DAY 1 WEDNESDAY 25 NOV

MELBOURNE BUILD 2026 EXPO
25 - 26 NOVEMBER
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STAGE 1

FUTURE MELBOURNE SUMMIT
VICTORIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT

10:00	Welcome Address by Lord Mayor Nick Reece
10:10	Melbourne 2050: Designing a Global City for the Next Generation
11:00	Building in Melbourne Today: Navigating Rising Costs & Project Efficiency
12:00	Melbourne in the Making: Meet the Leaders Behind the City's Major Builds
1:00	Designing for Buildability: The Story Behind Melbourne Walk
2:00	The Pipeline Ahead: Major Projects on the Horizon
3:00	Moving Victoria Forward: The Future of Rail and Roads
4:00	Designing the Next Generation of Healthcare Infrastructure

STAGE 2

SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT
MODERN METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT

10:00	From Design to Delivery: Making Low-Carbon Projects Work in Practice
11:00	Embedding Sustainability in Legislation: Too Far or Not Far Enough?
12:00	The Radical Retrofit Revolution: Achieving Net Zero through Retrofit and Passivhaus Standard
1:00	Going Green Isn't Easy: Cutting Carbon in Construction
2:00	Unleashing the Potential of Offsite Construction for Affordable Housing
3:00	From Innovation to Application: Smart Materials in the Built Environment
4:00	Modular Construction: Speed, Flexibility, and Quality

STAGE 3

AI & DIGITAL CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT
DATA CENTRE SUMMIT

10:00	Beyond Visualisation: The Power of Digital Twins
11:00	The New Frontier of AI in Construction: What's Next?
12:00	Design to Delivery: Can AI Finally Connect the Construction Lifecycle?
1:00	How AI & Data Analytics Is Improving Cost, Risk and Performance
2:00	Australia's Data Centre Gold Rush: How Melbourne is Emerging as a Leading Asia-Pacific Digital Hub
3:00	Energy, Water & Expansion: The Sustainability Challenge Facing Australia's Data Centre Boom
4:00	From Industrial Land to AI Corridors: The Future of Data Centre Development in Melbourne

STAGE 4

ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN SUMMIT
FUTURE OF HOUSING SUMMIT

10:00	Building Australia's Future: Government and Industry Collaboration to Meet Housing Targets
11:00	From Caravan Park to Community: The Roselle Story
12:00	The Future Outlook for Housing in Victoria and Australia
1:00	Can Melbourne Build Density and Maintain Public Trust?
2:00	Neuroarchitecture: Designing Spaces the Brain Responds To
3:00	Designing Spaces That Care for the Planet and The People On It
4:00	Inside the Design: Arts Centre Melbourne – Reimagining a Melbourne Icon

STAGE 5

COMMERCIAL SKILLS & GROWTH SUMMIT
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SUMMIT

10:00	The Critical Role Of Leadership In Driving Diversity
11:00	Building Belonging: How Construction Can Better Support LGBTQIA+ Colleagues?
12:00	Recruiting, Training, and Retaining the Leaders of Tomorrow
1:00	My Story: Why Mentorship Is Essential for Future Leaders
2:00	Driving Gender Equity: Empowering Women in Leadership and Management
3:00	Creating Healthy Workplaces People Don't Want to Leave
4:00	LinkedIn and Social Media for Construction Professionals

STAGE 6

NETWORKING HUB

10:00	AI & Digital Construction Networking
10:50	Fire Safety Leaders Industry Mixer
11:40	The Apprentice Club: Connecting Early-Career Professionals
12:30	Architecture & Design Socials
1:20	IAPMO Industry Exchange
2:10	CIOB Industry Professionals Industry Socials
3:50	Meet the Manufacturers Networking Drinks

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11:00	Transforming National Freight: Progress and Refocused Delivery of Inland Rail
12:00	What Is Next For Victoria's Infrastructure Pipeline?
1:00	Building Australia: Where to From Here?
2:00	Master Builders Victoria: Building a Future Workforce for a Changing Construction Industry
3:00	What Does The Future of Public Space in Melbourne Look Like?

STAGE 2

SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT
MODERN METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT

10:00	MMC at Scale: Solving Supply Chain Disruption and Labour Shortages
11:00	Breaking the Bottleneck: Unlocking MMC Through Smarter Regulation
12:00	Sustainable Material Selection
1:00	Leaving More Than Buildings Behind: Creating a Nature Positive Legacy Through Construction
2:00	ESG in Practice: From Design Through Delivery and Beyond
3:00	Demystifying the Circular Economy in Construction

STAGE 3

AI & DIGITAL CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT
DATA CENTRE SUMMIT

10:00	Hyperscale at Hyperspeed: Adapting to Shorter Schedules, Larger Scales and Higher Expectations
11:00	Building AI-Ready Data Centres: The Infrastructure Shift
12:00	What happens when AI runs the project admin, not just answers questions?
1:00	Diversity of Thought in Digital Construction: Driving Better Project Outcomes
2:00	The Next Step: Digital Integration in Construction
3:00	From Jobsite to Robot Site: Making Construction Robotics Work in the Real World

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FUTURE OF HOUSING SUMMIT

10:00	Density Done Well: Lessons Learned from Melbourne Projects
11:00	The Art of Aesthetic Interior Design
12:00	Architecture and the Evolution of Melbourne's City Identity
1:00	Designing the Future: Architecture in Australia in the Age of AI
2:00	Community as Infrastructure: Rethinking Growth Area Development
3:00	The Future of Mixed-Use Developments in Australian Cities

STAGE 5

COMMERCIAL SKILLS & GROWTH SUMMIT
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SUMMIT

10:00	The Growth Toolkit: Insights from Marketing Leaders
11:00	Attracting and Retaining Talent in the Built Environment: Meeting the Skills Challenge in the AI Era
12:00	The Future Workforce: What The Next Generation Will Demand
1:00	Optimising Work Conditions to Improve Safety, Quality and Productivity on Site: Preventing Fatigue at Its Source Using AI and Wearable Technologies
2:00	Breaking the Concrete Ceiling: Women Leading the Industry
3:00	Strengthening First Nations Pathways in Construction

STAGE 6

NETWORKING HUB

10:00	Master Builders Industry Connect Breakfast
11:40	Property Developers Networking Exchange
12:40	Low-Carbon Homes: Practical, Low-Cost Steps for Builders and Designers
1:40	Hubexo Network: Construction Industry Social
2:40	Diversity in Construction Networking Event
3:40	Women in Construction Networking Event

CO-LOCATED SHOWS

THE FIRE SAFETY LEADERS SUMMIT — STAGE 7

DAY 1 WEDNESDAY 25 NOV

10:00 Fire Safety at the Edge: Protecting Australia in a Hotter, More Complex World

11:00 From Compliance to Culture: Is Australia Finally Getting Fire Safety Right?

12:00 Inside the Regulator's Mind: What Auditors Are Really Looking For in 2026

1:00 The Future of Fire Safety: Bridging Policy to Practice for Multi-Storey Residential Buildings in a Post-Construction Environment?

2:00 Designing for Evacuation: Are Our Buildings Still Fit for Human Behaviour?

3:00 Lessons from the Line: What Recent Fire Incidents Have Taught Us

4:00 From the Top Down: The Role of Leadership in Safety

DAY 2 THURSDAY 26 NOV

10:00 Smart Fire Safety: AI, Sensors and the End of Paper Compliance

11:00 AS 1851 in the Real World: What It's Changed - and What It Hasn't

12:00 Passive Fire Protection: The Silent System That Fails Most Often

1:00 Bushfire Meets the Built Environment: Where Urban and Wildfire Risk Collide

2:00 Building Green, Building Safe: The Fire Performance of Sustainable Construction Materials

THE SECURITY LEADERS SUMMIT — STAGE 8

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10:00 Protecting Retail in an Era of Rising Risk

11:00 Building Real Resilience in a High-Threat Landscape

12:00 Simplifying Safety for your Site Managers

1:00 AI as Friend and Foe: Using Automation Without Losing Control

2:00 Victoria Branch The Future of Security: Technology, Innovation and Training for Tomorrow

3:00 Smart Buildings, Smarter Risks: Securing Connected Infrastructure in the Age of Intelligent Facilities

4:00 Crowds Under Pressure: Planning for Safety in High-Density Environments

DAY 2 THURSDAY 26 NOV

10:00 Securing Australia in the Age of AI, Geopolitics and Constant Disruption

11:00 From IT Issue to Boardroom Risk: Why Security Is Now a CEO Problem

12:00 Strategic Risk and Crisis Management in Uncertain Times: Challenges and Opportunities

1:00 Cyber Risk in the Spotlight: What Leaders Need to Know

2:00 Protecting Australia's Critical Infrastructure: Lessons from the Front Line

3:00 Securing Critical Infrastructure from the Perimeter to the Core

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10:00 Great Debate: Banning New Gas Connections in Australia

11:00 Lead In the Water – How To Stop The Silent Killer

12:00 Great Debate: Heat Pumps and the Electrification of Heat

1:00 From Tradie to Industry Leader: Building a Business, Brand & Team That Lasts

2:00 Heating And Cooling In Big Buildings

3:00 AI for Tradespeople: From Quoting to Fault Finding

4:00 Silicosis and Silica Safety – What Installers Need To Know

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10:00 How Australia Manages Backflow: Three Perspectives, One Goal

11:00 Indoor Air Quality – What Tradies Need To Know

12:00 HVAC Commissioning & Maintenance Best Practice

1:00 Skilled for Success: Tackling the Trades Workforce Challenge

2:00 Codes & Regulations: What Every Tradie Needs to Know

3:00 Refrigerants Regulations and Best Practice – What You Need to Know