

# COLLECTIVE EFFORTS IN TURBULENT TIMES

THE 58TH ANNUAL AUSTRALIA-JAPAN JOINT BUSINESS CONFERENCE

MONDAY 4 OCTOBER AND  
TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021  
ONLINE AND TOKYO



The business environment has been buffeted over the past eighteen months by “Three Cs” – COVID-19, China and its relations with others, and Carbon Neutrality.

These factors pose enormous challenges, but also significant opportunities, for both Australia and Japan. In these times of turbulence, how can we act collectively and draw on our complementary skills to ensure our businesses, our countries and our partnership emerge better and stronger than ever?

The AJBCC's annual business conference is a unique forum for discussion amongst senior Australian and Japanese executives, open exclusively to AJBCC and JABCC members. This year it will be conducted online for participants in Australia owing to the travel restrictions imposed as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

## ONLINE PROGRAM

### MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2021: AFTERNOON PREPARATORY MEETINGS

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| 13:00-15:00 (AEDT)<br>11:00-13:00 (JST) | <b>AJBCC-JABCC Future Leaders Think Tank Workshop:</b><br>Australia and Japan – Beyond the Bilateral | Future Leaders Program members and<br>AJBCC/JABCC Executive Committee Members only<br><b>Online (Zoom)</b> |
| 15:30-16:15 (AEDT)<br>13:30-14:15 (JST) | <b>Briefing for Australian Delegation</b>  | Australian delegation only<br><b>Online (Zoom)</b>   |
| 17:30-18:30 (AEDT)<br>15:30-16:30 (JST) | <b>49th Meeting of the AJBCC/JABCC<br/>Steering Committee</b>  | AJBCC/JABCC Executive Committee Members only<br><b>Online (Zoom)</b>                                       |

### TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021: LINKED SIDE EVENTS

These online events are independently organised by key stakeholders in cooperation with the AJBCC. Participants in the conference will receive invitations to attend.

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| 08:00-09:30 (AEDT)<br>06:00-07:30 (JST) | <b>Australia and Japan: Old Friends, New Opportunities – Decarbonising the Region with Hydrogen and Ammonia</b><br>Hosts: Australian Hydrogen Council; Ammonia Energy Association Australia |
| 09:00-10:00 (AEDT)<br>07:00-08:00 (JST) | <b>Australia's Infrastructure Pipeline</b><br>Host: Infrastructure Partnerships Australia   |
| 09:30-11:00 (AEDT)<br>07:30-09:00 (JST) | <b>Virtual Exhibition</b>   |
| 09:30-10:15 (AEDT)<br>07:30-08:15 (JST) | <b>Sponsor-Led Event: The Australian Economy – Current State and Future Outlook</b><br>Host: PwC Australia  |
| 08:00-09:00 (JST)                       | <b>Conference registration opens (Tokyo only)</b>   |

### OPENING CEREMONY

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| 11:00-11:40 (AEDT)<br>09:00-09:40 (JST) | <b>Opening Statements:</b> Sir Rod Eddington AO, President, <b>AJBCC</b> and Chairman, Asia Pacific Advisory Council, <b>JP Morgan</b><br>Dr Akio Mimura AC, Chairman, <b>JABCC</b> and Senior Advisor, Honorary Chairman, <b>Nippon Steel Corporation</b><br><b>Congratulatory Messages:</b> The Hon Scott Morrison MP, <b>Prime Minister of Australia</b><br>HE Shingo Yamagami, <b>Ambassador of Japan to Australia</b><br><b>Welcome Address:</b> The Hon Steven Marshall MP, <b>Premier of South Australia</b><br><b>Special Address:</b> Japan-Australia Economic Partnership For The Future<br>Speaker: The Hon Dan Tehan MP, <b>Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Australia</b> |
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## PLENARY SESSION 1: MAINTAINING ENERGY IN AUSTRALIA-JAPAN RELATIONS

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11:50-13:00 (AEDT)  
09:50-11:00 (JST)

**Speakers:** Ryo Minami, Deputy Commissioner, Director-General for International Policy on Carbon Neutrality, **Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Ministry for the Economy Trade and Industry (METI)**  
Grant King, Chair, **Climate Change Authority**

**Panel Discussion:** Implications of Carbon Neutrality for Australia-Japan Business

**Moderator:** Barry Sterland, Partner – Energy Transition Leader, **KPMG Australia**

**Panelists:** Meg O'Neill, Chief Executive Officer, **Woodside Energy Ltd**  
Masayoshi Kitamura, Special Counselor, **Electric Power Development Co., Ltd. (J-POWER)**  
Vandita Pant, Chief Commercial Officer, **BHP**  
Tomohide Miyata, Senior Vice President, **ENEOS Corporation**

**Q&A**

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## PLENARY SESSION 2: BUILDING BACK FROM THE PANDEMIC

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13:10-14:10 (AEDT)  
11:10-12:10 (JST)

**Speaker and Moderator:** Prof Marnie Hughes-Warrington, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research & Enterprise, **University of South Australia**

**Panel Discussion:** Scaling Up to Build Back

**Panelists:** Hiroyuki Takahashi, Chairperson of the Board, **JTB Corporation**  
John Pickhaver, Co-Head, **Macquarie Capital, Australia & New Zealand**  
Nobuhiro Endo, Chairman of the Board, **NEC Corporation**  
Graeme Beardsell, Chief Executive Officer, **Fujitsu Australia & New Zealand**

**Q&A**

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14:10-14:50 (AEDT)  
12:10-12:50 (JST)

**Virtual Exhibition**

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14:35-14:45 (AEDT)  
12:35-12:45 (JST)

In the Break: **A Musical Interlude from Members of the Australian Chamber Orchestra**

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## SPECIAL SESSION: NEW FRONTIERS FOR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS – THE CHALLENGE OF SPACE

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14:50-15:20 (AEDT)  
12:50-13:20 (JST)

**Video Message:** Dr Mamoru Mohri AM, Astronaut and Chief Executive Director Emeritus, **National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan)**

**Speakers:** Dr Hiroshi Yamakawa, President, **JAXA**  
Enrico Palermo, Head, **Australian Space Agency**

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## PLENARY SESSION 3: TRADE IN AN ERA OF TURBULENCE – SHAPING THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPLY CHAINS

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15:25-16:15 (AEDT)  
13:25-14:15 (JST)

**Speakers:** Kazushige Nobutani, Vice President, **JETRO**  
Jennifer Westacott AO, Chief Executive Officer, **Business Council of Australia**

**Panel Discussion**

**Moderator:** Leonie Muldoon, Chief Executive, **Dept for Trade & Investment, Government of South Australia**

**Panelists:** Ryuta Morishima, Executive Officer, **Battery Association for Supply Chain**  
Fiona Simson, President, **National Farmers' Federation**  
Masanori Suzuki, Director and Executive Vice-President, **NTT Data**  
Zachary Zeus, Chief Executive Officer, **BizCubed**

**Q&A**

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## PLENARY SESSION 4: FUTURE LEADERS – AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN BEYOND THE BILATERAL

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Members of the Future Leaders Group of the AJBCC and the JABCC will present a session highlighting future possibilities for Australia and Japan beyond the bilateral relationship.

16:25-17:15 (AEDT)  
14:25-15:15 (JST)

**Introductory Remarks:** Elizabeth Masamune PSM, Managing Director, **@Asia Associates Japan, Inc.**  
Craig Usmar, Head of Business Relationships – Japan, **AMP Capital**

**Moderators:** Chiaki Akifusa, Supervisor, Global Sales, **Japan Airlines Co., Ltd.**  
Luke Russell, Senior Legal Counsel, **INPEX Corporation**

**Panelists:** Takero Izuhara, Director, **ST Solutions Australia**  
Dr Jemma Green, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman, **Power Ledger**

**Q&A**

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## WRAP-UP SESSION

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17:15-17:45 (AEDT)  
15:15-15:45 (JST)

**Closing Remarks:** Sir Rod Eddington AO, President, **AJBCC** and Chairman, Asia Pacific Advisory Council, **JP Morgan**  
Dr Akio Mimura AC, Chairman, **JABCC** and Senior Advisor, Honorary Chairman, **Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation**

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15:50-16:50 (JST)

**Virtual Exhibition**

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17:50-18:50 (AEDT)  
15:50-16:50 (JST)

**Sponsor-Led Event:** A View of Sustainability/ESG for Japan & Australia  
Host: PwC Australia and Japan

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