

# COMPOSITES CONFERENCE



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## JUNE 17 & 18

NOVOTEL GEELONG VICTORIA

Full conference information and program available on the conference website:

[www.compositesconference.com.au](http://www.compositesconference.com.au)

## Addresses

### Novotel Geelong Waterfront

- 10–14 Eastern Beach Road, Geelong, VIC 3220
- Phone: +61 (03) 5273 1000
- Website: <https://www.novotelgeelong.com.au>

### Tour: Carbon Revolution

- Geelong Technology Precinct
- 75 Pigdons Road, Waurin Ponds VIC 3216



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## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

6:00pm - 7:45pm	Welcome Reception
6:00pm - 7:45pm	<b>Limeburners Room &amp; Terrace - Novotel Geelong Waterfront</b>

## DAY 1: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

9:00am - 10:00am	Peninsula Room: Arrival, tea/coffee and registration
10:00am - 10:15am 15mins	<b>Welcome: Lynden Vikingur, President, Composites Australia</b> Owner/Director, Vikal International
10:15am - 11:00am 45mins	Phillip Crothers, Enterprise Domain Leader – Manufacturing, Boeing Aerospace Australia: <b>Research to Production: Composite Manufacturing for Future Aircraft Programs</b>
11:00am - 11:30pm 30mins	Dr Ashley Denmead, Engineering and Design Director, Carbon Revolution: <b>The engineering challenges of automating composite production</b>
11:30pm - 12:00pm 30mins	Paul Falzon, General Manager, Advanced Composite Structures Australia Pty Ltd: <b>Scaling Advanced Composite Manufacturing: Investment, Capability and Capacity</b>
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch – <b>Sponsored by Biesse</b>
1:00pm - 1:30pm 30mins	James Whatmough, Director, Innovative Composites: <b>Repositioning a Composite Manufacturer Through Strategic Acquisition</b>
1:30pm - 2:00pm 30mins	Tony Stanton, Engineering Manager APAC at Gurit: <b>From Design to Production: Parametric Engineering of Composite Kits</b>
2:00pm - 2:30pm 30mins	Mark Nothnagel, Managing Director, Sykes Advanced Manufacturing: <b>Diversifying</b>
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Afternoon tea – <b>Sponsored by DIAB</b>
3:00pm - 3:45pm 45mins	Conference Panel – Pathways into Higher Education: <b>Brett Ambrosio-Executive Director of Education-Australian Institute of Engineering (AIE), Dr Stephen van Duin-R&amp;D Director-Australian Composites Manufacturing CRC, Kerryn Caulfield-Chair-Process and Light Manufacturing Standing Committee-Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance</b>
3:45pm - 4:15pm 30mins	David Buchanan-Chief Executive Officer-Advanced Fibre Cluster Geelong: <b>Machine and Capability Sharing: Expanding Access to Advanced Composite Manufacturing Capability</b>
4:40pm - 5:10pm 30mins	Neil Young, Asset Consulting Solutions: <b>Composite Asset Integrity: Inspection, Monitoring and Failure Prevention</b>
5:10pm	Break for day
6:30pm – 10:00pm	Conference dinner & 2026 Industry Awards: <b>Peninsula Room – Dinner Sponsored by MVP Australia – Awards Sponsored by ACMCRC</b>

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## DAY 2: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

8:00am - 8:15am	Peninsula Room: Arrival, tea/coffee and registration
8:15am - 8:45am 30mins	Halil Ahmet – Principal Hygienist, WorkSafe Victoria: <b><i>Changes from Work Exposure Standards (WES's) to Workplace Exposure Limits (WEL's)</i></b>
8:45am - 9:15am 30mins	Paul Harris, Managing Director, PRP Corp: <b><i>Electrostatic Ignition Protection in the Handling of Flammable Liquids</i></b>
9:15am – 9:45am 30mins	Leigh Spencer, Technical Services Manager, RPC Technologies: <b><i>Styrene Exposure Limits in Australia: Regulatory Context and Industry Implications</i></b>
9:45am - 10:15am 30mins	<b>Morning tea – Sponsored by GURIT</b>
10:15am - 10:45am 30mins	Ben Gillies, Director, A&I Coatings: <b><i>Civil Infrastructure and Façade Coatings: Case Study on the Chemistry, Durability and the West Gate Tunnel Project</i></b>
10:45am - 11:15am 30mins	Duncan Cameron: Innovation and Strategy Leader, Capgemini Invent: <b><i>AI Beyond Hype: Governance, Process and Operational Integration</i></b>
11:15am - 12:00pm 30mins	TBD
12:00pm - 1:00pm 60mins	Lunch – Sponsored by
1:00pm - 2:00pm 30mins	<b>Travel to Carbon Revolution</b> , Geelong Technology Precinct – 20-minute drive from Novotel Hotel
2:00pm - 3:00pm 30mins	<b>Tour of Carbon Revolution</b>
4:00pm - 6:00pm 90mins	<b>Closing drinks</b>