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DAY 1

Monday 27th October 2025

CHECK IN

Time	Session	Description	Speakers
8:00am	Exhibitor Registration Opens	Exhibitors check in at the Rydges Convention Centre front door entry. Booth bump-in via the dedicated Exhibitor Only access doors.	–
8:45am	Masterclass Attendee Registration Opens	Registered delegates check in at the Rydges Convention Centre front entry. After ticket collection, staff will guide attendees to the Semillon Rooms for Masterclass sessions.	–
10:15am	Tradeshow Delegate Registration Opens	Delegates enter via the Conference Centre front doors to collect tickets and access the Trade Show.	–



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MASTERCLASSES

Kick off The Summit 2025 with exclusive free masterclasses designed to empower both Indigenous businesses and buying organisations. Running simultaneously from 9:15 AM, these sessions set the stage for the Tradeshow and provide practical tools to strengthen capability and engagement.

Time	Session	Description	Speakers
9.15am	Masterclass for Indigenous Suppliers: Indigenous Business Scale-Up	This masterclass provides practical tools and strategies for Indigenous businesses ready to grow beyond 10–20 employees. Attendees will learn proven approaches to scaling with structure and sustainability, while maintaining cultural integrity and profitability.	Dr. Shivendra Kumar Founder, Shivendra & Co
9.15am	Masterclass for Government & Industry Buyers: Ethical Procurement	This masterclass explores how to move Aboriginal participation in procurement beyond compliance, creating initiatives that are authentic, measurable, and beneficial for all. Attendees will gain strategies to avoid pitfalls, strengthen supplier diversity, and deliver genuine outcomes.	Luke McIlroy-Ranga Director, Tika EQ Deb Barwick Founder and CEO, NSWICC Founder and CEO, Winya Indigenous Furniture
10.15am	Masterclasses Conclude	Time to head back down to the Convention Center, grab a complimentary coffee from the coffee cart and get ready for the Tradeshow!	-



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TRADESHOW

After the masterclasses, explore the Business Tradeshow featuring over 100 Indigenous enterprises, showcasing innovation and partnership opportunities with government and industry. Highlights include the Indigenous Business Timeline installation, along with all-day catering, a business lounge, and a coffee cart.

Time	Session	Description	Speakers
11.00am	Trade Show Opening	The Summit 2025 Trade Show opens with a Welcome to Country and a celebration of Indigenous business excellence. With over 100 exhibitors, it's a full day of networking, trade, and cultural exchange designed to spark partnerships and new opportunities.	Greg Green Director, NSWICC Owner, DCL Engineering Pty Ltd Uncle James Wilson Miller Wonnarua Elder
1.00pm	Networking Lunch	Enjoy a relaxed Networking Lunch with great food, coffee, and conversation in a culturally inclusive setting. It's the perfect opportunity to build connections, follow up on trade floor discussions, and strengthen partnerships.	-
2.00pm	Lucky Door Prize	Must be in the trade show auditorium at the time of draw.	<u>Sponsors:</u> Winya Indigenous Furniture Dhiinyaan Art
2.05pm	Trade Show Continues	The Trade Show continues into the afternoon with more opportunities to explore, connect, and collaborate. Discover Indigenous businesses, industry partners, and initiatives designed to spark genuine relationships and inclusive opportunities.	-
3.45pm	Closing Remarks & Booth Packdown	As the Trade Show closes, we thank our sponsors, exhibitors, and guests for a day of connection and collaboration. The evening continues for registered delegates at 5:00 PM with a Barbecue Dinner and Networking event featuring great food, entertainment, prizes, and the popular 10Service Group Footy Toss Competition.	Greg Green Director, NSWICC Owner, DCL Engineering Pty Ltd



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NETWORKING BBQ

End Day One with our Networking Dinner on the scenic terrace, combining relaxed conversations, relationship building, and live entertainment. Enjoy the fun of the 'You're in a League of Your Own' football toss competition, prizes, and a vibrant atmosphere that celebrates connection and collaboration.

Time	Session	Description	Speakers
5.00pm	Barbecue Dinner & Networking Evening Opens	Enjoy food, entertainment and prizes in a relaxed, social atmosphere.	Sharnee Fenwick Live Entertainment
5.30pm	'You're in a league of your own' challenge commences	Adding a playful twist, the 'You're in a League of Your Own' football toss competition will keep the energy high - giving guests the chance to test their skills and win exciting prizes. Finals held at The Gala Dinner & Awards on Day 2.	10Service Group Sponsor Dean Widders Indigenous Engagement Manager, NRL
8.00pm	Event closes	Day 1 is complete — time for registered delegates to rest and get ready for the excitement of Day 2 with the Knowledge Forum and our unforgettable Awards & Gala Dinner!	-



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8:00am	Knowledge Forum Delegate Registration Opens	Delegates enter via the Conference Centre front doors to collect tickets and access the Knowledge Forum.	-



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KNOWLEDGE FORUM

The Knowledge Forum is a full day of thought leadership, industry insights, and Indigenous business showcases, featuring keynote addresses, expert panels, and fireside chats with some of Australia's most accomplished professionals. Delegates will engage in dynamic discussions, discover best-practice models, and enjoy networking opportunities in a vibrant, fully catered setting.

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8.45am	Welcome to Country	Welcome to Country delivered by Uncle James Wilson Miller, a respected Wonnarua Elder, cultural knowledge holder, and accomplished author.	Uncle James Wilson Miller Wonnarua Elder
8.55am	Official Opening & Opening Keynote: Setting the Scene	We welcome Susan Moylan-Coombs as our Master of Ceremonies. A proud Gurindji Woolwonga woman from the Northern Territory and member of the Stolen Generations, Susan is a powerful national voice on truth-telling, cultural resurgence, and systemic change. With decades of leadership in First Nations media, including senior roles at the ABC and NITV, she brings wisdom and integrity to the role. Susan will guide us through a day of critical conversations, powerful insights, and shared solutions. Susan sets the tone for a day of leadership, connection, and truth-telling.	MC Susan Moylan-Coombs Director, NSWICC Owner of The Gaimaragal Group
9.10am	Indigenous Business Showcase 1	Celebrating Diversity, Capability & Innovation: This panel showcases the diversity and capability of Indigenous businesses across sectors, with leaders sharing their areas of specialty, their journeys, and insights on scaling participation in supply chains. A powerful reminder of the innovation and value Indigenous enterprises bring to government and industry. Followed by Q & A	<u>Sponsor:</u> AGL <u>Moderator:</u> Duane Keighran - Director, NSWICC Managing Director, Keighran Legal + Advisory <u>Business 1:</u> Pipeline Talent & Dreamjobz Rachelle Towart OAM <u>Business 2:</u> NGNU Brendan Thomas <u>Business 3:</u> Pacific Welding Australia Ryan Jones <u>Business 4:</u> Allpro Plumbing Tyson Hubbard



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9.55 am	A Fireside chat: 'Protecting Integrity in Procurement: Addressing Unethical Practices and Strengthening Supply Chains'	Unethical practices like black cladding and misreporting threaten Aboriginal participation and supply chain integrity. This session offers deeper insight into the growing risk and impact, followed by a sneak preview into a dynamic new training program for NSW procurement professionals seeking to address and uphold ethical standards	<u>Moderator:</u> MC Susan Moylan-Coombs <u>Speakers:</u> Luke McIlroy-Ranga Director Tika EQ Deb Barwick Founder & CEO NSWICC Founder and CEO, Winya Indigenous Furniture
10.20 am	Morning Tea	Network and indulge in our morning tea refreshments, or enjoy the cosy atmosphere of the Winya Business Lounge. And, don't forget to step outside to visit the Indigenous Business Timeline for a trip down memory lane and historical context.	-
10.50 am	Lucky Door Prize	Remember, you must be present to collect!	<u>Sponsors:</u> Winya Indigenous Furniture Dhiiyaan Art
10.55 am	Panel Session 1: Renewables Transition Opportunities NSW - the when, the where & the how.	This panel brings together leaders at the forefront of NSW's energy transition to explore the opportunities, challenges, and pathways for Aboriginal participation in the renewables sector. With insights from government & industry, the discussion will unpack where the projects are happening, when investment and procurement opportunities arise, and how businesses can position themselves to engage.	<u>Sponsor:</u> NSW Department of Primary, Industry and Regional Development <u>Moderator:</u> Narelle Anderson Deputy Chairperson NSWICC Owner, Envirobank <u>Speakers:</u> Liam Harte Co - Founder and Director, TIKAEQ Ben Linschoten Procurement Manager, ACEREZ Kath Hawkins Director, Stakeholder and Permitting, Hydrostor Neville Bereyne Manager, Program Delivery – Social Procurement & Workforce Development and Regional Development, EnergyCo NSW Louise McGrath Australian Industry Group (AIGroup)



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11.35 am	Keynote Conversation with Victor Dominello: 'AI, Trust & Inclusion: Leading the Future Together - Ethics & Collaboration'	A fireside chat with Victor Dominello, globally recognised leader in digital transformation and innovation explores how governments, businesses, and communities must adapt in the age of AI, trust, and inclusion. Attendees will gain insights into digital identity, technology's impact on procurement and partnerships, and how to harness innovation while upholding ethics and culture.	The Hon. Victor Dominello CEO, Future Government Institute; Co-Founder, ServiceGen Deb Barwick
12.00 pm	Morning Wrap Up & The Annual Summit History Book Group Photo	MC Susan Moylan-Coombs will close the morning's dynamic sessions with key reflections before leading us into lunch and an energising afternoon program. Delegates will also take part in the Annual Summit Group Photo - capturing our shared history for the Summit memory wall and future generations.	MC Susan Moylan-Coombs <u>Photographer:</u> GARUWA
12.20 pm	Networking Lunch	Enjoy a relaxed lunch break with fellow delegates - an opportunity to network, connect, and recharge before the afternoon sessions.	-
1.20 pm	MC Welcome Back & Lucky Door Prize drawn	Don't miss out - your seat could be the winning one! Be back in the room on time after lunch for your chance to claim the Lucky Door Prize. Remember, you must be present to collect!	MC Susan Moylan-Coombs <u>Sponsors:</u> Winya Indigenous Furniture Dhiyaan Art
1.30 pm	Keynote Presentation: AI as a Bridge - Strengthening Procurement Pathways Through Emerging Technology	This presentation by digital innovation leader Rita Arrigo will explore how AI can streamline procurement, bridge capability gaps, and open new pathways for Indigenous business inclusion. Attendees will gain practical insights into how emerging technologies can create smarter systems and more inclusive economies.	Rita Arrigo Strategic Engagement Manager, National AI Centre, renowned digital & AI strategist



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1.45 pm	Panel Session 2: Building Skills, Building NSW, Connecting TAFE, Industry and Communities	This session explores how TAFE NSW is reshaping vocational education to better serve Indigenous communities and meet future workforce needs. Attendees will hear how reforms, infrastructure investment, and industry partnerships are building skills pathways and creating new opportunities across NSW.	<u>Moderator:</u> Louise McGrath Australian Industry Group (AIGroup) <u>TAFE NSW Speakers:</u> Andrew Higgins Director, Aboriginal Engagement & Student Support Tom Ryan Director, Infrastructure Delivery; Andrew Latimore Director, Facility Management; Amy Morgan Director Manufacturing Centres of Excellence
2.25 pm	Best Practice in Government Leadership: Driving Innovation Beyond NSW Aboriginal Procurement Policy - From Framework to Outcomes	This session highlights innovation, leadership, and initiative in bringing the NSW Aboriginal Procurement Policy (APP) to life across government. Speakers will explore how individual departments and agencies are tailoring the APP to their specific buying needs, strengthening accountability, and delivering improved outcomes for Indigenous businesses and communities. Attendees will gain insight into practical approaches that move beyond compliance to create real, measurable impact.	Danny Lester Executive Director Aboriginal Strategy, Policy & Engagement Division, NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Amy Brice Senior Manager Procurement, EnergyCo NSW
2.45 pm	Indigenous Business Showcase 2	Join Moderator Lyniece Keogh, Founder and CEO of Integ8ty, as we spotlight a dynamic line-up of Indigenous businesses driving innovation across diverse sectors. From digital solutions and creative design to construction and essential services, each entrepreneur will share their journey, expertise, and vision for growth.	<u>Moderator:</u> Lyniece Keogh Founder and CEO, Integ8ty <u>Business 1:</u> Wildfire Fletcher Watson & Connor Watson <u>Business 2:</u> ANA Asphalts Angus Walker <u>Business 3:</u> Indigico Creative Amy Allerton <u>Business 4:</u> Dhuwa Coffee Adam Williams



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3.30 pm	MC Wrap Up & Overview of the day & Final Lucky Door Prize & Close	Our MC will deliver an inspiring close to the day's sessions, celebrating the insights and achievements shared. Delegates will leave energised and ready to step into the highlight of the Summit - the Annual Gala Dinner and Awards, an evening of celebration, recognition, and connection.	MC Susan Moylan-Coombs <u>Sponsors:</u> Winya Indigenous Furniture Dhiyyaan Art



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AWARDS & GALA DINNER

Conclude The Summit 2025 in style at the Awards Gala Dinner, a black-tie celebration of Indigenous business excellence and industry advocacy. Guests will enjoy fine dining, entertainment, and the presentation of prestigious awards honouring outstanding enterprises, leaders, and changemakers.

Time	Session	Description	Speakers
5.30pm	Delegate Arrival	Enjoy pre-dinner beverages on the terrace and check the seating charts or check in with one of the NSWICC Staff to see what table you will be on before doors open.	-
5.50pm	Doors open	Time to find your seat by checking the seating charts just outside the doors or check in with our NSWICC Staff for assistance in finding your table.	-
6.00pm	Official opening and welcome	The evening begins with a Welcome to Country by Uncle James Wilson Miller, followed by a warm welcome to guests and delegates.	Uncle James Wilson Miller Wonnarua Elder
6.05pm	Cultural performances	Experience powerful performances showcasing First Nations culture and tradition.	Performers: Waagan Galga Aboriginal Corporation Toby Cedar's Mui Mui Bumer Gedlam Performers
6.25pm	MC Introduction	Ernie Dingo and Dean Widders will co-host the Awards Night as Masters of Ceremonies. Ernie brings his trademark warmth, wit, and cultural insight, while Dean — returning as MC since the inaugural Summit — adds his passion for community, leadership, and celebrating Indigenous excellence. Together, they promise an engaging and unforgettable evening.	Uncle Ernie Dingo Actor, Presenter & Aboriginal Advocate Dean Widders Indigenous Engagement Manager, NRL
6.35pm	Ministerial Address	A strong advocate for Indigenous communities, Minister Harris will highlight the importance of Indigenous business and leadership in building a more inclusive future.	The Hon. David Harris MP NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty
6.45pm	'You're in a League of Your Own' Footy Challenge Finals	Enjoy the fun and excitement of the footy toss competition finale.	10Service Group Sponsor



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7.05pm	The Summit 2025 Awards presentations and dinner commence	Celebrate the achievements of outstanding Indigenous businesses and leaders.	Uncle Ernie Dingo Actor, Presenter & Aboriginal Advocate Dean Widders Indigenous Engagement Manager, NRL Award Sponsors Alliance SI – Indigenous Employee of the Year Award ANA Asphalts – Local Government Award NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Indigenous Business of the Year – Regional Award NITV - Major Award: Outstanding Individual Contribution to Indigenous Advocacy Award Westpac – Emerging Indigenous Enterprise of the Year Award
9.20pm	Closing Remarks	Reflect on the evening's highlights before the celebrations continue.	
9.30pm	Live Entertainment & Dancefloor Opens	Unwind with live music and dancing as Jaymon Bob, a proud Indigenous singer from Rockhampton and Top 6 finalist on Australian Idol 2025, takes the stage. With soulful vocals blending R&B, country, and cultural storytelling, he delivers a captivating performance to close out the Gala Dinner in style.	Jaymon Bob Live Entertainment
12.00am	Event Closes	The evening concludes after a night of celebration and connection.	



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