech/Venture Capital Sectors

Moderator:
Panellists: Cian Caffrey, Executive Director, **RFC Ambrian**
Leon Morgan, Founder, **Katapult**

14:45 – 15:30

METS Pitch Battle

Host:
Speaker, Title, **Company**
Battlers:
Richard Simons, Managing Director, **Liberate Minerals**
Speaker, Title, **Company**
Speaker, Title, **Company**
Judges:
Stefan Skorut, Chief Investment Officer & Executive Director, **RFC Ambrian**
Rafael Estrada, Manager of Information Technology, Telecommunications & Process Control, **Antamina**
Speaker, Title, **Company**

Environmental & Community Stewardship

12:50 – 12:55

Welcoming Remarks

12:55 – 13:35

Panel Discussion: Trust is the Engine that Drives Momentum
Moderator: Yuluwirri McGrady, Managing Director, **Mader First**
Panellists: Chris Christie, Founder, **Blackpath Advisory**
Simon Delander, Vice President - Risk, Stakeholder & Regulatory Affairs, **Rua Gold**

13:35 – 13:50

Interview: Environmental Stewardship: Using Technology and Innovation to Improve Outcomes

Interviewer: Kate Dickson, Head of National Operations & Director, Queensland, **Association of Mining & Exploration Companies (AMEC)**
Interviewee: Andrea Marsland-Smith, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Alligator Energy**

13:50 – 14:05

Industry Spotlight

14:05 – 14:35

Panel Discussion: The Benefits of Responsible Artisanal & Small-Scale Gold Mining to the Environment and Communities

Moderator:
Panellists: Terry Heymann, Chief Strategy Officer, **World Gold Council**
Marcena Hunter, Director of Extractives, **Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime**

14:35 – 14:50

Unlocking Value – the Key to Mine Waste Transformation

Anita Parbhakar-Fox MAusIMM, Honorary Professor, **University of Queensland**

14:50 – 15:30

Panel Discussion: Beyond the Mine Gate: Creating Long-Term Value from Resources, Waste and Communities

Building Domestic Processing & Refining Capability

14:00 – 14:05

Welcoming Remarks

14:05 – 14:25

How do Policy, Finance and Technology Support Sovereign Capability in Downstream Processing?

14:25 – 14:45

Industry Spotlight

14:45 – 15:30

Panel Discussion: What does Australia Require to Successfully Build Technically Challenging Processing Plants?

Moderator:
Panellists: Robert Carruthers, Australian Representative Director, **International Lithium Association (ILiA)**
Stephen Land, Chief Investment Officer, **Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)**
Michael Jackson, Process Operations Lead, **CSIRO**

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	Moderator: Paul Williams, Principal – APAC Resources, **Arup** Panellists: Anita Parbhakar-Fox MAusIMM, Honorary Professor, **University of Queensland** Trudi Jackson, Environment & Community Manager, **Agnico Eagle** Kenna O'Neil, External Affairs & Member Relations Manager, **American Exploration & Mining Association (AEMA)** Joachim Sawkins, Circularity & Sustainability Manager, **Castrol Australia**		Speaker, Title, **Company** 13:25 – 13:35 Mining Spotlight Speaker, Title, **Company** 13:35 – 13:45 Mining Spotlight Speaker, Title, **Company** 13:45 – 13:55 Mining Spotlight Speaker, Title, **Company** 13:55 – 14:05 Mining Spotlight Speaker, Title, **Company** 14:05 – 14:15 Mining Spotlight Speaker, Title, **Company** 14:15 – 14:25 Mining Spotlight Speaker, Title, **Company** 14:25 – 14:35 Mining Spotlight Speaker, Title, **Company** 14:35 – 14:45 Mining Spotlight Speaker, Title, **Company**
			Mining Pitch Battle 14:45 – 15:30 Mining Pitch Battle Host: Richard Morrow FAusIMM, Director, **Lowell Resources Fund** Judges: Owen Hegarty OAM HonFAusIMM, Executive Chairman, **EMR Capital** Rick Rule, Chief Executive Officer & President, **Rule Investment Media**

GALA DINNER

IMARC EXCHANGE ROUNDTABLES

Step onto the IMARC show floor and into the heart of meaningful conversations at the **IMARC Exchange Roundtables.** With the return of the IMARC **Talk it Forward Dialogues** to the launch of the **Innovation & Investment Alley** program**,** this is where ideas are exchanged, partnerships are sparked, and real solutions take shape, right in the middle of the action.

Talk It Forward Dialogue Table (TiFDT) Program

IMARC's Talk it Forward Dialogue Tables provide a platform for ten representatives to bring their viewpoint and experience on a topic, to debate and engage in challenging conversations and discuss pivotal issues that will drive the mining industry forward, in an open roundtable setting on the showfloor. Conference attendees may listen to the dialogue to gain insights on how the mining sector is progressing and to realistically understand the challenges.

Tuesday 27 October
10:30 – 11:30 Minnig's Role in Regional Planning and Development Moderator: Jillian D'Urso, External Relations & Impact Director, **CRC TiME**
15:00 – 16:00 Beyond the Echo Chamber: How do we Take Responsibility for Changing the Conversation Around Coal's Future? Moderator: Jodie Currie, Director, **Hunter Mining Club**
Wednesday 28 October
13:30 – 14:30 Tyre & Belt Circularity in Motion Moderator: Lina Goodman, Chief Executive Officer, **Tyre Stewardship Association**
16:30 – 17:30 Growing Equity Co-Ownership and Economic Participation for First Nations Businesses Moderator: Brian Bero, Associate Professor, **The Mabo Centre** Panellists: Ally Coe, Chief Executive Officer, **Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation (WCC)** Jyi Lawton, Chief Executive Officer, **AEMEE** Simon Delander, Vice President - Risk, Stakeholder & Regulatory Affairs, **Rua Gold**
Thursday 29 October
10:30 – 11:30 Clearing Roadblocks: Building the Business Case for Mine Waste Reprocessing Moderator: Anita Parbhakar-Fox, Honorary Professor, **University of Queensland** Participants: Jane Thorne, Acting Director, Mineral Potential of Australia, **Geoscience Australia** Jason Weeks, **Argentio** Dennis Gibson, President, **Snowline Group** Fiona Murfitt, Vice President Sustainability, **Evolution Mining** Michael Naylor, Director, **Williamson Private Equity** Rob Coleman, Chief Executive Officer, **Core Group** Sara Couperthwaite, Director STRATA, **Lava Blue** Blake Stacey, Business Development Manager, LabWest, Technical Director, Real Material Solutions, Managing Director, **Mobile Crisis Construction** Annelise Whitebread, Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Student, **UQ** Ryan MacNeill, General Manager Sales & Marketing, **EQ Resources**
12:00 – 13:00 Built In, Not Bolted On: Water, Energy and Tailings as Core Mine Design Choices Moderator: Heather Ednie, Executive President & Director, **CEEC International** Participants: Marc Allen, Chair, **CEEC International** Alex Blood, Director**, CEEC International**
13:30 – 14:30 The Competitiveness Challenge: What Will It Take for Australia to Lead in Critical Minerals? Moderator: Namali Mackay, Managing Director, **Critical Minerals Association of Australia**

Innovation & Investment Alley Roundtables Program

The Innovation & Investment Alley roundtables at IMARC offer a unique platform for groups of emerging tech innovators to highlight their cutting-edge products and services tailored for the mining sector. These intimate discussions, for audiences to listen in on, connect participants from the Alley with venture capitalists, corporate venture teams, and/or mining innovation leaders. It's a rare opportunity to demonstrate capability, explore collaboration, and align breakthrough solutions with real industry needs; driving the future of mining through innovation.

Tuesday 27 October
12:00 – 13:00 What Makes a Mining Innovation Investable? Moderator: UniQuest
Wednesday 28 October
12:00 – 13:00 Moderator: Curtin Panellist: Brett Beatty, Chief Executive Officer, **Resource Capital Funds**

NEXTGEN LEADERS PROGRAM

Designed exclusively for undergraduate students, graduates and early career professionals, the IMARC NextGen Leaders Program provides direct access to senior industry leaders, practical career advice, networking opportunities and insights into the trends shaping the future of the global mining and resources industry.

Tuesday 27 October 2026

Plenary Day One
Location: Plenary Theatre

08:30 – 11:00

Participants are encouraged to attend the IMARC Opening Plenary or walk the IMARC Exhibition Floor prior to the commencement of the NextGen Leaders Program. Check the main IMARC Program for the full program.

Welcome to the IMARC NextGen Leaders Program
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10

11:00 – 11:15

Welcoming Remarks

Executive Meet & Greet
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10

11:15 – 11:45

Executive Meet & Greet w/Gracelin Baskaran

Meet with a senior mining executive to gain career advice, ask questions and learn from their professional journeys.

Gracelin Baskaran, Director, Critical Minerals Security Program, **Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)**

Panel Discussion: Launching Your Career in Mining – What Industry Leaders Look For
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10

11:45 – 12:30

Panel Discussion: Launching Your Career in Mining – What Industry Leaders Look For
Senior industry leaders share the lessons that shaped their careers and discuss the skills, mindset and leadership qualities that help graduates stand out in today's mining industry.

Discussion topics:

- Lessons learned early in their careers
- Technical versus professional skills
- Standing out as a graduate
- Leadership qualities for the future

Panellists: Elsabe Muller, President, **Alcoa Australia**

Lunch Served in the IMARC Exhibition Delegate Lounges

12:30 –13:30

Enjoy your lunch together with other NextGen Leaders.

Panel Discussion: Mining 2040 – Careers of the Future
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10

13:30 – 14:15

Panel Discussion: Mining 2040 – Careers of the Future

Explore how emerging technologies, new commodities, automation, artificial intelligence and the energy transition are reshaping careers across the mining and resources sector.

Panellists: Dave Goddard, President, Mining Division, **Hexagon**
Chris Beal, Vice President, Operations, **Power Metallic**
Kate Flanagan, Chief Strategy and Technology Officer, **Hancock Iron Ore**

Guided Exhibition Experience
Meeting Point: Start at the IMARC Info Desk

15:30 – 16:30

Guided Exhibition Experience

A curated tour of the IMARC Exhibition featuring leading organisations and technology providers showcasing graduate pathways, emerging technologies and future career opportunities. Also includes different IMARC featured areas.

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Plenary Day Two
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10

08:30 – 12:00

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Welcome Back
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10

11:00 – 11:15

Welcome Back

Panel Discussion: Leading Through Change – Building Your Leadership Journey
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10

11:15 – 12:00

Panel Discussion: Leading Through Change – Building Your Leadership Journey

Leaders share their experiences navigating career progression, overcoming challenges and developing the confidence and resilience needed to lead in a rapidly changing industry.

Discussion topics:

- Building confidence
- Career setbacks and lessons learned
- International opportunities
- The importance of mentors and sponsors

Moderator:
Panellists: Maria van der Hoeven, Board Chair Nominee, **EITI**
Vanessa Torres, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, **Perenti**
Edward Rigg, Executive Chairman, **Argonaut**

Executive Meet & Greet
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10

12:00 – 12:30

Executive Meet & Greet

Meet with a senior mining executive to gain career advice, ask questions and learn from their professional journeys.

Lunch Served in the IMARC Exhibition Delegate Lounges

12:30 – 13:30

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Panel Discussion: Your First Five Years – Turning Potential into Opportunity
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10

13:30 – 14:15

Panel Discussion: Your First Five Years – Turning Potential into Opportunity

The first five years of a career can shape where you go next. Industry and people leaders share their perspectives on navigating the transition from study to work, making the most of early career opportunities, building the skills and relationships that matter, and creating a career with purpose and longevity in the resources sector.

Discussion topics:
- Making the transition from study into industry
- What makes early career professionals stand out
- Building skills, confidence and professional networks
- Finding mentors, sponsors and opportunities to learn
- Navigating different career pathways across the resources sector
- Understanding workplace culture and what to look for in an employer
- Taking ownership of your career development
- What employers can do to better support and retain emerging talent

Moderator: Samantha Skinner, Insights & Engagement Project Manager, **Australian Association of Graduate Employers (AAGE)**
Panellists: Tara Diamond, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, **Australian Resources and Energy Employer Association (AREEA)**
Nikki Hartrey, Director of People and Culture, Australia, **Agnico Eagle**
Narissa Kinghorne, Specialist Early Careers Talent, APAC, **Newmont**

IMARC NextGen Leaders Industry Speed Networking: Solving Tomorrow's Challenges
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10

16:00 – 17:30

IMARC NextGen Leaders Industry Speed Networking: Solving Tomorrow's Challenges

A high-energy, facilitated networking experience connecting undergraduate students, graduates and early career professionals with people across the industry.

Rather than traditional networking, each industry leader presents a real-world challenge facing their organisation or the mining sector. Working in small standing groups, participants collaborate to share ideas, discuss solutions and provide fresh perspectives before rotating to the next industry leader.

Participants rotate every 10–12 minutes, engaging with 4–5 industry leaders during the session and contributing to meaningful conversations on the future of the industry.

Example discussion themes may include:

1. Building the Workforce of Tomorrow

- How can mining attract and retain the next generation of talent?
- What would encourage graduates to build long-term careers in mining?
- How do we improve the industry's image with students and early career professionals?

2. The Workplace of 2040

- What does the workplace of 2040 look like?
- How can technology make mining more attractive to young professionals?
- How can FIFO and remote work evolve for the next generation?

3. Leadership & Workplace Culture

- How should leadership evolve for the next generation?
- How do we create workplaces where young people feel they belong?
- How do we better support the wellbeing of young people working on mine sites?

4. Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging

- How do we improve diversity, inclusion and belonging across our workforce?
- How do we create an industry where every young professional can thrive?

5. Challenging Industry Thinking

- What blind spots do industry leaders have when it comes to attracting and developing young talent?
- What opportunities are established leaders missing?
- How should mining communicate with younger generations, and what messaging truly resonates with Gen Z?

Session Format

- 20 industry leaders positioned throughout the room
- Each leader hosts a standing discussion zone, identified by floor decals.
- Participants are allocated to a small group of 6–8 people.
- Each discussion runs for 10–12 minutes before participants rotate.
- Groups capture 2–3 key recommendations on a response card or digital form, which is provided to the industry leader at the end of each discussion.
- The session concludes with informal networking and LinkedIn connections, and all attendees are encouraged to attend the daily IMARC Networking Reception in the IMARC Exhibition Delegate Lounges from 5:30pm

Industry Representatives:

- Dr Tara Djokic, Engagement Officer, Geological Survey of NSW, **NSW Resources**
- Felicia Binks, Director Environment and Sustainability – Australia, **Agnico Eagle**
- Tara Diamond, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, **Australian Resources and Energy Employer Association (AREEA)**
- Darren Kwok, Head of Mining Electrification & Technology, **Perenti**
- Kate Dickson, Head of National Operations & Director – Queensland, **AMEC**
- Paul Linabury, Manager - Strategy and Business Development, **Macmahon**
- David Tulloch, Vice President - Minerals, Asia Pacific, **Metso**
- Stephen McIntosh, Strategic Advisor, **EMR Capital** (Former CTO, Rio Tinto)
- Nicki Ivory, Partner and National Mining & Metals Sector Leader, **Deloitte**
- Steve Coughlan, Chairman, **Byrnecut**
- Jen Hoyle, Policy Director QMEA & DEI, **Queensland Resources Council**
- Narissa Kinghorne, Specialist Early Careers Talent, APAC, **Newmont**
- Chengguo Zhang, Associate Professor Mineral and Energy Resources Engineering, **University of New South Wales**

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Welcome Back **Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10**
11:00 – 11:15 Welcome Back
Executive Meet & Greet **Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10**
11:15 – 11:45 **Executive Meet & Greet w/Marley Palin** Meet with a senior mining executive to gain career advice, ask questions and learn from their professional journeys. Marley Palin, Vice President, Innovation, **BHP**

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