



CEDA AI and ESG **COMMUNITIES** OF BEST PRACTICE

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SUPPORTING POSITIVE CHANGE THROUGH COMMUNITIES OF BEST PRACTICE

CEDA believes that curiosity has the power to create positive change and move the nation forward.

Progress 2050 is our vision for a better Australia, and we are committed to supporting our Members in taking practical and meaningful action now to create the change that is required for the future we want.

By bringing members together in two distinct communities; ESG and AI Communities of Best Practice to share their experience, knowledge, expertise, learnings and ambitions, we can accelerate that change.

By lifting performance and improving outcomes across ESG and the adoption of Responsible AI we will contribute to a better future for all Australians.

WHAT THE COMMUNITIES CAN OFFER YOUR ORGANISATION



Lift capability and confidence with access to forums and workshops with expert speakers and practical case studies



Best practice sharing
Contribute online and in-person and learn from professionals to enhance your ESG and AI initiatives



ESG and AI brains trust to help you address your challenges and burning questions with access to domain experts



Build professional networks
Connect with industry leaders, practitioners, and professionals across industries.



Be part of a collective voice that shapes the future of ESG and AI and contribute to discussions and initiatives that influence ESG and AI practices



Access to research and insights: Stay ahead of the curve with the latest advancements, trends and regulatory updates in ESG and AI

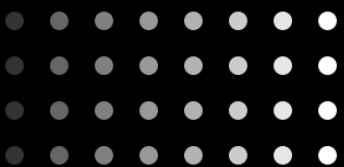
AI has the potential to transform products, services, processes and ways of working in Australia.

Public trust in the development, adoption and use of AI across is critical to enabling Australia to make the most of our future opportunities.

Building capabilities across developers and users of AI as well as an understanding of community and stakeholder expectations are fundamental to creating a sustainable and competitive future industry.

CEDA is uniquely placed to do this.

Melinda Cilento
Chief Executive, CEDA



AI CoBP PROGRAM

The goal:

- CEDA's AI Community of Best Practice (CoBP) seeks to build a network of cross-sector professionals to improve understanding, adoption and ethical use of AI and GenAI in a way that builds trust, improves policy and lifts productivity.

2025 Program Design:

The 2025 AI CoBP program has been designed with community feedback and guided by National AI Centre as Foundation partners as well as key community partners.

The AI program will include a minimum of 6 live online sessions and case studies as well as 4 in-person AI strategy session workshops.

Additional sessions to be added in alignment with the National AI Centre product launches throughout 2025.

2025 Program Snapshot:

- Responsible AI Advantage (Apr)
- AI In-person Sessions(April, Sept, Nov)
- AI Procurement (Jun)
- AI in Healthcare (Jul)
- Designing AI We Can Trust(Aug)
- AI Summit (Oct)
- AI and Productivity (Nov)
- How to measure the ROI of AI Investment(Nov)

AI CoBP PROGRAM 2025

Wednesday 19 February 12pm – 1:30pm (AEDT)	Thursday 10 April 12pm – 1:30pm (AEST) Online via Teams	Wednesday 21 May 10-12pm In-person, MELB, RMIT	Thursday 19 June 12pm – 1:30pm (AEST) Online via Teams	Thursday 3 July 12pm – 1:30pm (AEST) Online via Teams	Thursday 24 July 10am – 12:00pm (AEST) In-person, Brisbane
Headwinds and Tailwinds 2025	The Responsible AI Advantage: Risk, Governance and the Competitive Edge	Responsible AI in Practice: Strategy, Skills, & the Journey to AI Maturity	AI on Your Terms: AI Procurement for Australian Businesses	AI in Healthcare Implementation Case Study: New Rules of Engagement	Catalysing the Australian Responsible AI Ecosystem
Key contributors: Beth Worrell, NAIC, Simon Burns G+T, Dr Rahil Garnavi RMIT, Chris Doleman Actuaries Institute.	Key contributors: Beth Worrell NAIC, Simon Burns G+T, Dr Rahil Garnavi RMIT, Dr Kate Conroy QUT, Mark Stegar, AEMO	Key contributors: Sherman Young, DVC Education and VP, Dene Cecci, Director of Students, Prof Karin Verspoor Exec Dean Computing Tech	Key contributors: Tom Newby Co-Founder ProcurePro (scaleup), Emma Newell Woolworths Group, Simon Burns, G+T	Key contributors: Dr Lana Bell Ramsay Health, Assoc Prof Catarina Pinto-Moriera UTS, Assoc Prof (Dr) Kieran LePastrier, Rhonda Morton, Streamliners	Key contributors Professor Fahim Khondaker BDO, Beth Worrall NAIC, Chandon Potukuchi Tech One.
Learning Outcomes: - Learn about key developments in the Aust regulatory environment including the VAISS and the implementation of ethical principles - Understand UK and US AI policy, regulatory environment and investment landscape - Hear about Deep Seek and what it means for the accessibility opportunity for Australian small business to AI large language models	Learning Outcomes: - Understanding the major risks in deploying AI - Applying relevant policies and frameworks - Case study: Implementing Responsible AI - RAI as a competitive advantage	Learning Outcomes: - Explore how large organisations can advance their AI maturity by embedding responsible practices into strategy, workforce capability, and operations. - RMIT AI Implementation Case Study, spanning education, research, enterprise systems, governance, and industry-facing capability uplift.	Learning Outcomes: - Risks and considerations in AI procurement - Understanding the long-term impacts of investment in AI - Recommendations for AI procurement	Learning Outcomes: - Case study in AI implementation from strategy to deployment - Applied ethical and regulatory evaluation - Considerations in scaling implementation - Lessons learned Case Study: Ramsay Health. Scribe AI Implementation	Learning Outcomes: - Research insights from NAIC - Practical knowledge of how to foster effective collaborations in AI - Critical actions needed to position Australia as a world leader in Responsible AI - Establish connections within the Qld's CEDA Responsible AI community

**The program schedule is subject to change and will remain flexible to respond to local and global AI developments

AI CoBP PROGRAM 2025

Tues 19 Aug
10:00am – 11:30am (AEST)
Online via Teams

How to Design AI We Can Trust

Key contributors:

Dr Bernadette Hyland-Wood, Professor Fang Chen Director of Data Science Institute - UTS, Jonathon Chen AI Practice Strategy and Governance Executive - Suncorp, Jade Haar Head of Data Privacy and Ethics - NAB, Neil Aitken AI Capability Lead - Queensland Police Service.

Learning Outcomes:

- Building the basis of trust in your AI strategy
- Learn the importance of the human in the loop: Transparency and explainability
- Communicating with your customers

Tues 21 Wed 22 Oct
In-person Brisbane

CEDA AI Leadership Summit

Key contributors:

Dr Daniel Susskind Professor of Business - Gresham College, Chris Eigeland -CEO GO1, Professor Nicole Gillespie, Uni Melb, Simon Newcomb Partner - Clayton UTS, Lee Hickin CEO – DISR with more speakers TBC.

Learning Outcomes:

Designed for leaders and organised by CEDA and the National AI Centre. This annual summit connects executives, decision makers and thought leaders from across business, government and academia to advance Australia's AI ambitions for long-term prosperity.

*Note: Tickets to the AI Leadership Summit are available separate to community subscription

Tues 4 Nov
9:00am – 11:30am (AEDT)
In-person SYD

Boosting Productivity with AI: Driving Innovation and Growth. (University of Technology Sydney)

Key contributors and host:

Moderator: Michael Blumenstein, Pro Vice Chancellor (UTS). UTS Human Technology Institute Fellow Gaby Carney, Director of the Data Science Institute Professor Fang Chen, visiting Professor John Howard, Rose Skandari, Field CTO AI Solutions, CISCO.

Learning Outcomes:

- Hear from academic and industry experts on the strategic potential of AI to transform productivity and unlock new growth opportunities.
- Explore governance considerations and the conditions to enhance innovation.
- Understand AI acceleration challenges and opportunities for business in a rapidly evolving workplace

Tues 18 Nov
12:00pm – 1:30pm (AEDT)
Online via Teams

How to Measure the ROI of AI Investment

Key contributors:

Professor Prabhu Sivabalan – Pro Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise Learning) UTS, Nathan Bines Executive Director Data and AI, Qld Govt. More speakers TBC

Learning Outcomes:

- Technology ROI fundamentals
- Awareness of various ROI measurement frameworks
- Understand practical examples of ROI metrics from government and industry
- Learn effective techniques to evaluate and communicate AI investments

Thurs 27 Nov
12pm – 1:30pm (AEDT)
Online

AI, Climate and the Environment: Strategies to Reduce the Impact

Key contributors:

Rik Irons-McLean, Sector Lead Manufacturing and Energy, Microsoft. Jacqueline d'Alpuget Executive Manager AI Risk – Envir & Social. Eamon Fenwick, Head of Sustainability Advisory, SAP.

Learning Outcomes

- Deep dive into the report's data
- Learn key strategies to reduce the impact of increasing energy and water demands of AI infrastructure and suitability
- Hear industry perspectives on strategic approaches, initiatives and programs to reduce impact

Tues 2 Dec
12pm – 1:30pm
In-person, Melb

AI in not-for-profits: unlocking AI's potential for social justice

Key contributors:

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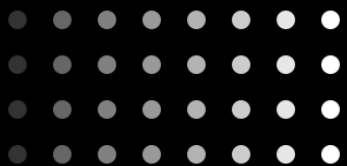
Learning Outcomes

- Exploring the AI findings in our 2025 Digital Technology in the NFP Sector report
- Hear from NFPs implementing the tech, conversation from early adopters across government, industry and the NFP sector
- Identify ways to build S projects in AI initiatives

ESG is not a journey for the solo traveller. We need collaboration, creativity, and honest sharing between industries and organisations to drive the many aspects of sustainability, which is what CEDA's ESG Community of Best Practice enables and why I am a member.

Brian Kraft

Principal Consultant, Human Rights, Anthesis Group



ESG CoBP PROGRAM

The goal:

CEDA's ESG Community of Best Practice (CoBP) seeks to advance best practice across evolving environmental, social and governance issues by curating timely, actionable information and building a network of leaders to progress ESG performance in Australia.

2025 Program Design:

The 2025 ESG CoBP program has been designed with community feedback and guided by ESG community partners.

The 2025 program will include over 7 engagement opportunities from online discussion forums, panels and case studies in addition to 4 smaller face-to-face workshops, and an immersion.

2025 Program Snapshot:

- Human Rights: regulation, reporting and relationships (Mar)
- Mandatory climate related disclosures (May, Sept, Nov)
- Post-election ESG update (Jun)
- Supercharging 'S' in ESG (Jul)
- ESG and uninsurable Australia (Sept)
- Integrating nature positive beyond compliance (Nov)
- AI and Climate Impacts (Dec)

ESG CoBP PROGRAM 2025

Wednesday 20 February 12pm – 1:30pm (AEDT) Online via Teams	Tuesday 15 April 12pm – 1:30pm (AEST) Online via Teams	Monday 12 May 10am – 11:00am (AEST) Online via Teams	Monday 19 May 10am – 12:00pm (AEST) In-person, Melbourne	Thursday 19 June Community Resource LinkedIn	Thursday 31 July 12pm – 1:30pm (AEST) Online via Teams
ESG Outlook for 2025 and Beyond	The Business of Human Rights: Regulation, Reporting and Relationships	Productivity Commission Circular Economy Interim Report Briefing	Cutting Through the Complexity of Mandatory Climate Disclosures	Post-election ESG Update	Supercharging the ‘S in ESG for Business Innovation + Case Study
Key contributors: Ilona Millar, G+T Brian Kraft, Anthesis	Key contributors: Lorraine Finlay, Australian Human Rights Commissioner, ESG Community Partners	Key contributors: Joanne Chong, Productivity Commissioner Alison Roberts, Productivity Commissioner	Key contributors: Ilona Millar G+T, Brian Kraft, Anthesis	Key contributors: Brian Kraft, Anthesis	Key contributors: Dr Cathy Robinson CSIRO, Catia Davin, Founder of UN Aust Social Good Summit, Simon Faivel Co-Chair Social Impact Measurement Network of Aust (SIMNA)
Learning Outcomes: • 2025 regulation and legislative updates and social license • Explore the shifting global geopolitical environment and global ESG developments • Understand the federal election implications on ESG • Discuss mandatory reporting developments	Learning Outcomes: • Understand the International landscape of Human Rights reporting • The Australian context of Human Rights reporting • Exploring Human Rights reporting developments and what it could mean for an Australian Human Rights Act	Learning Outcomes: • Overview of the interim inquiry report on <i>Australia’s circular economy: Unlocking the opportunities</i> highlights • Community discussion on circular practices and technologies being adopting, challenges in take up, and opportunities.	Learning Outcomes: • Overview of the regulatory landscape • Engaging and activating teams across the organisation • Building compliant reporting • Case study discussions	Learning Outcomes: • Trends and regulatory update	• Learning Outcomes: The business case for social sustainability and social impact • Understanding best practice metrics for measuring social sustainability and social impact into business strategy • Unlocking value through social sustainability and social impact commitments • Case study

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Tues 16 Sept 10am – 12:00pm (AEST) Online	Wed 17 Sept 7:30am – 9:00am In-person, SYD	Tues 7 Oct 12:00pm – 1:00pm (AEDT) Online	Wed 29 Oct 12pm-1:00pm (AEDT) Online	Thurs 6 Nov 10am – 12:00pm (AEDT) In-person, BNE	Thurs 13 Nov 12pm – 1:30pm (AEDT) Online	Thurs 27 Nov 12pm – 1:30pm (AEDT) Online	Tues 2 Dec 12pm – 1:30pm In-person, Melb
Cutting Through the Complexity of Mandatory Climate Disclosures	Circular Economy : Reimagining Furniture as an Asset	Anti-Slavery Commission Briefing and Consultation	ESG and Uninsurable Australia	Cutting Through the Complexity of Mandatory Climate Disclosures	Getting Back to Nature: Integrating Nature Positive Beyond Compliance	AI, Climate and the Environment: Strategies to Reduce the Impact	AI in not-for-profits: unlocking AI's potential for social justice
Key contributors: G+T, Anthesis	Key contributors: CEO Koskela Titchkosky, Enrico Zara, Assoc Principal Arup, Global and Australasia Decarbonisation Leader	Key contributors: Anti-Slavery Commission	Key contributors: Liam Dillon Senior Economist CEDA, Ramona Meyricke, Principal Taylor and Fry, Sharanjit Paddam, Principal Finity.	Key contributors: G+T, Anthesis	Key contributors: Alison Drill, Head P&C Structured Solutions Asia. Rayne van den Berg, Australasian lead for the Capitals Coalition, Dr Marnie Telfer Anthesis.	Key contributors: Rik Irons-McLean, Sector Lead Manufacturing and Energy, Microsoft. Jacqueline d’Alpuget Executive Manager AI Risk – Envir & Social Comm Bank. More speakers TBC.	Key contributors: CEO Infoexchange, Beth Worral NAIC
Learning Outcomes • Member case study and lessons learned • Overview of the regulatory landscape • Engaging and activating teams across the organisation • How to build compliant reporting • Live case study	Learning Outcomes • Understand the carbon and landfill challenges of large retail and office furniture • Explore report insights including business model innovations and financial • Hear from Koskela Founder how they have innovated their business model to deliver impact and increase circularity principles	Learning Outcomes • Learn about the work of the Anti-Slavery Commission and their roadmap for 25/26 • Provide your voice to their open consultation on Anti-Slavery in ESG • Access resources	Learning Outcomes • Understanding the ESG insurance landscape in Australia • Exploring ESG integration in the insurance business model • The materiality of ESG risks to various lines of business and economic sectors	Learning Outcomes • Overview of the regulatory landscape • Engaging and activating teams across the organisation • How to build compliant reporting • Case study	Learning Outcomes • An overview of nature-based solutions and co-benefits • Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures, the evolution of recommendations • How to engage traditional owners and first nation partners • Incorporating nature capital in decision-making	Learning Outcomes • Deep dive into the report’s data • Learn key strategies to reduce the impact of increasing energy and water demands of AI infrastructure and suitability • Hear industry perspectives on strategic approaches, initiatives and programs to reduce impact	Learning Outcomes • Exploring the AI findings in our 2025 Digital Technology in the NFP Sector report • Hear from NFPs implementing the tech, conversation from early adopters across government, industry and the NFP sector • Identify ways to build S
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ABOUT CEDA

WHO ARE WE?

CEDA (the Committee for Economic Development of Australia) is an independent, non-profit organisation providing thought leadership and policy perspectives on the economic and social issues affecting Australia. Founded in 1960 by Sir Douglas Copland, one of the most influential figures in Australian economics at the time, CEDA has offices in Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

WHO ARE WE FOR?

As a membership-based organisation, CEDA works together with members (organisations) and trustees (employees at member organisations) from Australia's government and academic communities to the nation's biggest corporations— building reach and influence across a diverse network.

HOW WE WORK

Conducting independent research, curating content, facilitating nationwide events and offering educational programs, CEDA collaborates, debates, influences and positively impacts long term public policy. Revenue is predominantly generated through memberships and events, and ensures we remain independent.

WHY WE MATTER

CEDA identifies long-term social and economic issues, explores alternative approaches and seeks practical solutions to improve economic, social and environmental policy— so ultimately long-term prosperity is achieved for all Australians.

Find out more:

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