

# Inspiring Earth Ethics: Linking Values and Action

2 Day Conference - Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November 2017  
Multi-Faith Centre (Building N35), Griffith University, 170 Kessels Rd, Nathan, Brisbane



Join us for a thought provoking two day conference in Brisbane, on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November 2017. This conference will bring together people from a range of fields - including environmental education, ethics, environmental psychology, indigenous knowledge systems, the arts, deep ecology, religion, science, business and law - to address a central question: **how do we inspire and build Earth ethics in Australian society?**

Climate change and the global ecological crisis are forcing human societies to face ever increasing environmental and psychological challenges. We need highly engaged communities if we are to address these challenges and begin to realise new and exciting alternatives to create a sustainable future in a climate changed world. How can we nurture Earth centred ethics and action in present and future generations? After decades of environmental education, are we seeing an increase in eco-literacy among Australian citizens, or do we need to create new pathways to inspire Earth ethics? What role can eco-spirituality, eco-psychology, eco-theology and the arts play in inspiring practical responses to care for the Earth? How can non-indigenous cultures learn from First Nations Peoples laws and culture?

A major output from the conference will be a published, edited collection of papers aimed at enabling change makers to understand how best to stimulate and support Earth ethics in modern society.

## TO REGISTER

<https://www.trybooking.com/QAQJ>

## REGISTRATION (2 DAYS)

\$150 waged  
\$80 unwaged/concession

## CONFERENCE DINNER

**Thursday 23rd November**  
(dinner tickets are now sold out)

## WEBSITE

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**PROGRAM—Thursday 23rd November**

- 8.00 Registration
- 9.00 *Welcome to Country*  
Welcome and opening remarks - Brian Adams, Griffith ICD, Michelle Maloney and Julia Grieves, AELA
- 9.20 **First Nations Peoples' Perspectives**
- Adjunct Professor Mary Graham, University of Qld and Kombumerri Peoples (video recording)
  - Michael Williams, Gooreng Gooreng Peoples
  - Ross Williams, Bindal/Juru Peoples
- Questions and discussion
- 10.30 **Inspiring and Teaching Earth Ethics and Philosophy**
- Noel Preston, Adjunct Professor, Griffith University
  - Freya Mathews, La Trobe University
  - Hugh Breakey, Griffith University
- Questions and discussion
- 11.30 **MORNING TEA**
- 12.00 *Song performance - Matt Wicking*  
**The role of arts and creative imagining in nurturing Earth ethics**
- Marian Drew, Griffith University
  - Matt Wicking, Centre for Sustainability Leadership
  - James Lee, Australian Earth Laws Alliance
- Questions and discussion

1.00 **LUNCH**

2.00 **PARALLEL SESSION 1 (50 minutes)**

## **SESSION 1.1 - DISCUSSION GROUP**

"Positioning ourselves in relation to Mother Earth: Aboriginal lore as a reflective lens", David SPILLMAN

## **SESSION 1.2 - PRESENTATIONS Ethics and sustainability**

"Sustainable materialism: human-nonhuman relationality in New Environmental movements", David SCHLOSBERG

"Earth jurisprudence and the rights of nature - a foundation for Earth centred ethics" Michelle MALONEY

"The ethics of procreation on a crowded planet", Jane O'SULLIVAN

## **SESSION 1.3- WORKSHOP**

"A cosmic walk: celebrating origins"  
Glenys LIVINGSTONE

3.00pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

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**3.00 AFTERNOON TEA**

**3.30 PARALLEL SESSION 2 (50 minutes)**

**SESSION 2.1 - PRESENTATIONS/PERFORMANCES  
(2 x 25 minutes)**

“Mama’s Bones’ - a dramatic performance illustrating cultural and spiritual challenges facing Pacific Islanders on the frontlines of climate change” - Wendy FLANNERY, Stella MIRIA-ROBINSON

Poetry reading - Freya MATHEWS

**SESSION 2.2 - PRESENTATIONS  
Being, time and ontology**

“We become sacred by our participation’ - partnering an evolutionary ethic”  
Caresse CRANWELL

“Making a difference in environmental research: placethinking and placespeaking in the Anthropocene” Robyn BARTEL

“What is time for a river?”  
Christine WINTER

**SESSION 2.3- WORKSHOPS  
(2 x 25 minutes)**

“Faith and Ecology: Diversity and Dialogue” Liesje BARRATT & Anne LANYON

“Learning to be present to the planet in a mutually beneficial manner: Ecozoic Living as a framework for activating Earth Ethics,” Jana NORMAN

**4.30 PARALLEL SESSION 3 (50 minutes)**

**SESSION 3.1 - PRESENTATION/ DISCUSSION GROUP  
(2 x 25 minutes)**

“Three keys to empowering personal and planetary transformation: an eco-psychology perspective” Eshana BRAGG

“Nature of SA: A new nature conversation’, Vicki-Jo RUSSELL

**SESSION 3.2 - PRESENTATIONS  
Indigenous knowledge systems**

“The land as a source of ethics and law”, Ross WILLIAMS

“Ngemba lore and Gunni Thakun (Mother Earth)”  
David SPILLMAN

“Building relationships with Indigenous peoples to co-develop Earth-centred environmental education programs: a case study of yarning circles with the Nahua people” - Monica YADEUN

**SESSION 3.3- WORKSHOP**

‘Forest Bathing’  
Alex GAUT

*(This is an outdoor activity, so please bring a hat and water bottle)*

**5.30 CLOSE OF DAY 1**

**5.45 - 8.00pm CONFERENCE DRINKS AND DINNER - G’s Restaurant  
(2 minute walk from conference venue)**

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**7.30am** *Optional activity: “Earth Rituals and Practices - a Toohey Forest Experience” - with Emma Brindal, Wise Earth Education, Toohey Forest, meet outside the conference venue*

**9.00** Opening of Day 2 - Michelle Maloney, AELA and Brian Adams, Griffith ICD  
*Poetry reading - Caresse Cranwell*

**9.15** **Eco-psychology and subjective experience**

- Sally Gillespie, University of Western Sydney
- Amber Seccombe, Griffith University and Gumbaynggirr Peoples
- Jonathan Marshall, University of Technology, Sydney

Questions and discussion

**10.15** **Faith, eco-spirituality and Earth ethics**

- Mary Tinney, Earthlink
- Anne Boyd, Earth Song
- Afshin Akhtarkhavari, Griffith University

Questions and discussion

**11.15** **MORNING TEA**

**11.45**

- Cam Mackenzie, Principal, Amaroo Environmental Education Centre
- Ellen Geraghty, Rahamim Ecology Centre
- Emma Brindal, Wise Earth Education and Northey Street City Farm

Questions and discussion

**12.45** **LUNCH**

**1.45** **PARALLEL SESSION 4 (50 minutes)**

## **SESSION 4.1 - PRESENTATION/ DISCUSSION GROUP (2 x 25 minutes)**

“Sustaining Earth centred conversations” Sally GILLESPIE

“Understanding environmental values through cognitive science” Graham WOOD

## **SESSION 4.2 - PRESENTATIONS Complex systems and ecological integrity**

“Ethics, ecology complexity and the order-disorder convolution” Jonathan MARSHALL

“Environmental ethics for the Anthropocene” Dianne DIBLEY

“Transforming how we think and act using the ecological integrity concept” Nelson QUINN

## **SESSION 4.3- WORKSHOPS (2 x 25 minutes)**

“Creating change through collective action” Robyn GULLIVER

“Earth ethics and the facilitation of emergence across difference” Neil DAVIDSON

**2.45pm** **AFTERNOON TEA**

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**3.15 PARALLEL SESSION 5 (50 minutes)**

## **SESSION 5.1 - WORKSHOP (2 x 25 minutes)**

“Imagining our future: using appreciative inquiry interviews to inspire and enrich” Samantha CARRUTHERS

“Joyality Workshop: for personal and planetary well being” - Eshana BRAGG, Shamila MILLARD, Jenni CARGILL-STRONG

## **SESSION 5.2 - PRESENTATIONS Earth care, education and faith**

“Let’s make our planet great again” Chris DALTON

“Ecological justice is social justice: the ecological journey of Jesuit Social Services” Bronwyn LAY

“The Cosmic Person: Discovering an Ethic of Co-Flourishing within the Universe Story”, Jana NORMAN

## **SESSION 5.3- WORKSHOPS (2 x 25 minutes)**

“Facing the tough questions around human population and the rights of nature,” Jane O’SULLIVAN

“Veganism: a transformation of culture” Scott WALLACE

**4.15 FINAL SESSION - SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED ACROSS THE CONFERENCE**

A panel of speakers from the conference will share their perspectives of the key issues raised at the conference, and will share their views about what we need to do, to build Earth ethics in Australia. The session will include time for questions and discussions with the audience

Facilitated by Michelle Maloney, AELA

**5.30 CONFERENCE CLOSES**