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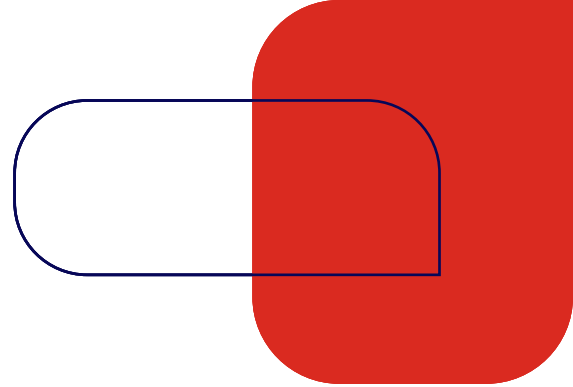Qurum Foundation

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8:00 — **Registration**
Start your Think 3000 experience by checking in, collecting your event materials, and networking with fellow attendees before the sessions begin.

9:00 — **The Big Connect & Medibank Hackathon**
Join interactive hackathons and workshops fostering collaboration, innovation and problem-solving.

10:15 — **Conference Open - Storey Hall, Lecture Theatre 1**
Acknowledgement of Country and conference opening remarks.

10:30 — **Keynote - Storey Hall, Lecture Theatre 1**
A thought-provoking keynote by Tom Bentley, RMIT Vice President of Strategy and Community Impact, exploring RMIT's role in shaping Melbourne's urban future.

11:00 — **Think Technology (Panel) - Storey Hall, Lecture Theatre 1**
A dynamic panel discussion exploring emerging technologies, their impact on industries and how businesses can adapt to a rapidly changing digital landscape.

11:00 — **Think Enterprise (Panel) - Building 8, Kaleide Theatre**
A conversation with experts on the evolution of business, entrepreneurship, and how enterprises can drive innovation and societal impact.

12:00 — **Networking Lunch**
Enjoy a well-earned break, connect with fellow attendees and explore Think 3000's networking opportunities over lunch.

13:30 — **Think Design (Panel) - Building 8, Kaleide Theatre**
Explore the unique role that design plays in shaping the future, covering user experience, creativity and the intersection of design, technology and business.

13:30 — **Think Talks - Storey Hall, Lecture Theatre 1**
A series of fast-paced, inspiring presentations from industry leaders, innovators, and changemakers, sharing insights and ideas in concise and engaging formats.

17:30 — **End of Day 1**
Wrap up the first day of the conference with key takeaways, new connections, and ideas to explore further on Day 2.

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> > > > **The Big Connect**   **Medibank Hackathon**

9:00 ────────

The Big Connect & Medibank Hackathon

Kickstart the day with The Big Connect, an interactive networking session designed to foster collaboration between students, industry leaders, and innovators. Simultaneously, participate in the Think 3000 Hackathon, where teams tackle: How might we use AI to create flexible, engaging, and inclusive workplaces that help people thrive and achieve long-term success? (italicise)

> > > > **Conference Launch**

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Conference Opening

Join us for the official launch of Think 3000, setting the stage for two days of thought-provoking, innovative discussions from partners and leaders driving change across business, technology and society.

> > > > **Keynote → Tom Bentley**   **RMIT Vice President**

RMIT in the city, of the city

This talk will address RMIT's unique presence in city life and the future possibilities that we create. RMIT is situated in some of the most diverse and dynamic urban communities around the world. In Melbourne, we are a big part of the city itself, fuelling connections to the jobs, food, culture, environment and technology mix that is shaping our future.

→ Tom Bentley is RMIT's Vice-President Strategy and Community Impact at RMIT, leading policy, innovation and education reform. Former adviser to Julia Gillard and the OECD, driving inclusive economic and community development.

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> > > > Think Technology   Panel   QandA

11:00 ——————— **Think Technology, Lecture Theatre 1**

Exploring how emerging tech reshapes business, society, and life, these panels bring together industry leaders and innovators to dive into AI, automation, ethical design, and the digital economy—cutting through the noise to tackle real-world challenges and opportunities.

Facilitator → Prof. Angel Zhong

Award winning finance academic who specialises in empirical asset pricing, digital finance, global financial markets, investor behaviour and the recent trends in retail investing.

Dr. Jason Pallant

→ RMIT, Senior Lecturer, Marketing

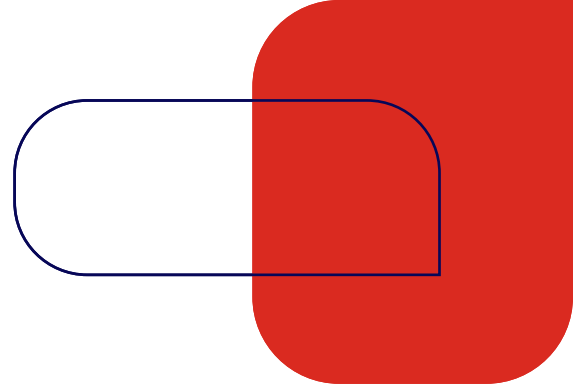**Tim O'Neil**

→ Time Under Tension, Co-founder

Adrian Yong

→ Antler, Entrepreneur in Residence & Space Director

Prof. Jason Potts

→ RMIT, Distinguished Professor of Economics

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> > > > **Think Enterprise** **Panel** **QandA**

11:00 ———— ### Think Enterprise, Kaleide Theatre

Exploring the future of enterprise, these panels bring together purpose-driven leaders to discuss how business intersects with technology, design, and sustainability—driving impactful growth and shaping a more equitable, prosperous world.

Facilitator → Kyriakos Gold

Founder and CEO of Just Gold, Australia's first management consultancy and creative agency that is an accredited social enterprise and Executive Producer of Think 3000.

Prof. Cameron Duff

→ RMIT, Deputy Dean, Research & Innovation

Tara Anderson

→ Social Traders, CEO

Sebastian Brash

→ Tech Council of Australia, Policy Manager

Nadia Mecoli

→ RMIT, Director Strategy Office

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>>> >> **Think Design** **Panel** **QandA**

13:30 ——————— **Think Design, Kaleide Theatre**

Focusing on democratic spaces and the future of cities, these panels explore how design shapes the way we live, work, and interact. From urban planning to digital environments, experts discuss how thoughtful design can create more inclusive, sustainable, and dynamic spaces for the future.

Facilitator → Kiri Delly

Associate Director of Creative Partnerships within RMIT's Policy, Strategy & Impact Innovation Catalyst team. She works to foster and build meaningful connections and collaborative opportunities (with a creative/ design focus) across RMIT, as well as out into community, industry, and government.

Prof. Chris Speed

→ RMIT, Professor, Design for Regenerative Futures

Prof. Melanie Davern
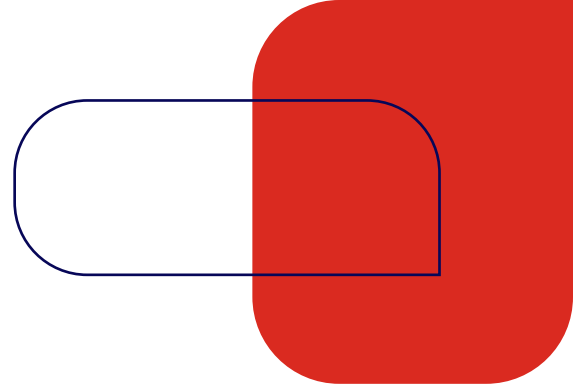
→ RMIT, Professor of Public Health and Urban Planning

Gina Kenah

→ Mirvac, Design Associate

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13:30 ——————— **Think Talks → Block 1, Lecture Theatre 1**

The way we work is rapidly evolving. This session explores the key trends shaping the future workforce, from digital transformation and AI to social enterprise, education, and workplace innovation. Our speakers share insights on how we can adapt, thrive, and create purpose-driven careers in a changing world.

Adrian Yong

→ Antler, Entrepreneur in Residence & Space Director

The New Space Race: Why It Matters More Than Ever

Jeanette Cheah

→ HEX, CEO & Co-Founder

WTF Is eXQ? Understanding Exponential Intelligence in a Changing World

Tim O'Neil

→ Time Under Tension, Co-founder
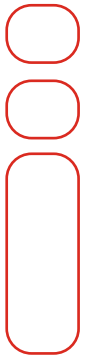
Gen AI, a Generational Opportunity for Australia

Tara Anderson

→ Social Traders, CEO

The Social Enterprise Model Is the Future of the Economy

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14:30 ——————————— Think Talks → Block 2, Lecture Theatre 1

How can we harness human potential and create more inclusive, equitable, and thriving communities? This session explores the intersection of human rights, mental health, and social innovation – examining how policy, advocacy, and technology can enhance human capabilities and well-being.

Prof. Cameron Duff

→ RMIT, Deputy Dean, Research & Innovation

Working for Social Change: How Can Organisations Work With Staff, Stakeholders and Communities to Achieve Social Impact?

Prof. Bernardo Figueiredo

→ RMIT, Professor of Marketing

Tech-Savvy Seniors: Unlocking the Digital World for Better Futures

Dr. Margaret Heffernan OAM

→ RMIT, Senior Lecturer, Management

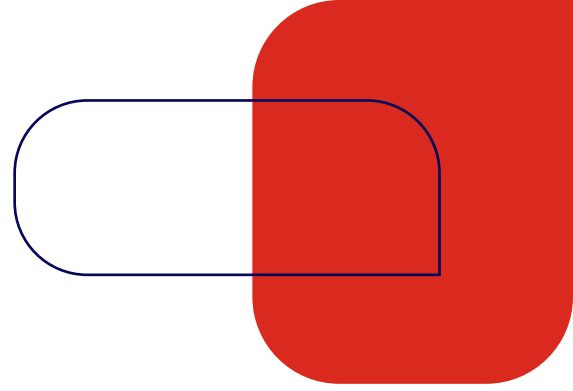Mad Hatters, Cheshire Cats and the Wonderland of AI Hallucinations: Impact on People and Society

Dr. Jason Pallant

→ RMIT, Senior Lecturer, Marketing

Cyborgs and Centaurs: Augmenting Humans in a Tech-Driven World

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15:30 ———————— **Think Talks → Block 3, Lecture Theatre 1**

How can we reduce food waste, create more inclusive outdoor spaces, and design for a regenerative future? These sessions explore innovative approaches to sustainability, communication, and community wellbeing, offering fresh perspectives on how we can build a more equitable and resilient world.

Prof. Linda Brennan

→ RMIT, Professor, School of Media and Communication

Dr. Ancy Gamage

→ RMIT, Senior Lecturer, Management

Feel Blue, Touch Green and Embrace the Rainbow: How Can We Build More Inclusive Outdoor Spaces for Improved Community Wellbeing?

Prof. Chris Speed

→ RMIT Professor, Design for Regenerative Futures

Regenerative Futures

Sally Caruana

→ Sheforce, Founder and CEO

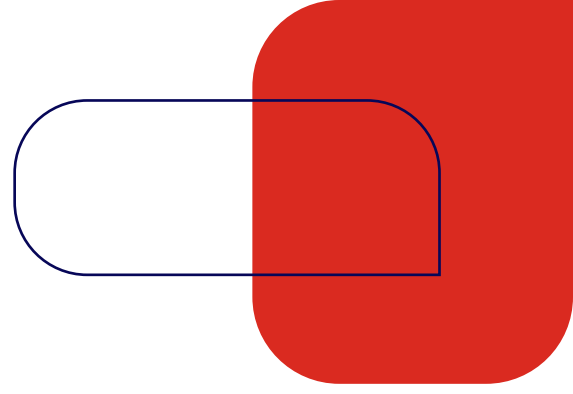*Elevating Women in Non-Traditional Roles*

A/Prof. Lukas Parker

→ RMIT, Associate Professor, Communication

Where's the Food Waste Fairy When You Need Them?

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