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PROGRAM

9.00am **Registrations and morning tea**

9.45am **Opening debate**

Will our great grandchildren see great wildlife in and around Melbourne?
Environmental protagonist Rob Gell vs. Sustainability lecturer, Prof. Sarah Bekessy

10.00am **The state of play for our city and surrounds**

The state of our environment

Dr. Scott Rawlings, Head of Science and Research,
Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability

Green infrastructure initiatives to boost our stocks and connect people with nature

The Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy,
Environment and Climate Change, Minister for Solar Homes

Current extent, quality and connectedness of native habitat

Mark Norman, Chief Conservation Scientist, Parks Victoria

Getting the job done: environmental partnerships in action

John Thwaites, Chair, Melbourne Water

Re-wilding: bringing lost species back into local landscapes

Jenny Gray, CEO, Zoos Victoria

12.30pm **Lunch and networking**

1.15pm **Deep diving**

Three rounds of facilitated small-group workshops focusing on current initiatives and issues, including:

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| + Gardens 4 Wildlife | + Re-wilding programs | + Naturelinks |
| + Deer management | + Open Space Strategy | + Urban forests |
| + Community-led action | + Melbourne Foodbowl | + Urban waterways |
| + Citizen science | + Threatened species | + Biodiverse urban design |
| + State of the environment | + Connecting people with nature | |

2.45pm **A dose of inspiration**

Young Melbournians share their hopes and vision for the future of nature in and around our city.

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