



PIA SA State Planning Conference 2025 EVOLUTION

DATE: Friday 29 August 2025

VENUE: Wolf Blass Event Centre, Morphettville Racecourse, 79 Morphett Rd, Morphettville SA 5043

08:00 – 8.30am Registration including Tea & Coffee

PLENARY SESSION 1

8:30 – 8:35 am	Welcome, House Keeping	Anna Deller-Coombs RPIA MC
8:35 – 8:50 am	Welcome to Country	Mickey O'Brien Senior Kurna Man
8:50 – 9:00 am	Cate Hart RPIA (Life Fellow) State President Planning Institute of Australia (SA Division)	State Conference Opening Address
9:00 – 9:15 am	Brett Steiner MPIA Acting Executive Director Dept. for Housing and Urban Development	GARP implementation Infrastructure and growth coordination
9:15 – 9:40 am	Grant Croft Acting Manager – GARP, PLUS Dept. for Housing and Urban Development and Tim Pearson MPIA Associate Planner ARUP	Employment Land in a Growing City Greater Edinburgh Parks Strategic Growth Plan
9:40 – 9:50 am	Liam Golding CEO UDIA	Planning and Development - PIA and UDIA Collaboration in response to the Housing Crisis
9:50 – 10:00 am	Matt Collins MPIA CEO Planning Institute of Australia	National Update

10:00 – 10:30 MORNING TEA sponsored by Mellor Olsson Lawyers

PLENARY SESSION 2

10:30 – 10:35 am	Anna Deller-Coombs RPIA MC	Short Introduction to Plenary Session 2
10:35 – 11:05 am	John Byrne MPIA (Life Fellow) Consultant Adviser in URBAN HOUSING and its Design, Policy and Planning	Keynote Speaker – introduced by Elinor Walker for our Platinum Sponsor egis The Problem with Urban Innovation in a Vacuum We need to be visionary definers and defenders of what is a good city and its essential qualities.
11:05 – 11:30 pm	Leonie Boothby CEO Regional Development Australia Adelaide	Strong Regions, Smart Growth Regional SA is not only a vital part of our state's identity, but it is also a key driver of economic prosperity and population growth. Its strategic value in achieving South Australia's long-term social, environmental, and economic goals cannot be overstated.
11:30 – 11:55 pm	Rodney Welch Narungga Man –with blood-ties to Ngarrindjeri and Kurna Nations Cultural Interface Professional and Warwick Keates Director WAX Design	Yitpi Yartapuultiku – the Soul of Port Adelaide In 2022, Yitpi Yartapuultiku won two PIA State Awards in its design phase. This one-of-a-kind facility is now complete and celebrates the region's diverse culture and Kurna heritage, will boost tourism, and strengthen the local economy through inclusive community participation, and immersive learning experiences.
11:55 – 12:10 pm	Matt Clemow and Skyy Anderson MPIA Enable Property	Recreating the Missing Middle in Australia's Rental Market The greater housing crisis across the nation is in the ability to first obtain and then maintain secure rental accommodation.

12:10 - 1:00 pm LUNCH sponsored by Mellor Olsson Lawyers

CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Lounge Boardroom Chaired by Skyy Anderson MPIA	The Morphett Room Chaired by Stephen Smith RPIA (Fellow)
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1:00 – 1:30 pm	David Bailey RPIA (Fellow) Adelaide Plains Council Two Wells Growing Pains	Victoria Shute PIA Hon. Fellow Director, Kelledy Jones Lawyers AI and Planning – Hype, Help or Hazard?
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1:30 – 2:00 pm	Richard Brecknock MPIA Urban Planning in a Period of Cultural Evolution	Felicity Niemann PIA (Assoc) <i>Partner, Wallmans Lawyers</i> and David Billington SC <i>Howard Zelling Chambers</i> What on earth do I do with this DPF? - and other tales from the courts
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Michael Doherty Planning for SA Coastal Blue Carbon Projects	Sandy Wilkinson <i>Alexander Wilkinson design + planning by design</i> Trent Kuchel <i>Urathane Solutions</i> A Practical Interpretation of the Demolition Provisions (PO6.0 & 7.0) for Local and Representative Buildings in the State Planning Code
2:30 – 3:00 pm	AFTERNOON BREAK sponsored by Mellor Olsson Lawyers	
PLENARY SESSION 3		
3:00 - 3:05 pm	Anna Deller-Coombs RPIA <i>MC</i>	Short Introduction to Plenary Session 2
3:05 – 3:25 pm	Craig Holden <i>Chair</i> State Planning Commission	State Planning Commission Update
3:25 – 3:55 pm	Tom Oliver Payne MPIA <i>Partner & Place Strategy Director</i> Hoyne	Keynote Speaker – introduced by Elinor Walker for our Platinum Sponsor egis Bold Policy can turn Youth into Adelaide’s Economic Edge Adelaide can lead not by imitation, but by showing what a city built for the next generation truly looks like: bold, liveable, and designed to turn youth into lasting economic strength.
3:55 – 4:20 pm	Jessica Wundke <i>Manager Policy Reform</i> Green Industries SA	Accelerating SA’s Circular Economy Transition To support growth in a more sustainable, circular way, collaborative and coordinated action across sectors is required to realise opportunities within a more circular economy.
4:20 – 4:45 pm	Panel Session	Join our panel for a final look at the evolution of South Australia.
4:45 – 4:50 pm	Eleni Kiamos MPIA <i>WIPN Convenor PIA SA</i>	SA Women in Planning Update
4:50 – 4:55 pm	Jane Strange RPIA <i>State Manager PIA SA</i>	Closing Comments
4:55 – 5:00 pm	Anna Deller-Coombs RPIA <i>MC</i>	Conference Wrap Up
5:00 – 6:30 pm	CLOSING Networking Function – Sponsored by Planned Cover Including canapes and selected beverages	

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