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

Tuesday, 27 October 2026

PLENARY

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

07:30 – 08:30

Registration

08:30 – 08:35

Welcome to 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

Hon. Madeleine King MP, Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia, Department of Industry, Science and Resources, **Australian Government**

09:00 – 09:10

International Ministerial Address: Oman

H.E. Mohsin bin Hamad Al Hadhrami, Undersecretary, Ministry of Energy and Minerals, **Sultanate of Oman**

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 – 10:15

Keynote Panel Discussion: Building Resilient Mineral Supply Chains - Why Cooperation with Partners Matters

Moderator: Valère Moutarlier, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission, **European Union**
Panellists: H.E. General (Rtd) Angus Campbell AO, Australian Ambassador to the European Union, NATO, Belgium and Luxembourg, **Australian Government**
Benjamin Gallezot, Interministerial Delegate for Strategic Minerals and Metals Supply, **The Prime Minister's Office, France**
Stefan Rouenhoff, Parliamentary State Secretary, **Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany**
Alberto Castronovo, Special Envoy on CRM and Head of the Internationalisation Unit in the Cabinet of the Minister, **Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy, Italy**
Michal Nowosielski, Head of Raw Materials Policy and International Affairs Unit, **Ministry of Climate and Environment, Poland**

10:15 – 10:20

United States Ambassadorial Address

H.E. Dr David Brat, Ambassador of the United States of America to Australia, **U.S. Embassy in Australia**

10:20 – 10:50

Keynote Panel Discussion: The U.S. Critical Minerals Strategy: Building Secure Supply Chains with Australia and Allied Partners

Moderator: Abigail Hunter, Executive Director, Center for Critical Mineral Strategy, **Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE)**
Panellists: Joshua Kroon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles, Consumer Goods, Materials, Critical Minerals & Metals, **U.S. Department of Commerce**
Andrés Rodríguez, Senior Advisor, Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation, **U.S. Department of Energy**
Adam Burstein, Technical Director, Strategic & Critical Materials, Office of the Under Secretary for Acquisition & Sustainment, **U.S. Department of War**

10:50 – 11:30

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

Moderator: Kristie Batten, **Mining Journalist**
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 Minerals and Energy of 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, Senior Vice President, Government Relations Jakarta, **PT Freeport Indonesia**
Jessica Pringle, President, Asia Pacific, **Metso**
Hideyuki Tsuchihashi, Resident Managing Officer, Regional Head for Asia and Pacific, **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)**

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE	PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY	MINES AND MONEY INVESTMENT	GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES
Digital Transformation & Operational Integration	Productivity & Cost Discipline	Advancing Critical Minerals & Strategic Projects	Mining Spotlights	Ministerial and Government Global Opportunities Program
12:10 – 12:15 Welcoming Remarks Robert Murphy, Director of Clients & Growth, **WSP** 12:15 – 12:35 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** 12:35 – 12:55 The Next Chapter of Mining Innovation: Moving from Isolated Breakthroughs to Connected Project Delivery Adrian Chapman, Managing Director Mining & Metals Australia, **WSP** 12:55 – 13:15 Growth in Motion: Leveraging RSM's Expertise for Digital Transformation Brynt Moggach, Sales Director, ERP Consulting, **RSM Australia** Gavin O'Hara, Director, Technology Consulting, **RSM Australia** 13:15 – 13:30 Single Source of Truth: The Real Foundation for AI in Mining Andre Oosthuizen, Operations Manager – Mining, **Acquire** 13:30 – 13:50 Beyond Prediction – Turning Asset Intelligence into Action Sanjeev Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, **Movus** 13:50 – 14:00 Interview: Proven Robotic Inspection Systems Transforming Safety and Operational Continuity in Mining Operations Interviewer: Mirza Kozarcanin, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, **AI LAMB** Interviewee: Benjamin Valdes, Director of International Growth, **SK Godelius** 14:00 – 14:05 Platform-Based Digital Twins, Spatial Intelligence, AI-Driven Operational Intelligence and Decision Support for Mining Operations	12:30 – 12:35 Welcoming Remarks Sandy Dunn, Managing Director, **Assetivity** 12:35 – 12:55 Keynote Interview: Building Through the Cycles: Lessons in Capital Discipline, Productivity and Project Delivery Interviewer: Kristie Batten, **Mining Journalist** 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**	12:30 – 12:35 Welcoming Remarks 12:35 – 13:15 Keynote Panel Discussion: Building Strategic Resource Capability Moderator: Michael Nossal, Chair, **EQ Resources** Panellists: 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** Stephen McIntosh FAusIMM, Strategic Advisor, **EMR Capital** 13:15 – 13:30 A New Resources Boom in the Northern Territory Kate Mornane, Manager, Grants, Investment & Promotion, **Northern Territory Geological Survey** 13:30 – 13:45 Tasmania Delivering on Critical Minerals Alastair Morton, Director of Mines, **Mineral Resources Tasmania** 13:45 – 14:15 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** Stephen Motteram, Chief Financial Officer, **Australian Strategic Materials** 14:15 – 14:55 Panel Discussion: Accelerating Critical Minerals Projects: The Power of R&D, Innovation and Collaboration Moderator: Mark Pearce, Research Director, **CSIRO** Panellists: Dr Andrew Heap, Chief of Minerals, Energy and Groundwater Division, **Geoscience Australia** Dr Karin Soldenhoff, Principal Consultant, **ANSTO** Trent Smith, Head of Autonomy & Operations Technology, **Thiess** Helen Degeling, Market & Sector Development Program Lead, **Critical Minerals for Critical Industries Cooperative Research Centre**	09:30 – 09:35 Welcoming Remarks Nicholas Boyd-Mathews, Chief Investment Officer, **Janah Capital** 09:35 – 10:15 Panel Discussion: Future Proofing Gold – Maintaining Profit Irrespective of Price Co-hosts: Jonas Dorling, Co-Founder, **Money of Mine** Travis Ricciardo, Co-Founder, **Money of Mine** Panellists: Jake Klein, Chair, **Evolution Mining**, Executive Chair, **Endura Mining** Hayden Bairstow, Managing Director & Head of Research, **Argonaut** Michel Mamet, Founder & Chief Investment Officer, **GERAF** 10:15 – 10:25 BMC Minerals Michael McClelland, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **BMC Minerals** 10:25 – 10:35 Larvotto Resources Ron Heeks, Managing Director, **Larvotto Resources** 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** 11:25 – 11:30 Welcoming Remarks	10:25 – 10:30 Welcoming Remarks Gavan Collery OAM FAusIMM, IMARC Ambassador 10:30 – 10:40 Thailand H.E. Mr. Suchart Chomklin, Minister, **Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand** 10:40 – 10:50 Uganda Dr. Monica Musenero Masanza, Minister, **Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda** 10:50 – 11:00 Cambodia H.E. Yos Mony Rath, Secretary of State, **Ministry of Mines and Energy, Cambodia** 11:00 – 11:10 Vanuatu Hon. Marco Rick Mahe, Minister, **Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Vanuatu** 11:10 – 11:20 Finland H.E. Sakari Puisto, Minister of Economic Affairs, **Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Finland** 11:20 – 11:30 France Benjamin Gallezot, Interministerial Delegate for Strategic Minerals and Metals Supply, **Prime Minister's Office, France** 11:30 – 11:40 Chile Álvaro González, Vice Minister, **Ministry of Mining, Chile** 11:40 – 11:50 Germany Stefan Rouenhoff, Parliamentary State Secretary, **Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany** 11:50 – 12:00 Italy Massimo Dell'Utri, Undersecretary of State, **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy**

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Borys Vorobyov, Chief Executive Officer, **Sight Power**

14:05 – 14:10

Digitisation Isn't Transformation: What's Missing in Most Paper-to-Digital Projects

Naaman Shibi, Vice President**, Pervidi Software**

14:30 – 15:30

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

Moderator: Chris Cann, Managing Partner, **Harbour**
Panellists: Rafael Estrada, Manager of Information Technology, Telecommunications & Process Control, **Antamina**
Rob Johnston, Manager IS Solutions Delivery, **Citic Pacific Mining**
Will Alker AAusIMM**,** Customer Success Area Manager, Motion Metrics, **Weir**
Alain Blanchette, Director, **SensorMine**
Steven Peacock, Head of Sales Commercial, **Castrol Australia**
Seb Culbert, Director of Product Growth**, Ideagen**

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

14:55 – 15:15

The First Nations Critical Minerals Strategy

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

MINES AND MONEY INVESTMENT

Peter Taylor, Director, **NWR Communications**

11:30 – 11:50

Keynote: Cyclical Capital Markets and Contrarian Investing

Rick Rule, Chief Executive Officer & President, **Rule Investment Media**

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 MAusIMM, 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**

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

12:00 – 12:10
European Union
Valère Moutarlier, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission, **European Union**

12:10 – 12:20
India
Shri Sandeep Poundrik, Secretary, **Ministry of Steel, India**

12:20 – 12:30
Argentina
Mario R. Thiem, Undersecretary of Mining Development, **Ministry of Economy, Argentina**

12:30 – 12:40
Sudan
Dr Hind Siddig Adam Hamed, Undersecretary, **Ministry of Minerals, Sudan**

12:40 – 12:50
Greenland
Jørgen T. Hammeken-Holm, Permanent Secretary, **Ministry of Business and Minerals Resources, Greenland**

12:50 – 13:00
Ghana
Isaac Andrews Tandoh, Chief Executive Officer, **Minerals Commission, Ghana**

13:00 – 13:10
Poland
Michal Nowosielski, Head of Raw Materials Policy and International Affairs Unit, **Ministry of Climate and Environment, Poland**

13:10 – 13:20
Estonia
Ene Jürjens, Director of the Mineral Resources Department, **Ministry of Climate of Estonia**

13:20–13:30
Mexico
Rodolfo Antonio Osorio de Carrera, Director of Credit, Finance and Administration, **Ministry of Economy, Mexico**

13:30 – 13:40
China
Cheng Liwei, President, **China Mining Association**

13:40 – 13:50

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

AI & Data-Driven Decision Making

15:30 – 15:35

Welcoming Remarks

Paul Canterbury, Global Mining Innovation Lead, **DXC**

15:35 – 16:15

Panel Discussion: Integrating Data Sources to Improve Efficiencies

Moderator: Robert Mullin, Digital & Data Growth Lead, ANZ, **Jacobs**
Panellists: Chad Burrows FAusIMM, Head of Digital Innovation, **Hancock Iron Ore**
Rafid Morshedi, Director of Digital Services, **WSP**
Rod Clarke, General Manager, Advanced Technology, ESCO Division, **Weir**
Eve Zhou, ANZ General Manager, **Streamax**
Trent Smith, Head of Autonomy & Operations Technology, **Thiess**
Khalid Mohammed AlSuhaim, Chief Digital Transformation Officer, **ESNAD**

16:15 – 16:35

Client Interview: IMDEX & Alkane Resources

Interviewer: Brenton Crawford, Global Principal Geoscientist, **IMDEX**
Interviewee: Braden Verity, Geology Manager, **Alkane Resources**

16:35 – 16:55

Targeting 4.0: From Legacy Data Sets to De-Risked Discovery

Jack Chanmala, Senior Geophysicist, Research & Development, **Vrify**

16:55 – 17:15

Interview: From Data to Decisions: Real-World AI Applications in Mining

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Energy Efficiency & Decarbonisation Strategies

14:25 – 14:30

Welcoming Remarks

Laura McGlennon, Student, **University of Queensland**

14:30 – 14:50

Extending Asset Life with Hybrid Retrofit Technology

Cameron Lynn, Senior Specialist - Asset Decarbonisation, **Thiess**

14:50 – 15:10

Building the World's First Net Zero Gold Mine

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

15:10 – 15:30

Zijin Longking

Luke Matias, Executive Director, **Zijin Longking Australia**

15:30 – 15:50

Ampol

Sean Phillips, Head of Sales and Marketing Lubricants, **Ampol**

15:50 – 16:10

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

Jane Carland, Managing Director, **Castrol Australia**

16:10 – 16:20

Delivering Firm, Renewable Steam for Minerals Processing

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

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

Regulatory Reform, Approvals & Social Licence

15:15 – 15:20

Welcoming Remarks

Chris Griffiths, Associate Environmental Scientist, **Onterris**

15:20 – 15:40

Prioritising Governance and Security to Advance Critical Mineral Projects
Mark Robinson, Executive Director, **EITI**

15:40 – 15:55

From Exploration to Development: Advancing NSW's Mining Project Pipeline

Georgina Beattie, Deputy Secretary, **NSW Resources**

15:55 – 16:10

Implementing a Critical Risk Management Standard in an Operating Mine

Dr Sara Zadeh, Specialist Project Engineering, **BHP**

16:10 – 16:30

Mandatory Climate Disclosure – Lessons for Companies in the Mining Sector

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

16:30 – 17:30

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

Moderator: Toby Whincup, Global Director – Critical Minerals, **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**

MINES AND MONEY INVESTMENT

Mining Pitch Battle

13:00 – 13:45

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

Battlers: Tim Lindley, Non-Executive Chair, **Critica**

Judges: Niv Dagan, Executive Director, **Peak Asset Management**
Mark Sykes, Investment Executive – Resources & Energy, **Sev.en Global Investments**
Dylan Kelly Head of Research, **Terra Capital**
Rick Squire, Portfolio Manager, **Acorn Capital**

Mining Spotlights

13:45 – 13:50

Welcoming Remarks

Dawid Spangenberg, Student, **University of Western Australia**

13:50 – 14:00

WIM Resource

Michael Winternitz, Director of Projects, **WIM Resource**

14:00 – 14:10

Kingsland Minerals

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

14:10 – 14:20

14:20 – 14:30

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sweden
Jan Larsson, Chief Executive Officer, **Business Sweden**

Unlocking Victoria's Resource Potential

14:00 -14:30

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German Program

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Interviewer: Farzi Yusufali AAusIMM, Co-Founder, **Stratum AI** Interviewee: Greg Job, Executive General Manager, Growth & Resource Development, **Harmony Gold** 17:15 – 17:30 Why We Need a Higher Level of Data to Increase Certainty in Decision Making Dr Joe Cronin FAusIMM, **Member Zero Entry Mining Workgroup, GMG**	16:20 – 16:25 Beyond Diesel: How Zinc-Air Long Duration Energy Storage Unlocks Round-the-Clock Renewables at Remote Mines Andrew Friedenthal, Director of Market Development, **e-Zinc** 16:25 – 16:30 Protecting Critical Power Infrastructure: Managing Transformer Oil Spill Risk in Mining Operations Carla Smiderle, Director of Sales & Marketing, **Albarrie Canada** 16:30 – 17:30 Panel Discussion: Developing Optimal Operations that combine Reliability, Sustainability, Energy & Cost Efficiency Moderator: Dallas Wilkinson, Chair, **Austmine** Panellists: Michael Williams, Sustainability Superintendent, **Bellevue Gold** Jessica Pringle, President Asia Pacific, **Metso** Karl Spaleck, Head of Site Sales, Indonesia & Eastern Australia, **FLS** Dr Jeremy Hanhiniemi FAusIMM(CP), 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**	**Stewardship Australia** Dr Mark Breitfuss, Market Sector Leader - Mining, **Onterris** Felicia Binks FAusIMM, Director Environment & Sustainability, **Agnico Eagle** Claudio Cossio, Senior Vice President and Global Mining Lead, **AECOM**	CuFe Mark Hancock, Executive Director, **CuFe** 14:30 – 14:40 Axel REE Dr Patience Mpofu, Managing Director, **Axel REE** 14:40 – 14:50 Golden Dragon Mining Simon Buswell-Smith, Managing Director, **Golden Dragon Mining** 14:50 – 15:00 NioCorp Mark Smith, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, **NioCorp** 15:00 – 15:10 Sarytogan Graphite Sean Gregory, Managing Director, **Sarytogan Graphite** 15:10 – 15:15 Welcoming Remarks Kenley Steadman, Student, **Curtin University** 15:15 – 15:25 Orogen Royalties Paddy Nicol, Chief Executive Officer & President, **Orogen Royalties** 15:25 – 15:35 Stavely Minerals Chris Cairns, Managing Director, **Stavely Minerals** 15:35 – 15:45 Kantra Copper Bob Fulker FAusIMM, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Kantra Copper** 15:45 – 15:55 Titan Minerals Melanie Leighton, Chief Executive Officer, **Titan Minerals** 15:55 – 16:05 Coda Minerals Chris Stevens FAusIMM, Chief Executive Officer, **Coda Minerals** 16:05 – 16:15 Culpeo Minerals Geoff McNamara, Non-Executive Chairman & Co-Founder, **Culpeo Minerals**	

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			16:15 – 16:25 Oroco Resource Adam Smith, Business Development, **Oroco Resource** 16:25 – 16:35 Alara Resources Peter Lee, Executive Chair, **Alara Resources** 16:35 – 16:45 Aston Bay Holdings Thomas Ullrich, Chief Executive Officer, **Aston Bay Holdings** 16:45 – 17:30 Panel Discussion: Fund Manager's Picks – Short, Medium and Long Term Co-hosts: Jonas Dorling, Co-Founder, **Money of Mine** Travis Ricciardo, Co-Founder, **Money of Mine** Panellists: Ewan Galloway, Portfolio Manager, **Perennial Value** Dylan Kelly, Head of Research, **Terra Capital** Rick Squire, Portfolio Manager, **Acorn Capital**	

NETWORKING RECEPTION

PLENARY

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

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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, **Queensland Government**

08:35 – 08:40

Western Australia Ministerial Address

Hon. David Michael MLA, Minister for State Development; Minister for Economic Diversification, Department of Energy and Economic Diversification (DEED), **Western Australian Government**

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 – 09:40

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**
Mark Smith, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, **NioCorp**

09:40 – 10:00

Mining Keynote Interview: Unlocking the Next Wave of Performance

Interviewer: Holly Ransom, Emcee, **IMARC**
Interviewee: Edgar Basto, Chief Enterprise Performance Officer, **BHP**

10:00 – 10:35

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

Moderator: Abigail Hunter, Executive Director, Center for Critical Mineral Strategy, **Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE)**
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**

10:35 – 10:40

Ministerial Address

Sami S. Al Harbi, Assistant Deputy Minister for Resources & Land Affairs, **Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

10:40 – 11:30

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**

11:30 – 12:10

Keynote Panel Discussion: From Policy to Projects: How the U.S. is Accelerating Critical Minerals Investment and Development

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**
Paulo Castellari, Chief Executive Officer – Critical Minerals, **Appian Capital Advisory**
Douglas Midland, Regional Managing Director - Philippines & Pacific Islands, **U.S. International Development Finance Corporation**

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Funding the Future of Mining Tech	Operational Planning	De-Risking Projects for Investment & Delivery	Mining Spotlights	Peru Program
Presented by Unearthed, in collaboration with Founders Factory. Across three panels moderated by Holly Bridgwater, Director at Unearthed, this session examines capital-market shifts, the players involved, the technologies that require investment, how risk	12:30 – 12:35 Welcoming Remarks Ian Testrow, Managing Director & CEO, **Emeco**	12:30 – 12:35 Welcoming Remarks Marion von Achten, Regional Director, Australia, Oceania & India, Parametric NatCat, **Munich RE**	09:30 – 09:35 Welcoming Remarks Arshia Farshchi Sharif, Student, **University of**	09:30 – 11:00 Peru Program

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

should be allocated, and the commercialisation pathways needed to bring priority technologies to scale.

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome

Holly Bridgewater, Director, **Unearthed**

10:05 – 10:40

Panel Discussion: Is there a Capital Gap in Mining Technology, and where to Crowd in?

Panellists: Lauren McGregor, Director, **National Reconstruction Fund**
Mark Frayman, Managing Partner, **Orion Industrial Ventures**
Steven Vassiloudis, Chief Executive Officer, **Novalith Technologies**

10:40 – 11:15

Panel Discussion: What Technologies need Funding, and Who should Carry the Risk?

Panellists: John Mern, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, **Terra AI**
Leigh Staines, Industry Advisor, **RTCM Trailblazer** and Chief Executive Officer**, Banksia Minerals**
Melissa Bond, Head of Portfolio Strategy**, BHP Ventures**

11:15 – 11:50

Panel Discussion: From Technology Development to Commercialisation: How does it Scale?

Panellists: Harshita Gupta, Manager, Innovation Ecosystems, **BHP**
Shane Plant, Chief Commercial Officer, **IMDEX**
Tamryn Barker, Mining Director, **Founders Factory**

11:50 – 12:00

Closing Remarks and Key Takeaways

Holly Bridgewater, Director, **Unearthed**

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

12:35 – 12:55

From Awareness to Intelligence, the Evolution of Safety Solutions in Surface Mining, Keeping Operators Safe and Optimising Mining Operations

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

12:55 – 13:15

InfoConsulting

Senior Executive, **InfoConsulting**

13:15 – 13:30

BHP WAIO Data-Driven Approach to Haulage Network Optimisation

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

13:30 – 13:45

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**

13:45 – 14:05

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

Sam Marciano, Forward Deployment Director, **Ideagen**
Shaun MacRae, Chief Product Officer, **Ideagen**

14:05 – 14:25

Emerson

Senior Executive, **Emerson**

14:25 – 14:30

Improving Underground Mining Efficiency with MOSS: Real-Time Line, Grade and Survey Control

Bruno Lalonde, Chief Executive Officer, **NSS Canada**

14:30 – 14:35

Industrial Machine & Manufacturing

Tom Foster, President, **Industrial Machine & Manufacturing**

14:35 – 14:55

From Explosive Manufacture to Integrated Solutions Provider

Rosi Rosmayanti, Senior Manager of Marketing & Operations, **Dahana**

14:55 – 15:10

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

12:35 – 12:55

Keynote Interview: From Resource to Reality – What Makes a Mining Project Deliverable?

Interviewer: Kristie Batten, **Mining Journalist**
Interviewee: Mark Cutifani CBE, Director and Executive Advisor

12:55 – 13:15

Increased Exploration Funding: Has it Translated to New Projects?

John Forwood MAusIMM, Chief Investment Officer, **Lowell Resources Fund**
Rick Squire, Portfolio Manager, **Acorn Capital**

13:15 – 13:35

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**

13:35 – 14:15

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**
Jessica Cairns, Head of Responsible Investment, **Alphinity Investment Management**
Dr Claire Cote, Principal Environmental Specialist**, Egis Group**

14:15 – 14:20

DynaIndustrial

Kevin Anderson, Mining Equipment Program Manager, **DynaIndustrial**

14:20 – 14:25

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

Interviewer: Kerry Atkins**,** Director – New South Wales, **Association of Mining & Exploration Companies (AMEC)**
Interviewees: Christine Charles FAusIMM, Non-Executive Director, **Tivan Resources** and Chair, Advisory Group**, CSRM**
Chris Byrne MAusIMM, Managing Director, **Legacy**

MINES AND MONEY INVESTMENT

Technology Sydney

09:35 – 09:55

Exploration Technology and its Implications for Juniors and Investors

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

09:55 – 10:05

Vrify

Penny Swords, Chief Revenue Officer, **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: Brett Beatty, Partner, Managing Director Australia, Investment Team Leader, **Resource Capital Funds**
Panellists: Owen Hegarty OAM HonFAusIMM, Executive Chairman, **EMR Capital**
Kevin McElligott, Managing Director, Australia, **Franco-Nevada**
Stephen Shipley, VP International Corporate Services (APAC Region), **OTC Markets Group**
Anitha Mushokolwa, Internal Audit Manager, **Jema Africa**
Nick Frappell. Global Head Institutional Markets, **ABC Refinery**

11:25 – 11:25

Welcoming Remarks
Gavan Collery OAM FAusIMM, IMARC Ambassador

11:25 – 11:45

Laboratory Services

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Automation & Autonomous Operations

12:50 – 12:55

Welcoming Remarks

Renu Kannu, **Australian Automation and Robotics Precinct**

12:55 – 13:15

DXC

Interviewer: David Gollan, Leader, Global Mining Innovation Centre, **DXC**
Interviewee:

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 Australia**

13:55 – 14:15

Sandvik's AutoMine® Aura: The New Dimension in Mining

Andrew Atkinson, Business Line Manager – Automation, **Sandvik**

14:15 – 14:35

Maintaining Control of YOUR Mine: The Battle Against Vendor Lock-in

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

14:35 – 14:40

All-Condition Intelligence for Mining Vehicles: From Collision Avoidance to Autonomous Operations

Dr Chao Yu, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, **LoopX**

14:40 – 15:30

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

Moderator: David Gollan, Leader, Global Mining Innovation Centre, **DXC**
Panellists: Ben Edwards, Underground Development Manager, **Southern Cross Gold**
Andrew McCluskey, Head of Sales – WA, **SMC Australia**

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Emeco

Ian Testrow, Managing Director & CEO, **Emeco**

15:10 - 15:40

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

Moderator: Aaron Colleran, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, **AIC Mines**
Panellists: Luis Talavera, Superintendent Mine Scheduling & Integration, **BHP**
Raz Roditti, Chief Executive Officer**, Razor Labs**
Jerred Workun, Engagement Manager, **Outliers**

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

Minerals

14:45 – 15:15

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

Moderator: Catherine Mooney, Chief Executive Officer, **SACOME**
Panellists: Andrea Marsland-Smith MAusIMM, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Alligator Energy**
Bob Fulker FAusIMM, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Kantra Copper**
Sarah Clarke, Chief Executive Officer, **Andromeda Metals**

MINES AND MONEY INVESTMENT

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

11:45 – 11:50

How ColdBlock Accelerates Assaying in Mining Labs Worldwide

Craig West, Chief Executive Officer, **ColdBlock Technologies**

11:50 – 12:00

Arafura Rare Earths

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

12:00 – 12:10

EQ Resources

Jono Kort, Chief Financial Officer, **EQ Resources**

12:10 – 12:20

Ioneer

Bernard Rowe, Managing Director, **Ioneer**

12:20 – 12:30

Impact Minerals

Jim McKerlie, Executive Chair, **Impact Minerals**

12:30 – 12:40

Renascor Resources

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

12:40 – 12:50

Estrella Resources

Chris Daws, Director & Business Development Officer, **Estrella Resources**

12:50 – 13:00

EcoGraf

Andrew Spinks MAusIMM, Managing Director, **EcoGraf**

13:00 – 13:20

Resource Potential to Investment Reality

Faisal Alharbi, Chief Financial Officer, **ESNAD**

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 of the Industry Development and Promotions Group of the Board of Investments, **Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Philippines**

Mongolia Program

11:30 – 12:30

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Professor Serkan Saydam, Chair of Mining Engineering, School of Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering, **University of New South Wales**
Dush Wimal, Business Development Director – Digital Mining Technologies, **Sandvik**
Jon Weidenbaum, Business Development Director, **Emerson Automation Solutions**

Future Proofing the Mine

15:30 – 15:35

Welcoming Remarks

Rachael Fuller, Director of Operations, **WSP**

15:35 – 16:35

Panel Discussion: Developing a Dynamic Technology Roadmap

Moderator: Andrew Rouse, Non-Executive Director, **Austmine**
Panellists: Rafael Estrada, Manager of Information Technology, Telecommunications & Process Control, **Antamina**
Rahman Daiyan, Associate Professor, **University of New South Wales**
Marco Alencar, Head of Business Improvement and Operational Excellence, **Ravenswood Gold**

16:35 – 16:40

Electrified Rail for Bulk Material Haulage

Scott McMahon, Director of Business Development, APAC, **Nordic Minesteel Technologies**

16:40 – 16:45

Future-Proofing Underground Operations: Designing Equipment Recovery into the Mine Plan

Kane Kulack, Portfolio Program Manager, **Fortis Mining Manufacturing Engineering**

16:45 – 16:50

Battery Auto-Pilot: an AI-Driven Tool Enhancing Energy Storage in Mining

Pierre Rivard, Board Member, **BluWave-ai**

16:50 – 17:20

Interview: What's Next for Electrification in Mines?

Interviewer: Craig Lindsay Rae, Non-Executive Director, **Austmine**
Interviewees: Darren Kwok, Head of Mining Electrification and Technology, **Perenti**
Chris Carr FAusIMM, President & Chair of the Board,

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Maintenance, Reliability & Safety

15:40

Welcoming Remarks

Giancarlo Osabas Molina, Student, **University of Queensland**

15:40 – 16:00

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

Misha Fazen, Group Manager, Systems, Performance, Data Analytics HSE, **Whitehaven**

16:00 – 16:20

Closing the Gap Between Installed Capacity and Actual Output

Alain Blanchette, Director, **SensorMine**

16:20 – 16:40

Streamax

Senior Executive, **Streamax**

16:40 – 16:55

EMESRT's Improvements in Vehicle Interactions

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

16:55 – 17:00

The Human Side of Reliability: How Occupational Health Improves Mine-Site Safety and Workforce Readiness

Eric Davie, Vice President of Sales**, NorthStream Safety & Rehab**

17:00 – 17:30

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

Moderator: Mark Jacobsen, Principal Functional Consultant, Energy & Resources, **IFS**
Panellists: Misha Fazen, Group Manager, Systems,

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

Accelerating Exploration to Development

15:15 – 15:20

Welcoming Remarks

John Mern, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, **Terra AI**

15:20 – 15:35

Interview: OceanaGold's Approach to the Fast Track Process

Interviewer: Simon Troeth, General Manager – External Relations, **Minerals Council Australia**
Interviewee: Alison Paul, SVP NZ Legal and Public Affairs, **OceanaGold**

15:35 – 15:55

How Much will AI Transform How the Mining Industry does Exploration?

Alex Bryk, Staff Geologist, **Terra AI**

Chris Cairns, Managing Director, **Stavely Minerals**

15:55 – 16:00

Core Scanning at Zonia: Real-Time Geological Decision Making at a U.S. Copper Asset

Adam MacInnis, Project Manager, **GeologicAI**

16:00 – 16:05

Taking Cleantech from the Lab to Commercialization

Greg Hanna, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, **Destiny Copper**

16:05 – 16:20

From Discovery to Delivery: Accelerating Major Resource Projects in Queensland

Gerard Coggan, Coordinator-General, **Queensland**

16:20 – 16:50

Panel Discussion: Spurring on New Discoveries in the Macquarie Arc

Moderator: Dr Rebecca Sproule, Head, **Geological Survey of NSW**

MINES AND MONEY INVESTMENT

AMEC Mining Pitch Battle

13:20 – 14:00

AMEC Mining Pitch Battle

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

Battlers: Kevin MacNeill, Non Executive Director, **Dover Castle Metals**
John Cotter, Managing Director, **North West Phosphate**
Neil McIntryre MBE, Chief Executive Officer, **Diatreme Resources**

Judges: Henry Jennings, Senior Market Analyst, **Marcus Today**
Conrad van Deventer FAusIMM(CP), Manager Critical Minerals, **Idemitsu Australia**
James Morrison, Portfolio Manager, Resource Royalties, **Regal Funds Management**

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Chile Program

13:00 – 14:30

Chile Program

The Future of Exploration Starts with Government Geoscience

14:30 – 14:35

Welcoming Remarks

Allison Britt, Director, Mineral Resources Advice and Promotion, **Geoscience Australia**

14:35 – 14:50

Keynote Address

14:50 – 15:55

Panel Discussion: How Government Investment in Data, Information, Tools and AI Drives Discovery

Moderator: TBC
Panellists: Dr Karol Czarnota, Branch Head, Advanced Science, **Geoscience Australia**
Dr Louise Goldie Divko, Director, G**eological Survey of Victoria, Resources Victoria**
Dr Rebecca Sproule, Chief Geologist and Head of the Geological Survey of New South Wales, **NSW Resources**
Dr Jo Whelan, Acting Executive Director, **Northern Territory Geological Survey**
Dr Suzanne Hunt, Director, **Geological Survey South Australia**
Stephanie Doos, Mineral Investment Specialist, **Geological Survey and Resource Strategy Division, Western Australia**
Alastair Morton, Director of Mines, **Mineral Resources Tasmania**

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AusIMM	Performance, Data Analytics HSE, **Whitehaven** Dr Sara Pazell, Representative, **EMESRT** Charan Valluru, National Practice Leader – People Risk Advisory, **Aon Human Capital**	Panellists: 16:50 – 17:30 Panel Discussion: Effective Strategies to Accelerate Project Development and Commodity Production Moderator: Kate Dickson, Head of National Operations & Director, Queensland, **Association of Mining & Exploration Companies (AMEC)** Panellists: Tim Benfield, Chief Operating Officer, **AIC Mines** 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)** Sven List, Senior Vice-President, Canadian Corporate Business, **Export Development Canada (EDC)**		Closing Remarks
			Mining Spotlights 14:00 – 14:05 Welcoming Remarks Nicholas Boyd-Mathews, Chief Investment Officer, **Janah Capital** 14:05 – 14:25 Financing Tanzania's Next Gold Growth Story; Investment Opportunities in a Scalable Gold Mining Platform Michael Ngalaba, Audit & Mining Sector Specialist, **Jema Africa** 14:25 – 14:35 Magmatic Resources David Richardson, Managing Director, **Magmatic Resources** 14:35 – 14:45 Kaiser Reef Brad Valiukas, Managing Director, **Kaiser Reef** 14:45 – 14:55 First Tin Bill Scotting, Chief Executive Officer, **First Tin** 14:55 – 15:05 Anson Resources Bruce Richardson, Executive Chair & Chief Executive Officer, **Anson Resources** 15:05 – 15:15 Pursuit Minerals Aaron Revelle, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Pursuit Minerals** 15:15 – 15:25 Li-FT Power Francis MacDonald, Chief Executive Officer, **Li-FT Power** 15:25 – 15:35 Hawk Resources Scott Caithness MAusIMM, Managing Director, **Hawk Resources** 15:35 – 15:40	Greenland Program 16:00 – 16:30 Greenland Program Country Program 16:30 – 17:30 Country Program

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			Welcoming Remarks 15:40 – 16:00 Geopolitical and Commodity Outlook – Lithium Hayden Bairstow, Managing Director & Head of Research, **Argonaut** 16:00 – 16:10 Lac Gold Matthew Keegan, Executive Director, **Lac Gold** 16:10 – 16:20 Gateway Mining Richard Pugh, Chief Executive Officer, **Gateway Mining** 16:20 – 16:30 Alvear Tungsten Spencer Cole, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, **Alvear Tungsten** 16:30 – 16:40 IMPACT Silver Fredrick Davidson, President & Chief Executive Officer, **IMPACT Silver** 16:40 – 16:50 Magnetite Mines 16:50 – 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** Charles Cooper, Head of Copper Research, **Wood Mackenzie**	

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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 Operational Transformation

Moderator: Tony Davis, Chief Executive Officer, **Austmine**
Panellists: Dave Goddard, President, Mining Division, **Hexagon**
Sinead Booth, Group Manager, Decarbonisation Program, **Fortescue**
Mark Lynch, Group Executive - Commercial, Strategy and Sustainability, **Thiess**
ZhiChun Chao, Chief Engineer, **Zijin Longking Mining Equipment**

09:40 – 10:00

Keynote Interview: Delivering Mining in a More Complex World
Interviewer: Holly Ransom, Emcee, **IMARC**
Interviewee: Vanessa Torres MAusIMM, 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, President & Chief Executive Officer, **ICMM**

10:20 – 10:50

International Panel Discussion: Mining of the Future Across the Americas: Innovation, Strategic Projects and the Next Wave of Transformation

Moderator: Paul Mitchell, Global Mining & Metals Leader, **EY**
Panellists: Francisco Manesco, Head of Strategic Mining Projects, **Vale SA**
Carlos Castro, Corporate Affairs Manager South America, **Glencore**, President, **Australia-Peru Chamber of Commerce (APCCI)**
Claudio Cossio, Senior Vice President and Global Mining Lead, **AECOM**

10:50 – 11:10

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

Interviewer: Stephen Durkin, Chief Executive Officer, **AusIMM**
Interviewee: Ion Hann FAusIMM, 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, **EITI**

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Connectivity & Digital Infrastructure

11:30 – 11:35

Welcoming Remarks

Alain Rodas, Student, **Curtin University**

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

Jasmin Bentink, Graduate – Environment, **Rio Tinto**

11:50 – 12:20

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

Interviewer: Tom Reid, Director of Industry and Advocacy, **Australian Resources and Energy Employer Association (AREEA)**
Interviewee: Jen Hoyle, Policy Director QMEA & DEI, **Queensland Resources Council**
Fiona Murfitt, Vice President Sustainability, **Evolution Mining**
Emma Pollard MAusIMM, Chief People & Sustainability Officer, **Coronado Global Resources**

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

Rehabilitation, Closure & Legacy Planning

12:15 – 12:20

Welcoming Remarks

Charlotte Congram, Student, **University of Queensland**

12:20 – 13:10

Panel Discussion: Built In, Not Bolted On: Water, Energy and Tailings as Core Mine Design Choices
Moderator: Heather Ednie, Executive President & Director, **CEEC International**
Panellists: Alex Blood FAusIMM, Strategic Projects, **South Australia**, & Executive Director, **CEEC International**
Marc Allen MAusIMM, Chief Sustainability Officer, **Unravel** & Chair, **CEEC International**
Igor Elias, Director Technical Engagement & Growth, **CEEC International**

MINES AND MONEY INVESTMENT

Mining Spotlights

09:30 – 09:35

Welcoming Remarks
Nicholas Boyd-Mathews, Chief Investment Officer, **Janah Capital**

09:35 – 09:55

Is it Better to Explore or Buy? A 30-year Study of the Cost of Gold Discoveries Versus Acquisitions

Richard Schodde, Managing Director, **MinEx Consulting**

09:55 – 10:25

Interview: Capital Markets, IPOs and M&A
Interviewer: Blayney Morgan MAusIMM, Director, **Rhopa Consulting & Advisory**
Interviewees: Paul House, Chief Executive Officer, **IMDEX**
Andrew James, Director – Corporate Finance, **Bell Potter**

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

The Path from 5G to 6G: Navigating Mining's Ongoing Wireless Evolution

Ian Ross, Head of Private Networks ANZ, Enterprise Wireless Solutions, **Ericsson**

12:35 – 12:40

When Every Second Counts: Building Resilient Communications for Mining Operations

Colin Edgar, Sales Manager, **Enghouse Systems**

12:40 – 12:45

The Connected Tire: Advancing Safety, Efficiency, and Fleet Performance

Michael Kutzscher, Chief Executive Officer, **SpartanLync Technologies**

12:45 – 13:05

SouthPAN: A Foundational Positioning Layer for Resilient Mining Technology Systems

Philip Shears, Director, Capability Management and Program Office, Positioning Australia, **Geoscience Australia**

13:00 – 13:05

Geophysical Technologies and Advancements

Daniel Eremenco, Managing Director, **Gap Geophysics** (Australian arm of DIAS)

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

12:20 – 12:40

Your Supervisor Development Program is Wasted – Throwing Training at Someone who's Drowning Fails your Frontline

Amanda Mitchell, Head of APAC & Africa, **Outliers**

12:40 – 12:45

Global Mobility - Navigating Skilled Workforce Challenges

Antonio Lopez, Chief Strategy Officer, **IVEY Group**

12:45 – 13:00

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

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

Mary Stewart FIChemE, Lead Partner, Corporate Sustainability & Climate Change**, ERM Energetics**

13:10 – 13:30

Keynote: Geotechnical Hazard Management at Maules Creek

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

13:30 – 14:00

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

Moderator: Jillian D'Urso AAusIMM, External Relations & Impact Director**, CRC TiME**
Panellists: Jyi Lawton, Chief Executive Officer, **AEMEE**

Narelle Wolfe, FAusIMM General Manager, Professional Standards, **AusIMM**

MINES AND MONEY INVESTMENT

10:25 – 10:35

FI Joint Venture

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

10:35 – 10:45

Cambria Gold Mines

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

10:45 – 10:55

Astron

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

10:55 – 11:05

Q2 Metals

Simon Cohn, Director, **Q2 Metals**

11:05 – 11:25

Omai Gold Mines

Jason Brewster. Vice President, Operations, **Omai Gold Mines**

11:25 – 11:45

ASX Resource Opportunities - The State of the Sector

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

11:45 – 11:55

Azzuro Resources

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

11:55 – 12:00

Welcoming Remarks

12:00 – 12:10

NeuRizer

Justyn Peters, Executive Chair, **NeuRizer**

12:10 – 12:20

High Titanium Resources and Technology

David Li, Chair & Executive Director, **High Titanium Resources and Technology**

12:20 – 12:30

Blencowe Resources

Iain Wearing, Interim chief Executive Officer, **Blencowe Resources**

12:30 – 12:40

Alara Resources

Peter Lee, Executive Chair, **Alara Resources**

12:40 – 12:50

QMines

Andrew Sparke, Executive Chairman, **QMines**

12:50 – 13:00

Mining Technology & Investment

13:05 – 13:10

Welcoming Remarks

Lexi Croce, Student, **CQUniversity**

13:10 – 13:30

Advancing Physical AI in Mining: Translating Global Innovation into Industry Stories

Senior Executive, **HCL Tech**

13:30 - 14:10

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

Moderator: Holly Bridgewater, Director, **Unearthed**
Panellists: Cian Caffrey, Executive Director, **RFC Ambrian**
Leon Morgan, Founder, **Katapult**
Charles Gillies, Managing Director and Chair, Investment Committees, **RCF Innovation**
Brittney Musleh, Director, Energy & Mining, **Saskatchewan Trade & Export Partnership (STEP)**

14:10 – 14:15

Creative Capital and Grit: Financing Cleantech from Idea to Scale

Environmental & Community Stewardship

13:00 – 13:05

Welcoming Remarks

Lana Lockhart, Student, **Griffith University**

13:05 – 13:45

Panel Discussion: Trust is the Engine that Drives Momentum
Moderator: Yuluwirri McGrady, Managing Director, **Mader First**
Panellists: Simon Delander, Vice President - Risk, Stakeholder & Regulatory Affairs, **Rua Gold**
Matt Denyer, Principal Adviser – Indigenous Partnerships & Communities, **Minerals Council of Australia**
Alison Paul, SVP NZ Legal and Public Affairs, **OceanaGold**

13:45 – 14:05

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**
Roger Jackson, Executive Director, **Vertex Minerals**

14:05 – 14:35

Building Domestic Processing & Refining Capability

14:00 – 14:05

Welcoming Remarks

Sara Alaei, Student, **University of Queensland**

14:05 – 14:25

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

Dr John Coyne, Director – National Security Program, **Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI)**

14:25 – 15:30

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

Moderator: Clyde Russell, Asia Commodities & Energy Columnist, **Thomson Reuters**
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**
Duncan Wyatt, Director, Critical Minerals and Hydrometallurgical Solutions, **Metso**
Demus King, General Manager Trade, Investment and Investor

INTERNATIONAL MINING AND RESOURCES CONFERENCE+EXPO

Australia's International Mining Week

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Thursday, 29 October 2026

Founding Partners:

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Bryan Freeman, Chief Operational Officer, **Destiny Copper**

14:15 – 14:45
From Strategy to Execution: Same Playbook, Different Battlefield

Rob Adamson, Executive Chair, **RFC Ambrian**
John Shanahan, Chief Executive Officer, **MagnaTerra Technologies**

14:45 - 15:30
METS Innovation Pitch Battle

METS companies within IMARC's Innovation & Investment Zone, offering innovative solutions to address mining challenges, on and off the field, battle it out on the Mining Innovation Theatre for the METS Innovation Pitch Battle title. Five selected companies from the Zone will have the opportunity to pitch their products to mining and investor judges in this fast-paced Shark Tank like session.

Host:
Jon Robbeson FAusIMM(CP), Chair, Sydney Branch, **AusIMM**

Battlers: Richard Simons, Managing Director, **Liberate Minerals**
Bernadette Currie MAusIMM, **OreStrike**
Rosilene Welter Gabas, **SmartREE Technologies**

Judges: Stefan Skorut, Chief Investment Officer & Executive Director, **RFC Ambrian**
Rafael Estrada, Manager of Information Technology, Telecommunications & Process Control, **Antamina**
Dallas Wilkinson, Chair, **Austmine**

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Panel Discussion: The Benefits of Responsible Artisanal & Small-Scale Gold Mining to the Environment and Communities
Moderator: Terry Heymann, Chief Strategy Officer, **World Gold Council**
Panellists Marcena Hunter, Director of Extractives, **Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime**
Fitsum Weldegiorgis, Senior Research Fellow, **Sustainable Minerals Institute, The University of Queensland**
Dr Edwina Thompson, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, **Amanacard**

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

Moderator: Paul Williams MAusIMM, 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**

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY

Relations**, Minerals Council of Australia**

MINES AND MONEY INVESTMENT

AusQuest
Graeme Drew, Managing Director, **AusQuest**
13:00 – 13:10
Cobra Resources
Rupert Verco, Managing Director, **Cobra Resources**
13:10 – 13:20
RW Gold
Jennifer Washer Ezhukova, President, **RW Gold**
13:20 – 13:30
Latrobe Magnesium
Robert Stein, Chief Executive Officer, **Latrobe Magnesium**
13:30 – 13:40
Surge Battery Metals
Graham Harris, Chairman, **Surge Battery Metals**
13:40 – 13:50
Andromeda Metals
Sarah Clarke, Chief Executive Officer, **Andromeda Metals**
13:50 – 14:00
Mining Spotlight
14:00 – 14:10
Mining Spotlight
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Mining Spotlight
14:20 – 14:30
Mining Spotlight

Mining Pitch Battle

14:30 – 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**
Nicholas Boyd-Mathews, Chief Investment Officer, **Janah Capital**

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** and the **Innovation & Investment Alley** program**,** and the launch of the **Guru Garden**, 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

Provides a platform for up to 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 Mining's Role in Regional Planning and Development Moderator: Jillian D'Urso AAusIMM, External Relations & Impact Director, **CRC TiME**	
Jacqueline Leahy, Executive Director, **Critical Minerals, Resources Victoria** Christine Charles FAusIMM, Non-Executive Director, **Tivan Resources** and Chair, Advisory Group**, CSRM**	Dr Susannah MacFarlane, Director, Groundwater Geoscience, Basin Systems Branch Minerals, Energy and Groundwater Division, **Geoscience Australia**
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**	
Simon Troeth, General Manager – External Relations, **Minerals Council Australia** Kate Dickson, Head of National Operations & Director, Queensland, **Association of Mining & Exploration Companies (AMEC)** Caoilin Chesnutt FAusIMM, Executive Director, **ACARP**	Nick Rees, Co-Founder & Managing Director, **Bridgend Capital Advisory** Robin Griffin, Head of Research, **Commodity Insights** Adam Battista, Managing Director, **CRE Insurance Broking**
Wednesday 28 October	
10:30 – 11:30 The Data Driven Mine Site – the Problems of the Past and the Opportunities in the Future Moderator: Dr Joe Cronin FAusIMM, Member**, Zero Entry Mining Workgroup, GMG**	
Andrew Rouse, Non-Executive Director, **Austmine** Charles Gillies, Managing Director and Chair, Investment Committees, **RCF Innovation** Ty Osborne, Director, Universal Field Robots, **Sandvik**	Misha Fazen, Group Manager- Systems, Performance, Data Analytics HSE, **Whitehaven** Ben Edwards, Underground Development Manager, **Southern Cross Gold** Ashleigh Braddock, Vice President Automation, **Epiroc**
13:30 – 14:30 Tyre & Belt Circularity in Motion Moderator: Lina Goodman, Chief Executive Officer, **Tyre Stewardship Australia**	
Grace Tripcony MIEAust, Principal Environment, **BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA)** Benjamin Rieck, General Manager, **Intertek Business Assurance Australasia** Mike Finlen, Principal Engineer- Materials Handling, **Fenner**	Trevor Fawcett, Disposal Specialist, **Rio Tinto** Tammie Miller, Head of Market Development, **Tyre Stewardship Australia** Lauren Regent, Environmental Technical Officer**, Idemitsu Australia**
15:00 – 16:00 Growing Equity Co-Ownership and Economic Participation for First Nations Businesses Moderator: Brian Bero, Associate Professor, **The Mabo Centre**	
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**	Charmaine Saltner, Group Manager - Indigenous Relations and Community Partnerships, **Evolution Mining** Matt Denyer, Principal Adviser – Indigenous Partnerships & Communities, **Minerals Council of Australia**
16:30 – 17:30 The Competitiveness Challenge: What Will It Take for Australia to Lead in Critical Minerals? Moderator: Namali Mackay, Managing Director, **Critical Minerals Association of Australia**	
Jeff Townsend, Chief Executive Officer**, Critical Minerals Association UK** Hayley Channer, Director, Economics Security, **United States Studies Centre** Andrew Curtis, Technical Solutions, Critical Minerals, **Sedgman**	Dan Kapostasy, Chief Technical Officer, **US Energy Fuels** David Parker, Commercial Manager, **Empire Metals** Damien Dunn FCMAA, Director, **Critical Minerals Association of Australia**
Thursday 29 October	
10:30 – 11:30 Clearing Roadblocks: Building the Business Case for Mine Waste Reprocessing Moderator: Dr Anita Parbhakar-Fox, Honorary Professor, **University of Queensland**	
Allison Britt, Director, Mineral Resources Advice & Promotion, **Geoscience Australia** Jason Weeks, Tailings Consultant, **Phoenix** Dennis Gibson, President, **Snowline Group** Fiona Murfitt, Vice President Sustainability, **Evolution Mining** Dr Rob Coleman, Chief Executive Officer, **Core Group**	Prof Sara Couperthwaite MAusIMM, Director STRATA, **Lava Blue** Blake Stacey, BDM, **LabWest**, Managing Director**, Mobile Crisis Construction,** Technical Director, **Real Material Solutions** Annelise Whitbread SAusIMM, Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Student, **University of Queensland** Ryan MacNeill MAusIMM, General Manager Sales & Marketing, **EQ Resources** Glen Cathers, Manager Resource Assessment, **Geological Survey of NSW, NSW Resources**
13:30 – 14:30 Mining Through a NextGen Lens: AI, Social Media and the Future of Work. Moderator: Jon Robbeson FAusIMM(CP), Chair, Sydney Branch, **AusIMM**	
James Yu, Student, **University of Queensland** Mary Dark, Student, **Curtin University** Ella-Luci (Lulu) Milfull, Student, **University of Queensland** Fiona Dawson, Mining Systems Engineer, **Newmont** Sarthak Chaudhry, Student, **University of New South Wales**	Sherman Chi Ho Yuen, Student, **University of Queensland** Jasmin Bentink, Graduate – Environment, **Rio Tinto** Bella Durham, Graduate Environment, **Whitehaven** Keisha Sealy, Student, **University of New South Wales** and President, Sydney Student Chapter, **AusIMM** Bella Melov, Student, **University of New South Wales**

Innovation & Investment Alley Roundtables Program

Offers a unique platform for groups of emerging tech innovators to highlight their cutting-edge products and services tailored for the mining sector. These discussions, for audiences to listen in on, connect participants from the Alley with venture capitalists, corporate venture teams, and mining innovation leaders. It's a rare opportunity to demonstrate capability, explore collaboration, and align breakthrough solutions with real industry needs.

Tuesday 27 October	
12:00 – 13:00 What Makes a Mining Innovation Investable? Moderator: Brett Beatty, Partner, Managing Director Australia, Investment Team Leader, **Resource Capital Funds**	
Ali Buchberger, Director, IP Commercialisation **UniQuest** Leigh Staines, Industry Advisor, **RTCM Trailblazer** and Chief Executive Officer**, Banksia Minerals** Harshita Gupta, Manager Innovation Ecosystem**, BHP**	Andrew Lawson, Managing Director, **InVert Graphite** Stefan Skorut, Chief Investment Officer & Executive Director, **RFC Ambrian** Melissa Bond, Head of Portfolio Strategy**, BHP Ventures**
13:30 – 14:30 From Innovation to Adoption: What's Getting in the Way? Moderator: Holly Bridgwater, Director, Unearthed	
Thursday 29 October	
12:00 – 13:00 Enhancing Research-Industry Collaboration within the Resources Sector Moderator: Leigh Staines, Industry Advisor, **RTCM Trailblazer** and Chief Executive Officer**, Banksia Minerals**	
Rick Valenta, Program Lead, RTCM Trailblazer & Director, Sustainable Minerals Institute, University of Queensland Stephanie Byrom, General Manager, Decarbonisation, Loop Decarbonisation	Hakon Dammen, Industry Advisor**, RTCM Trailblazer**

Guru Garden – Drop in Open Forum

No appointments needed, just pull up a chair. Staged on the show floor, the Guru Garden is an interactive, participant-driven hub designed to cut through the noise and get straight to the solutions that matter most. Drop by anytime during the session to meet leading global specialists and subject matter experts face-to-face. This is your opportunity to ask an expert the questions you've long been curious about.

Tuesday 27 October
16:30 – 17:30 How to Take a Cheque off Rick Rule: What Investors Actually Fund Expert: Rick Rule, Chief Executive Officer & President, **Rule Investment Media**
Wednesday 28 October
12:00 – 13:00 How to Navigate U.S. Government Funding and Strategic Support for Critical Minerals Projects Expert: Tripp Hornick, Principal, **Quince Street Strategy**

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 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 – 11:10

Welcoming Remarks

Narelle Wolfe, General Manager, Professional Standards, **AusIMM**

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

11:10 – 11:40

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

11:40 – 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

Moderator: Micah Gibson, Student, **University of Wollongong** and President, Illawarra Student Chapter, **AusIMM**
Panellists: Elsabe Muller, President, **Alcoa Australia**
Edgar Basto, Chief Enterprise Performance Officer, **BHP**
Bryan Quinn, President of Operations, **Peabody Energy**
Ivan Vella, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, **IGO**

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.

Moderator: Jon Robbeson FAusIMM(CP), Chair, Sydney Branch, **AusIMM**
Panellists: Dave Goddard, President, Mining Division, **Hexagon**
Chris Beal, Vice President, Operations, **Power Metallic**

Kate Flanagan, Chief Strategy & 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.

Wednesday 28 October 2026

Plenary Day Two
Location: Plenary Theatre

08:30 – 12:00

Participants are encouraged to attend the IMARC 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 Back
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.10

11:10 – 11:15

Welcome Back

Dallas Wilkinson, Chair, Austmine

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: Dallas Wilkinson, Chair, **Austmine**
Panellists: Maria van der Hoeven, Board Chair, **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 w/Rohitesh Dhawan

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

Rohitesh Dhawan, President & Chief Executive Officer, **ICMM**

Lunch Served in the IMARC Exhibition Delegate Lounges

12:30 – 13:30

Enjoy your lunch together with other NextGen Leaders.

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: Nikki Hartrey, Director of People and Culture, Australia, **Agnico Eagle**
Narissa Kinghorne, Specialist Early Careers Talent, APAC, **Newmont**
Kim Solomons, Manager Decarb People Readiness & Skills, **Fortescue**

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

14:15 – 14:45

Executive Meet & Greet w/Owen Hegarty

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

Owen Hegarty OAM HonFAusIMM, Executive Chairman, **EMR Capital**

MARC 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**
- 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 FAusIMM, 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**
- Kim Solomons, Manager Decarb People Readiness & Skills, **Fortescue**
- Tim Curran, Product Manager, Exploration, **BHP**
- Sinead Booth, Group Manager, Decarbonisation Program, **Fortescue**

Thursday 29 October 2026

Plenary Day Three
Location: Plenary Theatre

08:30 – 11:00

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Welcome Back
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.9

11:00 – 11:15

Welcome Back

Samantha Skinner, Insights & Engagement Project Manager, **Australian Association of Graduate Employers (AAGE)**

Executive Meet & Greet
Location: Level 3, Room #E3.9

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**

IMARC Exchange Tables: Talk it Forward Dialogue Table
Location: IMARC Exhibition Floor

13:30 – 14:30

Mining Through a NextGen Lens: AI, Social Media and the Future of Work

How does the generation entering mining today expect technology to shape the industry they will inherit?
Bringing together university students and early-career graduates from across Australia, this NextGen Leaders roundtable will explore how emerging professionals are using, and expect industry to use, platforms and technologies such as TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, LinkedIn, YouTube and ChatGPT, among others.
From attracting the next generation and changing perceptions of mining, to learning, communication, knowledge sharing and the way work gets done, the discussion will ask where these technologies could be better used across the mining and resources sector, and where their limitations and risks need to be understood.
Importantly, the conversation will be led by the generation already using many of these tools every day, providing industry with an opportunity to hear directly from its future workforce about what works, what doesn't, and what they believe could be done differently.

Moderator: Jon Robbeson, FAusIMM(CP), Chair, Sydney Branch, **AusIMM**

Contributing NextGen Leaders:

- Bella Durham, Graduate Environment, **Whitehaven Coal**
- Fiona Dawson, Mining Systems Engineer, **Newmont**
- James Yu, Student, **University of Queensland**
- Sarthak Chaudhry, Student, **University of New South Wales**
- Keisha Sealy, Student, Student, **University of New South Wales** and President, Sydney Student Chapter, **AusIMM**
- Mary Dark, Student, **Curtin University**
- Bella Melov, Student, **University of New South Wales**
- Ella-Luci (Lulu) Milfull, Student, **University of Queensland**
- Sherman Chi Ho Yuen, Student, **University of Queensland**
- Jasmin Bentink, Graduate – Environment, **Rio Tinto**
- Matthew Zhang, Student, University of Western Australia

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