

SYMPOSIUM – Planetary Health: Leading Change in an Evolving World

Friday 26th September

University of Technology Sydney

Registration details: <https://events.humanitix.com/planetary-health-leading-change-in-an-evolving-world>

* PRELIMINARY PROGRAM (21/7/2025)

0845-0900	Welcome and housekeeping Acknowledgement of Country	Tracey Moroney Tracy Levett-Jones
0900-1000	Keynote 1 –Is Nature connection the missing link in health and healing? Delivering scalable, nature-based tools that enhance outcomes across healthcare, community, and climate resilience.	Waminda Parker and Dr Miles Holmes, Nature Fix
1000-1045	Keynote 2 – Save our Supplies: An award-winning program that collects and redistributes excess clean usable medical supplies	Claire Lane, Save our Supplies
1045-1115	Morning tea	
1115	Breakout Room 1 - Research	Breakout Room 2 - Education
1115-1130	Planetary empathy in nursing: A conceptual foundation for research, education, advocacy and practice. Katie Tunks Leach, Australian Catholic University	Preparing rural physiotherapists: Addressing climate change through entry-level education. Kerstin McPherson, Australian Catholic University
1130-1145	Sustainability in undergraduate nursing clinical simulation: Attitudes, knowledge, and practices. Bangyun Wang, University of Sydney	Nurturing our future change makers: Understanding the effectiveness and role of undergraduate nursing education in developing students' activist capacity. Jack Cornish, University of Technology Sydney
1145-1200	Sustainable practice in nursing education. Michelle McAlister and Janet Connor, Holmesglen	Planetary health and the undergraduate nursing curriculum at the University of Technology Sydney. Jacqui Pich, University of Technology Sydney

1200-1215	Embedding planetary health principles across curriculum: Experiences from the Curtin School of Nursing. Tracey and Matt Moroney, Curtin University	Extreme weather events: Table-top simulation. Tracy Levett-Jones, University of Technology Sydney
1215-1230	Discussion and Questions	Discussion and Questions
1230-1315	Lunch	
1315	Breakout Room 3 - Advocacy	Breakout Room 4 - Practice
1315-1330	Speaking to power: Climate Action Nurses and evidence-based advocacy during the Australian Federal election. Aletha Ward, University of Southern Queensland	The potassium challenge: What it teaches us about changing clinician behaviour and building sustainable healthcare. Jacqueline Colgan, Central Coast Local Health District
1330-1345	Student-led initiative to improve planetary health content in nursing education. Michelle Levy, Susan Wakil School of Nursing and Midwifery Faculty of Medicine and Health	Project Sustainable H.E.A.R.T. (Healthcare Environmental Action for Resource Transformation). Lorraine Fields, Wollongong University
1345-1400	Advancing policy reform for climate change adaptation and resilience. Catelyn Richards, ANMF	Nature prescribing in Australia: A nursing perspective on planetary health. Sigrid Pitkin, Australian Catholic University, Rural Allergy Group
1400-1415	Understanding the Pacific's adaptive capacity to emergencies in the context of climate change. Kerri Gianesi and Michelle Rumsey, University of Technology Sydney	Midwives as climate action: exploring environmental sustainability in homebirth practices. Tani Paxton, University of Technology Sydney
1415-1430	Discussion and Questions	Discussion and Questions
1430-1500	Workshop 1: From personal to collective action - Advocacy for planetary health. Michelle Isles, Climate and Health Alliance	Workshop 2: Introduction to Wayapa Wuurrk: Indigenous informed wellbeing practice, connection to Country. Maria Mackay, Swinburne University
1500-1515	Afternoon tea	
1515-1630	Keynote and Panel presentation: A picture is worth a thousand words: Speaking up for the planet.	Mark Holmes (Facilitator) and Panel members: Mark Holmes Tracy Levett-Jones: Research

		Lorraine Fields: Education Catelyn Richards – Advocacy Wayne Varndell - Practice
1630	Conclusion and Thank you	Tracey Moroney