TEFMA26 CONFERENCE

13th – 16th September 2026, Melbourne

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Dreaming Tomorrow's Campuses Today

Through Collaboration, Knowledge and Networking

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PROGRAM

Stream 1. People: Enabling Vision, Capability, and Community
Stream 2. Property: Designing Campuses for the Future, Today
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DAY 0 | Sunday 13 September 2026

1830–2130	WELCOME RECEPTION The TEFMA26 Welcome Reception, hosted at the iconic State Library Victoria, is the perfect way to kick off the conference. Set within one of Melbourne's most impressive landmarks, the reception provides a relaxed opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, meet new faces and build connections with property professionals from across the sector.

DAY 1 | Monday 14 September 2026

0730–1600 REGISTRATION DESK

0800–1600 EXHIBITION

0830–1600 Presenters: please check in with the onsite audio-visual team in the speaker preparation room at least 2 hours prior to your session start time to upload your presentation.

PLENARY SESSION — Victory AB Room

TIME	DURATION	
0850–0905	15 min	WELCOME & DAY 1 INTRO BY MC
0905–0920	15 min	WELCOME TO COUNTRY
0920–0925	5 min	OPENING NOTE BY CONVENOR
0925–0930	5 min	NOTE FROM TEFMA PRESIDENT
0930–0935	5 min	INTRODUCTION TO SESSION BY MC
0935–1030	**55 min**	**Keynote - Mark McCrindle: "The Future of Tertiary Facilities: Understanding the demographic change, technology impacts and emerging generations shaping the trends."**
1030–1100	*30 min*	*MORNING TEA*
1030–1100	30 min	NEWCOMERS FUNCTION The Newcomers Function is a warm welcome for delegates attending TEFMA for the first time. Meet fellow first-time attendees, make some new connections and find a few friendly faces to share the conference experience with.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

TIME	DURATION	Victory C Room	Victory D Room	Foundry Room	Danvers Room
1100–1110	*‣ Time for people to move to next location*				
1110–1140	30 min	24087: RMIT University Living Places Plan **Seamus McCartney — RMIT**	23770: From backlog to business case: How student feedback is shaping maintenance investment at Sydney **Sonja Vogeler — University of Sydney** **Sam Hall — Campus Intuition**	24058: Edith Cowan University: building a university city **Sean Henriques — Edith Cowan University** **Neil Appleton — Lyons**	Activity-Based Working: Lessons Learnt from the hard-fought Journey **Blair Daly & Rory Chacko, Auckland University of Technology (AUT)**
1140–1150	*‣ Time for people to walk between rooms/locations*				
1150–1220	30 min	24113: Is everyone listening? Can everyone see, participate and contribute? Perceptions of staff and students in collaborative learning spaces **Ellen-Mary Terrill — Swinburne University of Technology** **Dr Samuel Teague — Murdoch University** **Michaela Sheehan — Campus Intuition** **Meaghan Dwyer — Wardle**	24142: Dreaming Big, Delivering on Time: Client-Side Leadership on a $853M Urban Campus **Edward Doherty — Edith Cowan University**	24149: Flinders University's Capital Projects Delivery Journey to Maturity **Alison Dwyer — Flinders University**	24145: AI as a co-pilot (pun intended) for Educational Facilities Management **Sam Wishart — La Trobe University**
1220–1305	*45 min*	*LUNCH & EXHIBITION*			

PLENARY SESSION — Victory AB Room

1305–1310	5 min	WELCOME BACK & TEFMA ANNOUNCEMENTS
1310–1315	5 min	INTRODUCTION TO SESSION BY MC
1315–1410	**55 min**	**KEYNOTE — STEVE SAMMARTINO**

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TIME	DURATION	Victory C Room	Victory D Room	Foundry Room	Danvers Room
1420–1450	30 min	SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS TEFMA INFORMATION SESSION (Main Exhibition area)			
1410–1420	*‣ Time for people to move to next location*				
1420–1450	30 min	23745: From Vision to Reality: Master Planning Resilient, Culturally Connected Campuses Across the Pacific **Michael Herbert Rajalingam — University of the South Pacific**	24123: Melbourne University's Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology Flexi-Space program: What happened next? An evolution through AI insights story **Warren Power, Andrew Moore - University of Melbourne**	24158: From Fragmented to Enhanced: Co-Designing UC's Student Experience Space Plan **Talfryn S Davies — University of Canberra** **Joshua JW Wheeler — MGS Architects**	24156: Laboratories – the Next Electrification Frontier in Universities **Sebastian Di Girolamo, Scott Mitchell — University of Melbourne** **Luke Morcom — Arcadis Australia**
1450–1520	*30 min*	*AFTERNOON TEA*			
1520–1530	*‣ Time for people to move to next location*				

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1530–1700	SITE TOURS See https://tefmaconference.com/program/ for complete list of tours and lectures

1700 DAY 1 CONCLUDES

DAY 2 | Tuesday 15 September 2026

0730–1600 REGISTRATION DESK

0800–1600 EXHIBITION

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0900–0915	15 min	WELCOME & DAY 1 REFLECTIONS BY MC
0915–0930	15 min	TEFMA RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS
0930–0935	5 min	INTRODUCTION TO SESSION BY MC
0935–1030	55 min	INTERNATIONAL PANEL SESSION — APPA TEFMA AUDE HEFMA Join the TEFMA President for an engaging international panel session featuring colleagues from the UK, USA and Southern Africa. Hear firsthand about the latest trends, challenges and developments shaping property and facilities management across the global tertiary education sector. This interactive session offers a unique opportunity to gain an international perspective, compare experiences and discover how our colleagues around the world are responding to common challenges and emerging opportunities. There will also be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and join the conversation with our international panellists.
1030–1100	*30 min*	*MORNING TEA*

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1100–1110	*‣ Time for people to move to next location*				
1110–1140	30 min	24136: From Risk to Readiness: Framing and Funding an IWMS Opportunity in a University Context **Mark Pritchard — University of Canberra**	24108: Planning workspace for a future University **Mary White, Hsuhan Chiang — Adelaide University**	24139: Activity Ecosystems: Unlocking the Performance of Existing Campus Space **Deb Longin — La Trobe University**	24181: From Consultation to Co-Creation: Rethinking Stakeholder Engagement in Complex Campus Projects **Rebecca Gibson — Edith Cowan University** **Diana Jones — Lyons**
1140–1150	*‣ Time for people to walk between rooms/locations*				
1150–1220	30 min	23561: Compliant but not Resilient: FM Lessons on Hidden Risk, Disruption and Campus Capability **Michael Bird — University of Tasmania** **Glenn Mowbray, Simon Iliffe, Greg Burton — Unimutual Ltd**	23986: Why darkness matters: Dark sky planning for university campuses **Wenye Hu — University of Sydney** **Bettina Easton — Cundall**	24174: A Human-centric Approach to Strategic Space Planning: UC's Journey towards a Comprehensive Space Management Plan (CSMP) **Janine S Deshon — University of Canberra**	24186: Data Before Decisions: How Evidence-Based Analysis Saves Universities Capital – Three Case Studies from the University of Melbourne **Ned N Halliday — University of Melbourne** **Walter van der Linde — 2PiR**
1220–1305	*45 min*	*LUNCH & EXHIBITION*			

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1305–1310	5 min	WELCOME BACK & TEFMA ANNOUNCEMENTS
1310–1315	5 min	INTRODUCTION TO SESSION BY MC
1315–1410	**55 min**	**KEYNOTE — KATE ROFFEY "From Tennis to Tarneit: Shaping the fabric of Melbourne"**

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1410–1420	*‣ Time for people to move to next location*				
1420–1450	30 min	24077: Enabling Creativity at Every Scale: Unlocking Existing Assets for Engineering Innovation **Katrina Sealey — Macquarie University** **Caitlin Murray — ERA-co** **Alissandra Johnston — Woods Bagot**	24122: Not Built for This: Transforming Campus Space for Evolving Learning Environments **Shab Agah — Flinders University** **Daniel R Stanning — Architectus**	24137: From Bush Campus to University City: Reimagining La Trobe University for a new generation of learning, living and innovation **Jodie Harris — La Trobe** **Nicole Allen — Arup**	24152: Past, Present, Future – Repurposing Heritage Spaces on Campus **Tristram Collett — University of Auckland** **James Mooney — Architectus**
1450–1520	*30 min*	*AFTERNOON TEA*			
1520–1530	*‣ Time for people to move to next location*				
1530–1700	SITE TOURS See https://tefmaconference.com/program/ for complete list of tours and lectures				

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1715–1800 SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS THANK YOU FUNCTION (INVITATION ONLY)

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DAY 3 | Wednesday 16 September 2026

0730–1600 REGISTRATION DESK

0800–1500 EXHIBITION

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PLENARY SESSION — Victory AB Room

0900–0915	15 min	WELCOME & DAY 2 REFLECTIONS BY MC
0915–0930	15 min	TEFMA RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS
0930–0935	5 min	INTRODUCTION TO SESSION BY MC
0935–1030	55 min	PANEL SESSION — Student panel Hear directly from our student community in this engaging panel session exploring what matters most to them about their campus experience. Through real-life, lived-experience examples, our student panellists will share what they love about their learning environments, where we're getting it right, and where there are opportunities to do better. This is a valuable opportunity to see our campuses through the eyes of those who use them every day, gain fresh perspectives and consider how we can create more welcoming, inclusive and student-focused places and spaces.
1030–1100	*30 min*	*MORNING TEA*

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1100–1110	*‣ Time for people to move to next location*				
1110–1140	30 min	24074: Leading the Shift to Flexible Working: Managing Change in UNSW Academic Workspaces **Irene Dumer — University of New South Wales** **Caitlin Murray — ERA-co**	24175: A multi-layered masterplan: 20-year vision, 5-year delivery, and a digital tool for detailed planning – a Swinburne case study **Jessica Rafter, Chen Tang — Swinburne University of Technology** **Vanessa Mooney — MGS Architects** **Nick Bamford — AECOM**	24124: Leveraging a variety of smart campus sensors to create an ecosystem that delivers data-driven insights **Andrew Moore, Mark Morris — University of Melbourne**	24166: La Trobe University Health Clinic **Matthew Oates — La Trobe University** **Claire Connan — Woods Bagot**
1140–1150	*‣ Time for people to walk between rooms/locations*				
1150–1220	30 min	24169: Studio meets site: a work integrated learning approach to the Whitlam Library refurbishment **Fiona Salisbury — Western Sydney University** **Stephanie Bullock — Kosloff Architecture**	24109: Best of both worlds – merging Universities **Mary White, Louise Brown — Adelaide University**	24171: Reframing Constraint: Rapid Lecture Theatre Conversions Enabling Hybrid Learning at Scale **Jeremy Hearst — RMIT**	24187: Pump Fiction? What Really Happens When You Ditch the Gas **Joseph Gregorio, Vanessa Grahan — Monash University** **Walter van der Linde — 2PiR Consulting**
1220–1305	*45 min*	*LUNCH & EXHIBITION*			

PLENARY SESSION — CLOSING — Victory AB Room

1305–1315	10 min	WELCOME BACK & TEFMA ANNOUNCEMENTS
1315–1320	5 min	INTRODUCTION TO SESSION BY MC
1320–1415	**55 min**	**KEYNOTE — STEPHEN BRADBURY "Will you be The Last One Standing?"**
1415–1420	5 min	CLOSING REMARKS – TEFMA PRESIDENT
1420–1425	5 min	CLOSING REMARKS
1425–1455	30 min	AFTERNOON TEA

1455 DAY 3 CONCLUDES

1745–2200	GALA & AWARDS DINNER The TEFMA26 Gala & Awards Dinner is our night of nights! Join us at the magnificent Melbourne Town Hall for a memorable evening celebrating our people, our achievements and the very best of the TEFMA community. Throughout the evening, we'll recognise outstanding contributions across our sector with the presentation of the TEFMA Excellence Awards and Scholarships, while enjoying great food, entertainment and the company of colleagues and friends. It's the perfect way to celebrate, connect and bring TEFMA26 to a close together. Enjoy the occasion and help us finish the conference on a high!