

### Abstract Submission Form and Speaker Profile

Complete your details by typing in the **green** sections of the digital form below. If there are multiple presenters, please include their details where applicable (name, organisation, personal bio)  
 Save your completed form in PDF format and submit via the [submission form on the website](#).

|  |  |                   |        |                    |         |
|--|--|-------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| <b>Title</b>   | Ms   | <b>First Name</b> | Leonie | <b>Family Name</b> | Netting |
| <b>Position/Role</b>   | Coorinator Coal Loader Sustainability Centre   |                   |        |                    |         |
| <b>Organisation you will represent</b>                                   | North Sydney Council   |                   |        |                    |         |
| <b>Personal Bio</b><br>Max. 100 words                                    | Leonie Netting is the Coordinator of the Coal Loader Sustainability Centre in North Sydney. Having worked for almost two decades in the public service across a range of environmental project management disciplines across the East Coast of Australia, she is passionate about the natural blending of social and environmental sustainability, and loves working with community. She's a full time working mum to two young boys who regularly spend time with her at the Coal Loader. |                   |        |                    |         |
| <b>Title of Presentation</b>   | The Coal Loader: Creating Community  |                   |        |                    |         |
| <b>Format of Presentation</b><br>(please select)                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral Presentation (20 minutes)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Workshop - 60 minutes (eg interactive indoor session)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Workshop - 120 minutes (eg outdoor activity)<br>Indicate your preferred presentation types (you may select more than one)<br>NB: We may not be able to offer your preferred option  |                   |        |                    |         |
| <b>Which theme would you prefer to present under?</b><br>(please select) | <input type="checkbox"/> Theme 1: Listen<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theme 2: Learn<br><input type="checkbox"/> Theme 3: Transform  |                   |        |                    |         |
| <b>Introduction</b>  | This presentation will give an insight into not only the activities and engagements of the Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability, but delve into the intricate web of partnerships, relationships and altruism that create the Coal Loader community. It will showcase the true meaning of not only social and environmental sustainability, but placemaking at it's best - an example of how a Council facility goes beyond services and infrastructure to create a community.            |                   |        |                    |         |
| <b>Presentation Abstract:</b><br>max. 300 words                          | The Coal Loader Centre for Sustinability is not just a sustainability centre - it's a community. An ex-industrial heritage listed site based on the foreshore of Sydney Harbour, the Coal Loader is a unique place not only in terms of it's history and adaptive re-use, but also as a true example of placemaking. Moving beyond infrastructure and service delivery, the Coal Loader Sustainability Centre ethos encompasses grass roots  |                   |        |                    |         |

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | <p>level engagement to create a sense of ownership and responsibility for the North Sydney community and beyond. Day to day operations are a combined effort between staff, partners, volunteers and community members in an intricately woven fabric of partnership that enables true learning and behaviour change.</p> <p>The Coal Loader's unique setting provides a place not only to showcase sustainable technology and deliver education initiatives, but to actually live them. Community gardens, vegetable plots, chickens, organic recycling, aquaponics and a recycling station mean the Coal Loader community can live the sustainability values being promoted through the Centre.</p> <p>The result is a hub of activity where the sustainability learning happens organically in addition to the formal learning programs. The gardeners share their produce with the community; they also give demonstrations and advice to school and tour groups, and at Council events. Volunteers enable the city kids visiting to pat the chickens and learn about where eggs come from. Indigenous partners work with the bushland team to create spaces and gardens to bring to life the value we place on our indigenous history. Businesses sell their local, ethically and sustainably made produce at the quarterly Coal Loader artisan markets. Community groups promote their social and environmental causes at Coal Loader events, and use Coal Loader facilities to carry out their creative and active endeavours. Locals come and do free wellness classes on the platform to improve not only their wellbeing but their social connectivity.</p> <p>The Coal Loader is a unique example of social and environmental sustainability creating a connected community of organic learning and wellbeing.</p> |
| <p><b>Key Message:</b><br/>A short summary of presentation</p> | <p>The Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability showcases grassroot learning and behaviour change by creating connected communities actually living a sustainability ethos.</p>  |

All abstracts must be received by 5pm **Friday 26 May 2023 (AEST)**.  
We expect to notify speakers by mid June

**Note:** confirmed presenters will be required to register for the conference and pay the relevant registration fees.