

TIME	PROGRAM DETAILS		
08:30	Registration		
09:00	Welcome		
09:30 - 10:00	Keynote — Chief Scientist Kerrie Wilson		
10:00 - 10:40	Changeover (10:00) • Brain Break - Scientell (10:05) • Morning Tea (10:10)		
10:40 - 11:40	Keynote: Research Ecosystem and Infrastructure How NCRIS-supported infrastructure and expertise enable Australian research, and why communicating their value and impact matters. <i>Sponsored by Research Infrastructure Connected (RIC).</i> Chair: Janie Sue Brooks Panellists: Chris Gourlay, Niall Byrne, John Byron, Jodie Haigh		
11:40 - 11:45	Changeover		
11:45 - 12:45	Breakout Session 1		
	Panel 5: Evidence in the Digital Age Science verified? A platform governance literacy agenda for science communication practice <i>Michelle Riedlinger, Anne Kruger, Caroline Gardam, Carly Lubicz-Zaorski</i>	Track 5: Building the SciComm Toolkit • Digital tools for science communication research: <i>Jo Savill</i> • The Science of Communicating for Impact: messaging that makes change: <i>Rebekah Anderson</i> • Using robotics to explore and communicate the sciences: <i>Mark Griffin</i> • I mapped the Australian STEM Engagement Ecosystem: <i>Holly Kershaw</i>	Track 3: Evidence vs Identity • What science communicators can learn from community involvement in medical research: <i>Caitlin McLeod</i> • Chicken or the Egg? Influencing young people by changing the minds around them?: <i>Catherine Nielsen</i> • Do I have the energy for that?: The invisible load of heteronormativity in Australian science communication: <i>Clare Boon</i> • Sea Change Australia: using SciComm principles in climate adaptation for fisheries and aquaculture: <i>Gabi Mocatta</i>
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch		
13:45 - 14:15	Plenary Talks		
	Australians' Beliefs & Attitudes Australians beliefs and attitudes towards science new evidence and implications for science communication in 2026 and beyond <i>Matthew S. Nurse</i>	The Art & Science of Being Understood The art and science of being understood <i>Emily Halloran</i>	
14:15 - 14:20	Changeover		
14:20 - 15:20	Breakout Session 2		
	Panel 4: Trust Me, It's Complicated From Evidence to Action: Cross-sector solutions to science misinformation <i>Susannah Elliott, Anne Kruger</i>	Track 2: Evidence in the Digital Age • AI is coming for your website: what's a comms person to do about it?: <i>Macarena Rojas, Jo Savill</i> • Visions of AI in science fiction: an exploration of Hugo "&" short story finalists: <i>Masoud Irani</i> • "Nobody Owes You Their Attention: How I Grew 700k Followers in One Year": <i>Zac Zinn</i> • Appraising immersive media for climate and hazards communication: <i>Gabi Mocatta</i>	Panel 6: Building the SciComm Toolkit What science communicators want from science communication research <i>Jenni Metcalfe, Toss Gascoigne</i>
15:20 - 15:50	Afternoon Tea		
15:50 - 16:50	Plenary Panels		
	Research Impact Storytelling Research impact storytelling <i>Jodie Haigh, Tash Jobson, Nina Vidovic, Melina Gillespie</i>	Sci Comm Careers Sci Comm careers how to frame your skills and experience to get the job you want <i>Phil Dooley, Jen Martin, Jenni Metcalfe, Claire Harris</i>	
16:50 - 16:55	Brain Break (Scientell) (16:50) • Close (16:55)		
18:30	ASC Awards Evening Location: The Atrium UQ Brisbane city Dress up in your finest and celebrate the cream of the science communication community.		