

Australian Nuclear Research and Education Network (ANREN) Annual Meeting 2026



DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 9 TH SEPTEMBER 2026			
TIME	ITEM	SPEAKERS	LEAD/CHAIR
10.30	Arrival and refreshments		-
11.00	Welcome to ANREN. This year's theme: building bridges		Organising Committee
11.30	Keynote 1 + Q&A	Todd Mansell (ADTA, AU)	Michael Lerch (U Wollongong)
12.00	Panel 1: Workforce needs for AUKUS and beyond	Pamela Naidoo-Ameglio (Director, Exige; President, Women in Nuclear Australia) Sarah D'Ardenne (ASC) Todd Mansell (ADTA, AU) Gordon Thorogood (ANSTO, UoW, ANU)	Tony Hooker (AU)
13.10	Lunch		
14.00	Reconvene and key takeaways from morning		Liz Williams (ANU)
14.15	Panel 2: 'Social Licence'	Maria Rost-Rublee (U Melbourne) Fabien Medvecky (ANU) Jacob Home (Frazer Nash) Kirsty Braybon (AU)	Liz Williams (ANU)
15.15	Break		
15.45	Activity 1: How we can work together to foster a dynamic and collaborative cross-sector nuclear community in Australia	All + facilitator	Michael Preuss (Monash) Pejman Rowshan Farzad (UWA; online)
16.45	Reflections/feedback from Session 2	All + facilitator	As above
17.00	Poster session & refreshments / canapes	(Extends through 19.00)	
18.00 - 18.15	Link call with UK Nuclear Academics Discussion Meeting (09.00 UK)	Michael Preuss/ANREN Community	
19.00	Day 1 close		

DAY 2 – THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TIME	ITEM		LEAD/CHAIR
08.30	Arrival and refreshments		-
09.00	Welcome to Day 2		Organising Committee
09.05	Keynote 2 + Q&A	Michelle Durant (AINSE)	Michael Preuss (Monash)
09.35	Panel 3: Activating skilled workforce pipelines in Australia	Mitra Safavi-Naeini (ANSTO) <i>Representatives from university-based programs – Freyja Peters (Monash), Greg Lane (Radinnovate), Geoff Currie (CSU / RAINS), Jenny Stansby (UNIC)</i>	Fabien Medvecky (ANU)
10.35	Break		
11.00	Reflections/feedback from previous session		Fabien Medvecky (ANU)
11.15	Panel 4: International linkages	Ben Swinton-Bland (British High Commission) Rebecca Moors (ASNO) Prof Todd Allen (University of Michigan)	Ed Simpson (ANU)
12.15	Lunch Activity 2: What are our most effective international partnerships; how/where should we build bridges?		Organising committee
13.15	Mapping our global connections	Live sharing by facilitator	Kay Song / Art Cotterell (UNSW)
13.45	Activity 3: Impactful ways to collaborate on industrial challenges and Australian resilience	All + facilitators	Michael Lerch (UoW), Liz Williams (ANU)
14.45	Break		
15.15	Feedback from previous session		
16.00	Close		
16.00-17.30	ANREN core member session (Closed)	We will plan an informal dinner for ANREN members. If you haven't gotten an invite via the ANREN Mailing list and would like to join, please email the ANREN coordinator .	

ANREN Annual Meeting Organising committee:

Monash University: Freyja Peters (chair), Hossein Masoumi, Mahmoud Mostafavi, Michael Preuss

Adelaide University: Tony Hooker, James Mcevoy

Australian National University: Julieanne Dougherty, Elizabeth Williams

University of New South Wales: Kay Song, Jennifer Stansby

University of Queensland: Stephen Wilson

University of Western Australia: Pejman Rowshan Farzad

University of Wollongong: Michael Lerch

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