

Location: Ballarat Tech Park Central, 106-110 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat
When: 28th of November, 2023

08:15 - 08:50	Registrations Coffee and pastries and networking
08:50 - 09:30	Welcome and opening plenary Theme: Setting the scene Partner with the Committee for Ballarat
08:50 - 09:00	Welcome Elizabeth Lewis-Gray, President, Victorian Bioenergy Network
09:00 - 09:10	Opening Address Samantha McIntosh, Central Ward Councillor, City of Ballarat
09:10 - 09:25	Victorian Bioenergy Network Introduction Ragini Prasad, Executive Officer, Victorian Bioenergy Network
09:25 - 09:45	How Regional Cities and Towns can benefit from Bioenergy Dr. Tim Harrison, Chief Executive Officer, Ararat Rural City Council
09:45 - 10:05	A profile of the Barnawatha Biodiesel plant and the opportunity to accelerate production of biodiesel in Victoria Andrew Deller, Operations Manager, Just Biodiesel
10:05 - 10:25	The role and opportunity of the water sector in transforming Victoria into a bio-economy Philippa Bakes, Manager Circular Economy Initiatives, Barwon Water
10:25 - 10:40	Questions
10:40 - 11:15	Morning Tea
11:15 - 11:35	Renewable Gas Consultation Paper Keynote speaker: Damien Moyse, Manager - Gas Reform, DEECA
11:35 - 11:55	The challenges and opportunities of attracting funding and policy issues for government with regard to bioenergy projects Scott Grierson, Managing Director, Valorify
11:55 - 12:15	What lessons can Australia learn from overseas? Andrew Lang, Senior Consultant, World Bioenergy Association
12:15 - 12:35	Results from regional case studies and SV FOGO research Michael Renehan, Chief Executive Officer, Gaia EnviroTech
12:35 - 12:45	Questions
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch and Networking
13:45 - 14:05	Research on the opportunity to create Solar PV and Bioenergy micro grids Dr Rakibuzzaman Shah, Senior Lecturer, Federation University Australia
14:05 - 14:25	The opportunity and what's been funded in bioenergy in Victoria Matt Nelson, Team Leader Waste to Energy, Sustainability Victoria
14:25 - 14:35	Questions
14:35 - 15:15	Panel: The role of bioenergy in Victoria's decarbonisation and what shifts need to happen to make it a reality Chair: Scott Douglas, Chief Executive Officer, Green Lab Futures Panellists: Emma Mountjoy (LMS Energy), Joe Finneran (MADA Energy)
15:15 - 15:30	Closing Remarks Michael Poulton, Chief Executive Officer, Committee for Ballarat
15:30	VBN Networking Event concludes