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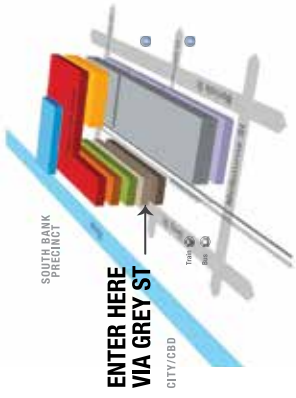
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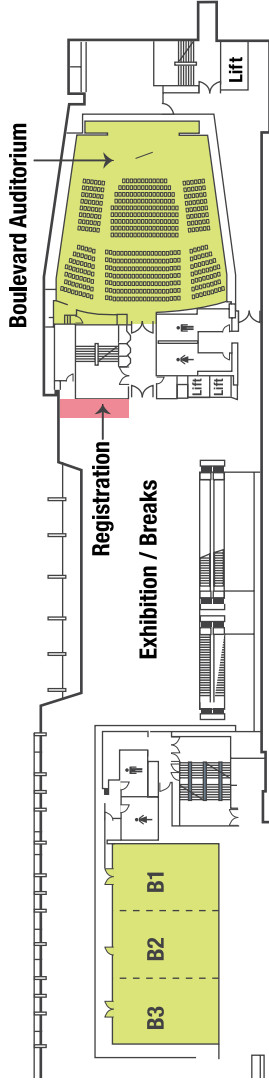
'Through the lens'

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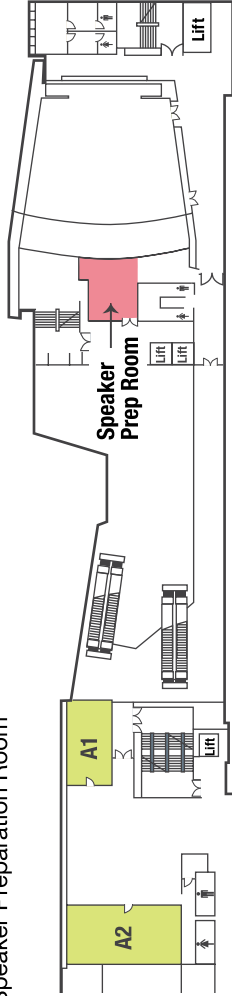
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- Boulevard Auditorium
- Rooms B1, B2, B3
- Registration
- Exhibition/Breaks



ARBOUR LEVEL (OFF GREY STREET)

- Rooms A1, A2
- Speaker Preparation Room





Since 2019, the AES engages each year a local Indigenous designer for the design of the annual conference logo.

The aes23 conference logo represents looking through the lens at Brisbane to map the future. The inner dot patches represent the diversity in both ideas and people; coming together in Brisbane to share ideas in creating a positive future. The iconic Brisbane river runs through the middle, as well as being a pathway for sharing knowledge. The ring around the outside represents the conference theme 'Through the lens', made up of the four sub-themes. The colour palette represents Brisbane and has been influenced by key fauna and flora that are iconic to the area: wetlands, river, sea, mangroves, botanical gardens, wattle and bougainvillea (iconic in South Bank).

The aes23 conference logo has been designed by **Keisha Thomason**. Keisha is an Aboriginal graphic designer and artist, and a proud Waanyi and Kalkadoon woman (Mount Isa, Queensland). leondesign.co

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Dear colleagues

Welcome to the Australian Evaluation Society's 2023 International Evaluation Conference in Brisbane, Queensland! The lands where we gather have long been a meeting place for First Nations peoples and we recognise the privilege we now have to come together here. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of these lands and pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present.

Through the lens

Over millions of years, eyes evolved from a simple light sensor into a sophisticated part of sense-making – focusing light into images through the development of a lens. Evaluation is also evolving, driven by the same forces that shape our world and societies, as well as by the many perspectives of its practitioners and those who work at its edges. Coming together to share what and how we 'see' through our different lenses allows us to discover opportunities and pathways we may never have 'seen' on our own (to avoid running into obstacles!).

The aes23 Committee is excited to bring you a program of speakers who bring diverse experiences across disciplines, sectors and cultural perspectives to bear on contemporary evaluation topics. From innovative and thought-provoking keynotes, panel discussions and papers, to interactive and skill-building sessions, and the lightning-fast insights from 'ignite' presentations – we hope you take aes23 as an opportunity to reflect on your evaluative thinking and practice through a multitude of lenses!

What is your vision for evaluation in the future? How can we build capacity and develop as evaluators through our own and others' lens? How can we use our lens to be more inclusive?

We encourage you all to share your views, learn from others and make connections throughout the conference.

Finally, the journey to this conference has been like no other, courtesy of a global pandemic. We'd like to express our thanks to the 2020 AES Conference Committee for their foundational work and guidance that have helped shape this year's theme and program.



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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Dates

Conference workshops

Monday 25 and
Tuesday 26 September 2023

Conference

Wednesday 27 to
Friday 29 September 2023

Registration Desk

Conference workshops

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Grey Street entrance, South Brisbane

Registration

Boulevard Foyer
Mon 25 September 8:00am to 2:00pm
Tues 26 September 8:00am to 2:00pm

Conference

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Grey Street entrance, South Brisbane

Registration

Boulevard Auditorium Foyer
Wed 27 September 7:30am to 4:00pm
Thurs 28 September 8:00am to 4:00pm
Fri 29 September 8:00am to 2:30pm

Speaker preparation room

Arbour Level
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Grey Street entrance, South Brisbane

This room will be available for all presenters to upload their presentations with the assistance of the audio visual technician. The technician will be in attendance during the below times.

Speaker support centre access hours

Wed 27 September 8:00am to 4:00pm
Thurs 28 September 8:00am to 3:00pm
Fri 29 September 8:00am to 2:30pm

Presenters are required to visit the speaker preparation room and provide their presentation in MS PowerPoint format, aspect ratio 16:9, on a USB drive to the

technician at least two hours prior to the commencement of their session (except for early morning sessions, which is one hour prior). This will ensure that the technician has met with all presenters and are fully aware of your presentation requirements. It is our objective that presentations operate as smoothly as possible.

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Program changes and message board

All program changes made and messages received during the conference will be placed on the Message and Program Changes board. To collect or leave a message, visit the Registration Desk during opening hours.

Quiet room

Please ask at the Registration Desk.

Linkedin

We encourage delegates to post daily updates and highlights using [#aes23BNE](#) and mention [@Australian Evaluation Society](#) so we can reshare your thoughts with the wider evaluation community.

Instant response survey

Please help improve this year's conference evaluation by telling us what you think of the conference presentations you attend. Go to the aes23 app, open the presentation you have attended, and rate it in the 'Rate This' section.

Meet this year's conference evaluators



Helen McInerney is currently studying the Master of Evaluation at the University of Melbourne and is undertaking an evaluation of aes23 for her Capstone project. In her day job, Helen works for the Department of Education in Canberra, in early childhood education policy – with a particular interest in children's early learning and development, and how early experiences can have long-lasting effects in children's lives.



Carla Pozo is studying a Master of Evaluation at University of Melbourne. She will be supporting the evaluation of aes23 as an emerging evaluator. Carla currently coordinates the MHiPS Qualitative Evaluation at MCRI (Melbourne). She previously worked at AERC (former CPE), where she learnt about evaluation in practice. She is passionate about education and is interested in the involvement of children's voices in evaluation and research.



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Facebook facebook.com/evalsociety

The Facebook page has been set up to enable more detailed questions and comments and to enable delegates to network with others during the event. This will operate for a short period following the conference as well.

A note on phones and time

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The views and opinions expressed at the conference are those of the presenters and participants and are not necessarily endorsed by the Australian Evaluation Society (AES).

Venue location | getting around Brisbane

The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is a short stroll across from the Brisbane CBD connected by Victoria Bridge. Hotels, restaurants & bars, South Bank beach and its parklands are all within walking distance from the centre.

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Getting to Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre via public transport is easy and efficient with bus, ferry and train options available. Visit translink.com.au for more information.

Free South Bank Loop Bus

A new bus route travels in a loop through West End, South Brisbane and South Bank precinct. Jump on the bus at one of the distinctive green-and-white branded bus stops and easily visit any or all of these must-do attractions in this part of Brisbane.

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Taxi ranks are located outside the main entrance to the centre on Merivale Street, and a taxi drop off located at the Grey Street entrance. Uber is also in operation within Brisbane providing another convenient mode of transport.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Maggie Walter

Distinguished Professor of Sociology (Emerita), University of Tasmania

Maggie Walter (PhD; FASSA) is Palawa, a member of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Briggs family. She holds the position of Distinguished Professor of Sociology (Emerita) at the University of Tasmania. A previous Pro-Vice Chancellor, Aboriginal Leadership (2014-2020), Maggie's research centres on challenging, empirically and theoretically, standard explanations for Indigenous inequality. Within this, she has written extensively on Indigenous data and Indigenous methodologies.

Maggie's research is purposed as advocacy for meaningful Indigenous led change in how Indigenous data are understood and utilised. She is a founding member of the Australian Indigenous Data Sovereignty Collective (Maiam nayri Wingara) and an executive member of the Global Indigenous Data Alliance (GIDA). In recognition of this expertise, Maggie was appointed as the Chair of the Indigenous Evaluation Committee within the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) from 2019–2021. She relinquished this role in May 2021, to take up an appointment as a Commissioner with the Victorian Yoo-rrook Justice Commission. Yoorrook is Australia's first truth-telling Commission and is led by First Peoples. The Commission is instructed to inquire into, and report on, the systemic injustices experienced by First Peoples from colonisation in 1788 to the present. Yoorrook is due to report on these injustices in June 2024, inclusive of the Commission's recommendations for systemic and transformational change.



Michael Drummond

Professor Emeritus, Centre for Health Economics, University of York, UK

Michael's main field of interest is in the economic evaluation of health care treatments and programmes. He has undertaken evaluations in a wide range of medical fields including care of the elderly, neonatal intensive care, immunization programmes, services for people with AIDS, eye health care and pharmaceuticals.

He is the author of two major textbooks and more than 700 scientific papers. He has been President of the International Society of Technology Assessment in Health Care, and the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research. In October 2010 he was made a member of the National Academy of Medicine in the USA.

He has advised several governments on the assessment of health technologies and chaired one of the Guideline Review Panels for the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) in the UK. He is currently Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Value in Health* and has been awarded three honorary doctorates, from City University (London), Erasmus University (Rotterdam) and the University of Lisbon. He was a member of the Steering Group for the 2020–22 NICE Methods Review.



Donna Mertens

Professor Emeritus, Department of Education, Gallaudet University, USA

Donna taught research and evaluation at Gallaudet University for 31 years. She is a past president of the American Evaluation Association and served as the editor for the *Journal for Mixed Methods Research* for five years. She was founding Board member for the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation and the Mixed Methods International Research Association.

Donna conducts and consults on evaluations in many countries: reduction of gender based violence in Kyrgyzstan, environmental justice in Korea for Yonsei University, Kazakhstan for UN Women, Nepal and India for the World Bank and the Canadian International Development Agency, Sri Lanka for the Sri Lanka Evaluation Association, Australia for the Aboriginal Health Education and Research Unit, and Egypt for Higher Education Development.

The primary focus of her work is transformative mixed-methods inquiry in diverse communities that prioritizes ethical implications of research and evaluation in support of human rights and social, environmental, and economic justice. Her recent books include *Mixed Methods Research*, *Mixed Methods Design in Evaluation*, *Program Evaluation Theory and Practice: A Comprehensive Guide* (2nd ed.) (authored with Amy Wilson), *Research and Evaluation in Education*, *Psychology: Integrating Diversity with Quantitative, Qualitative, and Mixed Methods* (5th ed.), *Transformative Research and Evaluation*, and *Indigenous Pathways into Social Research* (co-edited with Fiona Cram and Bagele Chilisa).



Katherine Trebeck

Advisor to The Next Economy, UK

Katherine is a political economist, writer and advocate for economic system change. She co-founded the Wellbeing Economy Alliance and also WEAll Scotland, its Scottish hub. She is writer-in-residence at the University of Edinburgh's Edinburgh Futures Institute and a Strategic Advisor to Australia's Centre for Policy Development. She sits on a range of boards and advisory groups such as, the C40 Centre for Urban Climate Policy and Economy, and the Centre for Understanding Sustainable Prosperity. She is a New Economics Senior Fellow at the ZOE Institute, a Fellow of The Leaders Institute and a Distinguished Fellow of the Schumacher Institute. She has over eight years' experience in various roles with Oxfam GB, where she developed Oxfam's Humankind Index and led Oxfam's work on downscaling the 'doughnut' for various national contexts.



Katherine investigated the group of Wellbeing Economy Governments (WEGo). She was Rapporteur for Club de Madrid's Working Group on Shared Societies and Sustainability, was a member of the Scottish Government's Sustainable Renewal Advisory Group, and Zero Waste Scotland's Demystifying Decoupling Advisory Group.

Katherine has Bachelor Degrees in Economics and in Politics (University of Melbourne) and holds a PhD in Political Science from the Australian National University. She worked for the University of Glasgow as a Research Fellow from 2005-09 and was Honorary Professor at the University of the West of Scotland and Senior Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Strathclyde (based at the Fraser of Allander Institute).

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Hon Andrew Leigh MP

Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury;
Assistant Minister for Employment

Andrew Leigh is the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury, and Federal Member for Fenner in the ACT. Prior to being elected in 2010, Andrew was a professor of economics at the Australian National University. He holds a PhD in Public Policy from Harvard, having graduated from the University of Sydney with first class honours in Arts and Law. Andrew is a past recipient of the Economic Society of Australia's Young Economist Award and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences.



His books include *Disconnected* (2010), *Battlers and Billionaires: The Story of Inequality in Australia* (2013), *The Economics of Just About Everything* (2014), *The Luck of Politics* (2015), *Choosing Openness: Why Global Engagement is Best for Australia* (2017), *Randomistas: How Radical Researchers Changed Our World* (2018), *Innovation + Equality: How to Create a Future That Is More Star Trek Than Terminator* (with Joshua Gans) (2019), *Reconnected: A Community Builder's Handbook* (with Nick Terrell) (2020), *What's the Worst That Could Happen? Existential Risk and Extreme Politics* (2021) and *Fair Game: Lessons From Sport for a Fairer Society & a Stronger Economy* (2022).

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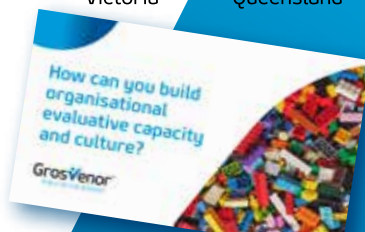


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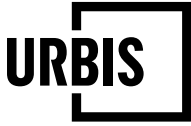


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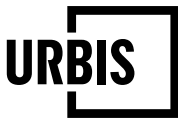
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In 2023 we are pleased to award grants to support 20 Indigenous evaluators from the Australasian region to participate with us in Brisbane.

We welcome our grant recipients and hope you thoroughly enjoy this opportunity.

As well as developing recipients' capacity, the support grants strengthen the knowledge base of the evaluation sector by bringing the grantees' knowledge and understanding to experienced evaluators.

Thank you to those who helped publicise the grants and encourage prospective applicants. Thank you also to the panel who volunteered their expertise and time to select this year's grantees.

This year's program has been supported by the National Indigenous Australians Agency, SPC, AES members, and the generosity of conference delegates.

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WELCOME TO COUNTRY CONFERENCE OPENING

Welcome to Country



Songwoman Maroochy will conduct a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.

Songwoman Maroochy is the Songwoman and Law-woman of the Turrbal People, the original inhabitants of Brisbane, and the Dippil people of the Sunshine Coast area. She is a direct descendant of Daki Yakka – Chief of the Old Brisbane tribe.

Songwoman Maroochy is a graduate of the Victorian College of the Arts in Melbourne and is an internationally-renowned opera singer. She was the first Australian to perform at the United Nations in New York in 1993 in honour of the International Year for the World's Indigenous Peoples.

Conference opening

Following the Welcome to Country, AES President **Kiri Parata** officially opens the conference.

Opening keynote address

**Distinguished Professor Emerita
Maggie Walter**

*Evaluation and the Indigenous lifeworld:
Whose purpose; whose logic and whose
reality?*

In this keynote address, Maggie explores how the continuation of Indigenous policy failure in Australia has contributed to an uptick in the formal evaluation of policies and programs impacting First Peoples, families and communities. This should be an undisputed good, leading to better informed and designed Indigenous policy and programs. But evaluation like all methods, is not a neutral endeavour, but a socio-cultural artifact imbued with values, assumptions and meaning making.

This presentation uses the concept of the lifeworld to explore what this means for evaluation practice when evaluating programs affecting Indigenous peoples.

Maggie (PhD; FASSA) is Palawa, a member of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Briggs family. She holds the position of Distinguished Professor of Sociology (Emerita) at the University of Tasmania.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

AES Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 27 September, 5.30–6.30pm
Boulevard Auditorium

Join the AES Board as we celebrate another year's achievements by members of the AES and introduce newly elected Board members.

Reflecting on the data from the AES competencies self-assessment: what have we learnt? What's next?

Wednesday 27 September, 4.30–5.30pm
Room B2

Since 2020 the AES has been partnering with learnevaluation.org to offer a competency self-assessment to AES members and the public. This session provides an opportunity to reflect on what we have learnt from that process, looking at the different ways of knowing that inform the competencies and our practice in light of the data from the self-assessment. The presenters will briefly present findings and then discuss: What do the findings mean for evaluation practice, and teaching and learning? How do they relate to professionalisation? What competencies are core? If we want to increase clarity about what good evaluation practice looks like – what are our next steps related to the competencies?

Participants will benefit from reflecting on their own competency self-assessment in relation to the findings. The session will be led by members of the AES Pathways Committee who will bring the findings from the discussion back to the committee to inform the organisation's next steps for the competencies, self-assessment, and ongoing discussion of pathways to professionalisation.

Sharing evaluation practice through publication in the Evaluation Journal of Australasia

Thursday 28 September, 3.30–4.30pm
Room B1

In this session you will meet members of the editorial team, who will provide guidance on developing journal articles and navigating the EJA publishing and review process. It's easy to be daunted by the task of writing for journals, but this session will show you this is not too difficult. The session will provide opportunities to network with other potential authors. Practical tips about how to improve your publication profile will also be provided. Participants in previous EJA conference sessions have gone on to contribute journal articles and book reviews, and to peer review for the journal.

Questions, queries, and quips: ask the AES Fellows

Friday 29 September, 1.30–2.30pm
Room A2

This year the Fellows are holding a forum at which conference attendees are encouraged ask a question or raise an issue on which they feel one or more of the Fellows could shed some light. The issues/questions can be in any area of evaluation, including logic models, monitoring, evaluation approaches, reporting, ethics, contract management, etc. The six Fellows on the panel will take part in an interactive discussion among the Fellows and the audience.

This is an excellent opportunity to raise issues with very experienced evaluators as well as to establish contact with the Fellows for possible future discussions. So bring your questions, queries and quips!

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Day 1: Wednesday 27 September 2023

9:00am–10:30am	OPENING PLENARY Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony Conference opening by AES President Kiri Parata <i>followed by:</i> Keynote address by Distinguished Professor Emerita Maggie Walter 'Evaluation and the Indigenous Lifeworld: Whose purpose; whose logic and whose reality?'
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4:30pm–5:30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
5.30pm	AES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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2.30pm–4.00pm	PLENARY Keynote address by the Hon Andrew Leigh MP: 'Evaluation through different lenses: perspectives on how evaluation can make a difference' <i>Followed by:</i> Panel discussion Closing address by the AES President Handover to aes24 Melbourne

See you again in Melbourne in 2024!



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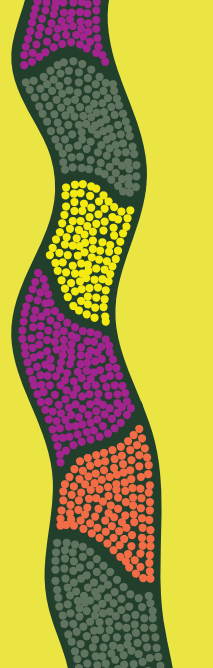
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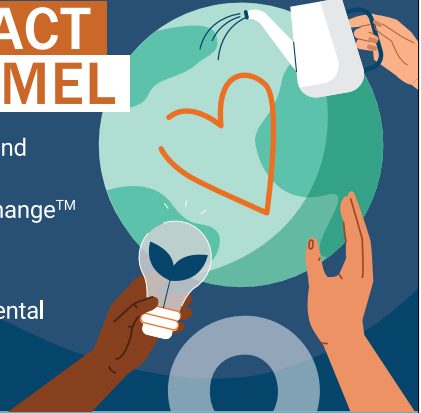
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17:30 – 18:30

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Boulevard Auditorium **11:00 – 12:30**

REFOCUS

11:00 Bring a multi-focus lens to bear on a complex and diverse world
Chris Roche, Nyomba Gandangu, Allan Mua Illingworth, Tony Kiessler

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RESONATE

12:00 Visualising program models: the craft of visually representing a program's moving parts, for maximum impact
Lisette Kaleveld, Mariana Atkins

SP

ALL

Boulevard Auditorium **13:30 – 15:00**

REFOCUS

13:30 Yitakimaninjaku, warriminjaku, payirrinjaku manu pina-jarrinjaku – challenging norms of monitoring and evaluation through Indigenous co-design on Warlpiri country
Natalie Morton, Marlkindi Napaljarri Rose, Belinda Wayne, Alex Gyles

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REFLECT

14:30 Evaluation of an Australia-wide education project teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and knowledge systems
Amy Gullickson, Allison Clarke, Melitta Hogarth, Ellen Bertani

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ALL

Boulevard Auditorium **16:30 – 17:30**

REFOCUS

16:30 Evaluationship: refocusing power and voice in evaluation partnerships for community-led programs
Carol Vale, Monique Hameed, Karla McGrady

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ALL

Room A1 **11:00 – 12:30**

REFRACT

11:00 Transforming granting through an evaluation lens
Jen Riley, Kylie Kingston, Alexandra Williamson

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12:00 A gender lens in philanthropic partnerships: case narratives from two housing initiatives
Alexandra Williamson

SP

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Room A1 **13:30 – 15:00**

RESONATE

13:30 Using collaborative theory of change design methods: designing an evaluation of an elder abuse intervention
Glenn Althor

SP

ALL

14:00 Theory building from evaluation
Ian Falk, Michael Cole

SP

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14:30 On the use of the Delphi method in evaluation practice to engage diverse stakeholders
Nataly Bovopoulos

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Room A1 **16:30 – 17:30**

REFRACT

16:30 The Contribution to Change Framework: supporting community-based organisations to demonstrate their impact
Alison Barclay, Ruth Pitt

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Room A2

🕒 11:00 – 12:30

REFLECT

- 11:00 Decolonising evaluation: putting a First Nations lens on SROI
Skye Trudgett, Natasha Rees
- 11:30 Wirluparu kulalupana jardimarna nangunna jalilinna kangamalana. The sea foams in the distance. I hear the roar of joy
Doyen Radcliffe, Lea Gage
- 12:00 Reflections on working with independent evaluators: through the lens of an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation
Jess Leslie, Lucy Spanswick

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Room A2

🕒 13:30 – 15:00

REFLECT

- 13:30 He Whetū Arataki: growing Indigenous leadership
Gill Potaka Osborne, Teresa Taylor, Tanya Allport
- 14:00 Embedding strong First Nations self-determination across the program and evaluation cycles
Temira Dewis, Thomas Hannon, Linda Bamblett
- 14:30 Shifting the gaze from white to brown: Indigenous pathways for Indigenous evaluators
Gill Potaka Osborne, Mel Potaka-Osborne

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Room A2

🕒 16:30 – 17:30

REFLECT

- 16:30 Applying the emerging Meaningful Evaluation approach
Sam Cooper, Eleanor Booth

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Room B1

🕒 11:00 – 12:30

REFOCUS

- 11:00 Through the lens of community: co-designing Hands Up Mallee's Measurement, Evaluation and Learning approach together with cross-sector partners, families & youth
Fiona Merlin, Froukje Jongmsma
- 11:30 We can't do this alone: a multi-disciplinary approach to MEL
Cherie Pereth
- 12:00 No time? No problem! Designing rigorous Monitoring and Evaluation Frameworks in less than a week
Sarika Bhana

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Room B1

🕒 13:30 – 15:00

REFOCUS

- 13:30 Queering data collection: gathering data with the fabulous folk in the LGBTQIA+ community
Sharon Marra-Brown, Jo Farmer
- 14:30 Research and evaluation through the lens of the community. How elevating the role of community to leaders in research and evaluation projects results in record success
Grant O'Sullivan, Meaghan Read

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Room B1

🕒 16:30 – 17:30

IGNITE SESSIONS

- 16:30 A lens to examine and challenge the way we build government program theory
- Can micro-credentials offer a new way of upskilling the evaluation sector in a rapidly changing environment?
- What does speed dating have to do with capability building? Lessons from drop-in evaluation sessions
- Reaching people through doorknocking: an underutilised method that provides rich learnings
- Ensuring evaluation resonates with practice by building a culture of evaluative thinking
- Five signs you're ready to evaluate

Room B2

11:00 – 12:30

RESONATE

11:00 Building team evaluative thinking: How to make evaluation resonate using cartoons and a checklist
Samantha Abbato

SBS

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REFLECT

12:00 Reflecting with relationships, hearts, minds and spirits: a developmental evaluation
Tessa Benveniste, Roxanne Bainbridge, Kris Vine

SP

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Room B2

13:30 – 15:00

REFLECT

13:30 Through the camera lens: harnessing the transformative power of participant-led storytelling for evaluation
Sarah Mak, Mel Harwin

SBS

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14:30 Through the camera lens: using mobile video storytelling to monitor and evaluate sport programs in the Pacific
Sarah Mak, Melissa Palombi

SP

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Room B2

16:30 – 17:30

SPECIAL SESSION

16:30 Reflecting on the data from the AES Competencies Self-Assessment: What have we learnt? What's next?
Amy Gullickson, Anne Stephens, Taimur Siddiqi

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Room B3

11:00 – 12:30

RESONATE

11:00 'We're more than evaluators': evaluators as boundary agents to support transformative change
Matt Healey, Daniel Healy

SBS

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REFLECT

12:00 Always doubt yourself: using auto-ethnography to critically examine issues of culture, power, and communication in evaluation and research
Sara Hansen

SP

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Room B3

13:30 – 15:00

REFOCUS

13:30 Atmospheric rivers of change are headed evaluation's way: what do we make of them, what are the benefits and hazards?
Kate McKeeg, Jess Dart

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RESONATE

14:30 Reflections on embedding a culture of evaluation across the Commonwealth: from principles to practice
Suzanne Butler, Harry Greenwell

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Room B3

16:30 – 17:30

RESONATE

16:30 Developing and implementing an effective evaluation maturity model
Brad Astbury, Jade Maloney, Duncan Rintoul, Scott Bayley

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PROGRAM THURSDAY

PLENARY SESSION – BOULEVARD AUDITORIUM

09:00 – 10:30

Keynote address

Building the transformative impact of evaluation

Donna Mertens



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


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Boulevard Auditorium 11:00 – 12:30

REFOCUS



- 11:00 Ready or not? Why readiness is a key component of structural integrity in program implementation, scale and sustainability
Ruth Aston, Janet Clinton, Laura Smith, Nadine Rissik  
- 12:00 Scaling up the case study method: N=1 done many times
Daniel Seizovic  

Boulevard Auditorium 13:30 – 15:00

REFLECT



- 13:30 Place-based research methodologies and approaches: experiences from the Pacific through a local practitioner lens
Monica Wabuke, Lea Kinikini, Lisa Faerua  

REFOCUS



- 14:30 Evaluating the role of a human rights-based approach to enable people seeking asylum access services in Australia: the case of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
Yonas Dare  

Boulevard Auditorium 15:30 – 17:00

REFLECT




- 15:30 Deadly Innovation evaluation: moving at the speed of trust
Rodney Williams, Duncan Kerslake, Leesa Watego, Nicole Blackett  

REFOCUS

- 16:30 From measurement to judgment: shifting evaluation norms in a large public sector agency
Megan Lugg, Robert Grimshaw, Liesl Harrold, Adam Griffiths  

Room A1 11:00 – 12:30

REFLECT

- 11:00 Through the lens of local leadership and local knowledge: monitoring and evaluation in Vanuatu, Fiji and Tonga
Sara Webb, Epeli Tinivata  
- 11:30 Navigating the Pacific evaluation landscape: strengthening Pacific MEL for the Pacific by the Pacific
Connie Donato Hunt, Kaita Sem, Fiona Fandim, Emily Sharp  

RESONATE


- 11:30 Are we missing the point? Evaluating the value of collaboration
Nic Vogelpoel, Cameron Willis  

Room A1 13:30 – 15:00

REFLECT

- 13:30 Through a gender lens: lessons learnt from applying gender-transformative approaches in programming and evaluation
Margaret Kabare  

RESONATE





- 14:00 Collaborative community co-design: harnessing realist evaluation to adapt child health service models for rural communities
Deborah Stockton  

REFLECT

- 14:30 Outcome harvesting as a flexible monitoring and evaluation method in complex contexts: practical application across different sectors
Jo McKiernan, Sarah Bolger  

Room A1 15:30 – 17:00

REFOCUS

- 15:30 Developing a culturally responsive evaluation framework: a partnership between the University of Newcastle and the NSW Department of Education
Karen Jones, Michele Hall, Sally Kubiak, Nathan Towney, Kathleen Butler  
- 16:30 Examining the readiness of introducing NLP into education evaluation
Catherine Zhao  

Room A2

🕒 11:00 – 12:30

🗨️ REFRACT

11:00 Seed to Tree: culturally strong and self-determining evaluation tool measuring change
Doyen Radcliffe, Aimee Bacchetto

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🗨️ RESONATE

11:30 Creating a shared lens: building an evaluation culture – putting theory into practice
Eleanor Kerdo, Amanda Reeves

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ALL

12:00 Don't forget the last step: evaluation knowledge translation practices that resonate
Jenny Anderson

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Room A2

🕒 13:30 – 15:00

🗨️ RESONATE

13:30 Participatory evaluation design and sense-making – making meaning through co-constructed lenses
Julian King, Kerry Elliott, Hilary Hollingsworth

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14:30 A collective approach to measuring social inclusion to tell a story in place in Melbourne's north-west metropolitan region and surrounding areas
Kat Thorn

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Room A2

🕒 15:30 – 17:00

🗨️ RESONATE

15:30 Applying evaluative reasoning within the political economy of rural primary healthcare
Tania Buck, Belinda O'Sullivan

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16:00 Applying a Value for Investment lens in a National Primary Youth Mental Health Initiative
Julian King, Adrian Field

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Room B1

🕒 11:00 – 12:30

🗨️ REFOCUS

11:00 Evaluating the unseen five years on: ChatGPT, algorithms and machine learning
Kristy Hornby

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11:30 Comparing machine learning and human approaches for topic classification
Gerard Atkinson

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12:00 Biases in technology: adopting innovation without increasing inequalities
Ethel Karskens

SP
ALL

Room B1

🕒 13:30 – 15:00

🗨️ RESONATE

13:30 How do you know you're ready to evaluate?
Kristy Hornby, Sophie Widdup

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🗨️ IGNITE SESSIONS

14:00 Can rapid evaluations be rigorous?
I'm an evaluator... get me out of here!
In Real Life: elevating the role of real-life stories in a government trial
Who's value is it anyway?

🗨️ REFOCUS

14:30 You adults need to stop and listen: reimagining a program's purpose by listening to young people
Madeline Hardess, Nita Okoko

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Room B1

🕒 15:30 – 17:00

🗨️ SPECIAL SESSION

15:30 Sharing evaluation practice through publication in the *Evaluation Journal of Australasia*
Jeff Adams, Anthea Rutter

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🗨️ RESONATE

16:30 The neuroscience of evaluation: how to make sure brain processes positively impact your impact.
Rick van der Zwan, Deborah Stockton

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Room B2

🕒 11:00 – 12:30

REFLECT

11:00 Using a robust discovery phase to build better theories of change
Mutsumi Karasaki, Anna Stempel

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REFOCUS

12:00 Using systems practice to refocus evaluation
Matt Healey, Mallory Notting

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Room B2

🕒 13:30 – 15:00

RESONATE

13:30 A beginners guide to realist methodologies: building evaluations that resonate
Phillip Belling, Liam Downing, Eleanor Kerdo, Angelina Leonello

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14:30 From evidence to engagement: translating knowledge into policy action
Andrew McLachlan

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Room B2

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REFLECT

15:30 Committed to mentoring
Julie Elliott, Jill Thomas, Martina Donkers

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REFOCUS

16:30 Do as the young people do
Claire Treadgold

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Room B3

🕒 11:00 – 12:30

REFOCUS

11:00 Creative design: refocusing our efforts on growing First Nations evaluators
Lena Etuk, Squirrel Main

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12:00 Seen but not heard: supporting the perspectives of children and young people in evaluation
Matthew Boyd, Madeleine Ridgeway, Alannah Burgess

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Room B3

🕒 13:30 – 15:00

REFOCUS

13:30 Learnings from the field when evaluating sensitive topics: voluntary assisted dying, family violence and mental health
Mallory Notting, Tenille Moselen

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14:30 Through the lens of government wellbeing frameworks: using Systems Logic and Wellbeing Valuation to move from theory to practice
Min Seto, Martin Farley

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Room B3

🕒 15:30 – 17:00

REFOCUS

15:30 Empowerment or exploitation: the ethics of engaging people with lived and living experience in evaluation
Jade Maloney, Alexandra Lorigan, Sharon Marra-Brown, Jo Farmer

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16:30 Breaking the silence
Heather Lovatt, Vicki Lowik

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PROGRAM FRIDAY

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Keynote address

Can changing the lens change the world?

Katherine Trebeck



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Hon Andrew Leigh MP

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Closing address

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🏠 Boulevard Auditorium ⌚ **10:30 – 12:30**

🗨️ REFLECT

10:30 Adapting and embracing new conceptions of rigour for evaluation practice in complexity
Julian King, Kate McKeeg, Samantha Togni, Laurie Porima, Keira Lowther

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🗨️ RESONATE

11:30 Making use of evaluation through a new lens
Jasper Odgers, Bethany Hanson, Leanne Hanvey, Kyleigh Laughlan

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ALL

🏠 Room A1 ⌚ **10:30 – 12:30**

🗨️ RESONATE

10:30 Utilization-focused evaluation through the lens of reputation capital: how evaluation knowledge becomes power by resonating with users who drive change
Caitlin Morton, Daniel Vogels

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11:00 Impact evaluation of complex portfolios
Santi Owen, Steve Corcoran

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🗨️ REFOCUS

11:30 GPT as a rubric-driven evaluator
Gerard Atkinson

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🗨️ RESONATE

10:30 Looking into the mirror: evaluating a whole-of-government program evaluation framework
Christabelle Darcy, Catherine Wood

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ALL

🏠 Boulevard Auditorium ⌚ **13:30 – 14:30**

🗨️ REFOCUS

13:30 Developmental evaluation: evaluating the implementation and outcomes of a multi-faceted complex real-world initiative
Patricia Lewis, Renee Teal, Lynne Millar, Juan Fernando Larranaga

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🏠 Room A1 ⌚ **13:30 – 14:30**

🗨️ REFOCUS

13:30 Testing and refining systemic evaluation methodology in Timor-Leste
Anne Stephens, Cristina Freitas

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 **Room A2**
 **10:30 – 12:30**
 **REFRACT**

- 10:30 Reflecting on the transformative power of internal evaluation capacity building to strengthen practice in an embedded public sector evaluation team
Angelina Leonello, Phillip Belling, Liam Downing
- 11:00 Participatory evaluation with young people from diverse cultural communities: reflections, challenges and practical learnings
Sam Cooper, Eleanor Booth
- 11:30 Markers for change: monitoring criteria for climate resilience
Stuart Raetz, Aaron Buncle
- 12:00 Keeping it real: ReachOut's social impact measurement in a digital world
Natalie Jurisic, Karen Wilcox

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 **Room B1**
 **10:30 – 12:30**
 **IGNITE SESSIONS**

- 10:30 An impact Evaluation of media literacy initiative in India
Cutting through complexity: stakeholder mapping using an ecosystems lens
Evidence and Evaluation Register in NSW Department of Planning and Environment
Reflections from a new evaluator
Social work & evaluation: reflecting on practice in the not-for-profit sector
Measuring customer experience with government services: understand effectiveness by going beyond a single measure of satisfaction

 **REFOCUS**

- 11:30 Cost-neutrality in public sector evaluation: pipe dream or within reach?
Christian Jung

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- 12:00 Case studies: a sharpening of the evaluative lens
Eleanor Kerdo, Hayden Jose, Stephanie White

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 **Room A2**
 **13:30 – 14:30**
 **SPECIAL SESSION**

- 13:30 Questions, queries and quips: ask the AES Fellows
Janet Clinton, Rick Cummings, Anthea Rutter, Patricia Rogers, Scott Bayley, Lyn Alderman

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 **Room B1**
 **13:30 – 14:30**
 **REFLECT**

- 13:30 It's time to name the elephant in the room, Indigenous evaluations should be Indigenous-led
Nicole Tujague, Kelleigh Ryan, Michael Welsh

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10:30 Help! I'm doing an impact evaluation, what evidence do I need?

Scott Bayley

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11:30 Developing better performance information

Graham John Smith

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10:30 What can we learn from Machiavelli and systems science to improve how we facilitate evaluation use?

Kara Scally-Irvine, Julie Elliott, Brian Keogh, Andrew Hawkins

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11:30 Actor Issue Mapping (AIM): a practical systems mapping tool for evaluators

Alexander Gruenewald

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13:30 Using behavioural science to improve evaluation

Kizzy Gandy

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13:30 MEL refreshed: engage with us in developing a set of principles for Measurement, Evaluation and Learning

Jess Dart, Shani Rajendra

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