

# EHPA SYMPOSIUM 2023

# REIMAGINING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

**Past**



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## ONSITE PROGRAM

**4-6 October 2023**  
**Pullman Melbourne on the Park**  
**192 Wellington Parade,**  
**East Melbourne**

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## Dear Attendees,

On behalf of the EHPA Board and our planning committee, I am delighted to welcome you to our EHPA Symposium in 2023 – Reimagining Environmental Health.

We have endeavoured to bring you the best symposium experience with a balance of sessions that showcase the extensive expertise of our own EHPA members, along with the knowledge of many of our allied organisations, including the Department of Health, EPA Victoria, Dairy Food Safe Victoria and Swinburne University of Technology. We are fortunate to have enjoyed long-term support and wisdom from several legal firms with excellent knowledge of environmental health prosecutions.

We are also excited to have the Victorian Government's Deputy Chief Health Officer, Ben Cowie provide our opening address and two highly regarded keynote presenters in Keith Suter and Robyn Moore. We eagerly anticipate their presentations.

Our sponsors and exhibitors are an integral part of the symposium, and we express our appreciation to our Platinum sponsor and symposium partner, the Victorian Government Department of Health, Symposium Dinner sponsor Macpherson Kelley, Excellence Award sponsor Maddocks and lanyard sponsor Russell Kennedy.

Our trade exhibitors provide an opportunity for members to meet one-on-one with key suppliers of products and services for the environmental health profession and learn of new developments and innovations that support our profession.

Please visit each exhibitor – Department of Health, Enterprise Creative Cloud, Assure Consulting, Osborne Richardson and Agrifood Technology. Once again, we have the very popular trade exhibitor passport prize, with one delegate each day winning a \$500 Officeworks voucher.

Thank you to our hard-working symposium committee:

- **Sarah O'Brien** (Department of Health)
- **Guy Price** (Surf Coast Shire and EHPA Vice-President)
- **Silvia Cota** (City of Monash)
- **Robyn Smith** (EHPA)

I look forward to catching up with many of my colleagues over the coming days of this exciting symposium, held at the Pullman Melbourne on the Park, a facility that provides high standards in accommodation, meeting rooms, facilities and catering.

## Melissa Wilson

President

Environmental Health Professionals Australia





## REGISTRATION DESK

The **registration desk** will be located at the entrance to the Grand Ballroom. Delegates may register at these times: 6.30pm to 7.30pm Wed, 8:00 am to 9:00 am Thursday and Friday.

On registration, you will receive a symposium satchel, your name badge, exhibitor passport and printed onsite program. Notepads and pens will be provided.

## NAME BADGES

**Each delegate** will receive a name badge which can be collected from the registration desk. Your name badge must be worn at all times. It indicates your registration profile and is your official pass to the symposium and catering sessions. The symposium lanyard sponsor is Russell Kennedy Lawyers.

## SYMPOSIUM DRESS CODE

The welcome reception and symposium sessions dress code is **smart casual**. The dress code for the symposium dinner is **semi-formal** with a touch of magenta.

The theme for the symposium dinner is **Viva Magenta!** Viva Magenta 18-750 is Pantone's colour of the year in 2023 and is described as a brave, fearless colour promoting optimism and new narratives. Given the affinity to our symposium theme of "Reimagining Environmental Health", we have adopted Viva Magenta this year. So, feel free to wear a touch or more of magenta to the dinner or enjoy the splashes of the colour throughout the night.

## ON ARRIVAL EACH MORNING

If you don't have time to grab breakfast before you join us on both mornings, don't worry – pastries and barista-made coffee will be available from 8:00 am on Thursday and Friday morning.

## SYMPOSIUM SESSION LOCATIONS

All of our sessions and catering will be held in the Ballroom of the Pullman Melbourne on the Park and the pre-function areas located at the entry to the Ballroom. Signage in the foyer will guide you to these areas.

## SESSION INTERACTION

Most sessions will include time for a brief interactive question period, so please feel free to participate.





## Professor Benjamin Cowie

Professor Benjamin Cowie is an infectious diseases physician and epidemiologist, with appointments at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Doherty Institute.

In addition, Ben serves as Deputy Chief Health Officer in the Department of Health, Victoria. He is a Professorial Fellow in the Department of Infectious Diseases, Melbourne Medical School.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ben has supported the Victorian Government's responses with a focus on community engagement, clinical care for people living with COVID-19, control of community transmission of infection, and in helping establish Victoria's COVID-19 vaccination program.

Ben has built a broad research agenda in the epidemiology and control of communicable diseases, with a focus on viral hepatitis.



## Dr Keith Suter AM

Dr Keith Suter is described as a global futurist, economics futurist, strategic leader, business innovator, and media commentator.

He frequently appears on radio and television discussing politics and international affairs, and you may have seen him as the Foreign Affairs Editor on Channel 7's Sunrise Program. Dr Suter also presents a thought-provoking podcast series, "Global Truths with Dr Keith Suter", where he explains one issue in global politics each week.

We look forward to Keith sharing his perspective on our theme, "Reimagining Environmental Health".



## Robyn Moore AM

Robyn Moore is regarded as one of Australia's best and most in-demand female speakers.

She has been changing people's perceptions and achieving successful outcomes for over 40 years in a wide range of industries and professions.

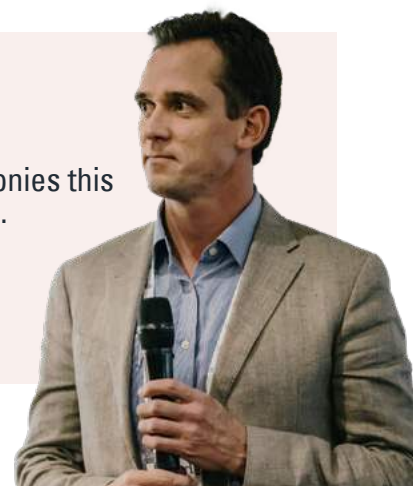
Given our symposium theme of "Reimagining Environmental Health", Robyn will engage with delegates to help clear the way for new thinking and communication skills in order to create solutions and remarkable results in work and private life.



## Nick Lund

We are fortunate to have Nick Lund join us again as our fabulous master of ceremonies this year to lead the proceedings, keep us on track, and ensure we have a little fun, too.

Welcome back, Nick!





## WEDNESDAY EVENING 4 OCTOBER

6:30pm - 8:00pm	<b>WELCOME FUNCTION AND OPENING OF THE TRADE EXHIBITION</b>
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## DAY 1 - THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER

8:15am	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; TRADE EXHIBITION</b>
9:00am	<b>Symposium opening and welcome to country: Melissa Wilson</b> , EHPA President. <b>Introduction to MC: Nick Lund</b> , FEHPA
9:15am	<b>Opening address: Professor Benjamin Cowie</b> , Deputy Chief Health Officer, Victorian Department of Health
9:30am	<b>Keynote presentation: Dr Keith Suter AM</b> . A global futurist perspective of environmental health
10:30am	<b>MORNING TEA &amp; TRADE EXHIBITION</b>
11:00am	<b>The new holistic experiential description of the practice (HEDP) of environmental health: Dr Louise Dunn</b> , Senior Lecturer, Public and Environmental Health, Swinburne University of Technology
11:30am	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> – delegates attend 1 of 2 options x 25 minutes each
Concurrent 1	<b>Integration of food safety culture into a modern regulatory framework: Katrina Chatterton</b> , Acting Manager Science, Surveillance and Technical Services and <b>Emma Coulton</b> , Regulatory Verification Lead, Dairy Food Safety Victoria
Concurrent 2	<b>Heat Safe City of Melbourne: Krista Milne</b> , Co-Chief Heat Officer and Director Climate Change and City Resilience, City of Melbourne
12:00 noon	<b>Remedial notices to address onsite wastewater system issues and residential construction noise: Clare Dawson</b> , Senior Regulatory Standards Officer, EPA Victoria
12:30pm	<b>LUNCH &amp; TRADE EXHIBITION</b>
1:30pm	<b>Mosquito diseases and control in the Surf Coast: Emma Monteath</b> , EHO, Surf Coast Shire Council; <b>Mosquito and flood experience 2022-2023: Brooke Keher</b> , Senior Environmental Health Officer and Acting Coordinator, <b>Bryce Kerr</b> , Environmental Health Officer, Mildura Rural City Council
2:15pm	<b>Lab grown meat and other food trends and technology including horizontal scanning, AI and ChatGPT in food regulation: Gabrielle Allen</b> , Acting Manager Food Policy and <b>Stephanie Reid</b> , Senior Policy Analyst, Department of Health, <b>Kevin Francis</b> , Co-Founder and CEO Wild Mouse
3:00pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA &amp; TRADE EXHIBITION</b>
3:20pm	<b>Private menace, public nuisance? EHO responsibility for response and management of drug labs: Tara Schulz</b> , Senior Associate, Maddocks Lawyers
4:25pm	<b>WRAP UP &amp; CLOSE</b>
6:30pm - 11:00pm	<b>SYMPOSIUM DINNER</b> - The theme for the Symposium Dinner is <b>Viva Magenta!</b>



DAY 2 - FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

8:15am	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; TRADE EXHIBITION</b>
9:00am	<b>Welcome to Symposium Day 2</b>
9:10am	<b>Keynote presentation – The power of the word and moving EHOs from re-action into action: Robyn Moore</b>
10:00am	<b>Nuisance complaint investigation and supreme court decision: Marcus Heath, Special Counsel, Russell Kennedy Lawyers</b>
10:45am	<b>MORNING TEA &amp; TRADE EXHIBITION</b>
11:10am	<b>Concurrent sessions – delegates attend 1 of 2 options x 25 minutes each</b>
Concurrent 1	<b>Nuisance complaint investigation – Bird Feeding: Leah Farrell, Coordinator Environmental Health, Nillumbik Shire Council</b>
Concurrent 2	<b>Reimagining environmental health through the lens of the HEDP, opportunities to reinvigorate practice: Dr Louise Dunn, Senior Lecturer, Public and Environmental Health, Swinburne University of Technology</b>
12:05pm	<b>Application of the Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines for Hair, Beauty, Tattooing and Skin Penetration Industries: Michelle Barrett, EHO, Whitehorse City Council</b>
12:30pm	<b>LUNCH &amp; TRADE EXHIBITION</b>
1:00pm	<b>Strengthening public health in emergencies - 2022 October Flood Event: Ellie Mandritis and Tracey Watson, North Regional Health Protection (RHP), Seona Liew, East RHP, Department of Health and Caitlin Oats and Brooke Hutcheon, Wyndham City Council and the DH/MAV flood recovery team.</b>
2:00pm	<b>What is the future of prosecutions in environmental health? Louisa Dicker, Principal Lawyer Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Macpherson Kelley</b>
2:45pm	<b>Close of symposium. Launch of EHPA Symposium 2024</b>
3:00pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA &amp; DEPARTURE</b>
3:30pm	<b>CLOSE</b>

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