

# Future Forum

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2021 Information Pack



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## What it's all about

Future Forum is an initiative of Architect Dino Vrynios founded in partnership with the South Australian chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects.

Since its inception in 2015, Future Forum has provided a platform for design exploration between designers, allied professionals, all tiers of government and members of the public.

The long-term goal is to build a forum through events and podcasts that becomes an influencer which positively contribute to South Australia's strategic direction.

Future Forum encourages a dialogue around the importance of good design and design process combined with collaborative partnerships and policy that can empower its citizens to take action in our state.

Now under the custodianship of emerging South Australian Architecture and Design practice Das Studio, a forced pause for in-person events in 2020 allowed for the establishment of a podcast series titled 20:MinuteCity in partnership with CityMag.

In 2021, Future Forum will return to explore a range of subjects across four live events along with an expanded 10 episode series of 20:MinuteCity sharing stories of those who are carving a path forward in South Australia and around the world.

## Design Thinking

Architects and other professions within the extended design community are confronted with a range of problems every day; often those which aren't necessarily just wholly design problems.

Therefore, when this lateral design thinking is applied to problems outside the scope expected of designers better, or at least more discussion-provoking responses (your results may vary).

As new and emerging technologies become more essential to doing our work, how we get to work, and even how we live, it is as important that design thinking is applied.

## Positive Change

The world is accelerating toward unimaginable technological growth, whereby human life will be fundamentally different. Such technological advancements could have the power to increase lifespans, address the current climate emergency or simply change how we get to work. The goal of Future Forum is to create open conversations from a range of stakeholders with the intention of inciting positive change in the world.

Future Forum doesn't limit technology to 1's and 0's nor believe's that every problem can be solved with a new app. Therefore, events are curated to ensure balance between 'new tech' and people who are reinterpreting modernising timeless ideas.

Future Forum's intended purpose is not to give direct solutions to specific issues but instead provide a roadmap toward improving the models which support how we live.

## Why Future Forum Matters

The current societal climate has led to a confusing political line drawn between issues which equally affect everyone; for instance the ever present climate emergency.

Therefore, Future Forum exists to promote conversations which transcend politics. Events are intended to give a platform for experts to connect with people outside their respective field. Furthermore, having the conversation lead by the design community provides a different perspective to the issues.

Events have been around 90 minutes of conversation broken into the following components:

- Welcome and introduction to the chosen topic.
- One keynote address from an industry champion.
- Curated panel discussion with added experts from allied fields.

Following the communication component there is extended time allowed for networking. These more informal sessions allow cross-pollination of ideas from field to field—more importantly allowing conversations to flow out into the wider world and become bigger than Future Forum.



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Sandy Verschoor  
Lord Mayor of Adelaide



**“How do we use data and technology to keep people as healthy as possible, for as long as possible, so they can stay in their own residence? How do we increase their healthspan?”**

— Simon Toovey  
Executive Director Commercial & General  
Future Forum Event Partner  
20 September 2019

**“This rebalancing of the health system will need significant change from a system that focusses on treating people when they become unwell, to one that is based on promoting physical, mental and social wellbeing, preventing ill health and supporting people to lead and maintain healthy lives.”**

— Hon. Stephen Wade MLC  
State Minister for Health and Wellbeing  
20 September 2019



**“What is the plan to actually get some cohesiveness into the policy setting so that we can really set this thing off and be globally competitive and put South Australia on the map?”**

— Fairlie Delbridge  
Attendee  
20 September 2019

**“Buildings are not great because of the architecture, but are great because of the people who use them. Good design is only part of the equation.”**

— Jeremy McLeod  
Breathe Architecture & Nightingale Housing  
19 July 2019



Future Forum  
Wellbeing by Design

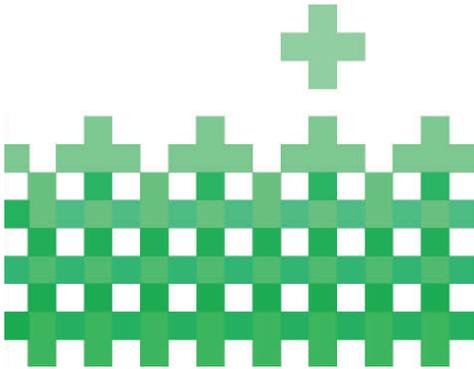
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Future Forum\_Wellbeing by Design  
September 2019

The events so far have weaved together a range of pressing societal issues, commercial interests, researchers with design thinking as a common thread. So far Future Forum has run four strong-selling events which have connected over 500 people with champions of positive change and their ideas.

Our events partners have included Commercial & General, Escapod and the SA Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects.



## Wellbeing by Design

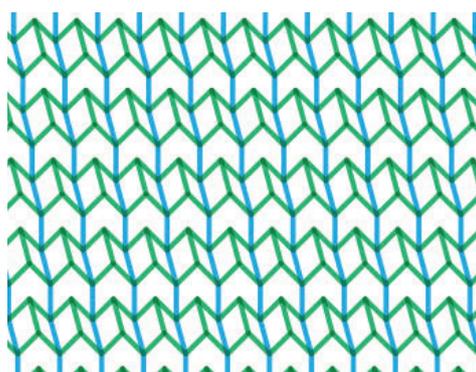
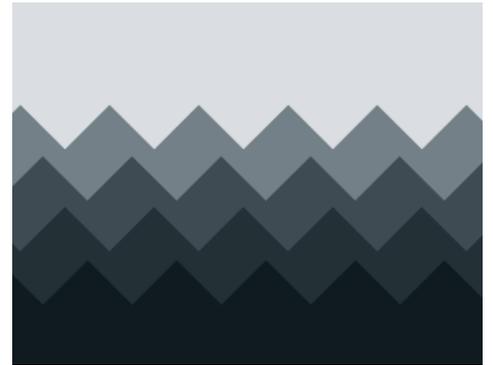
Above and beyond providing quality health infrastructure, Wellbeing by Design was a discussion around strategies to improve the general health of the population.

Wellbeing by Design was opened by the Honorable Adelaide Lord Mayor Sandy Verchoor, with a presentation from Health and Wellbeing Minister Hon. Stephen Wade MLC on the current governments supporting policy. Keynote speakers included Founding Director SAHMRI Wellbeing & Resilience Centre Gabrielle Kelly & Caring Futures Institute Professor Alison Kitson. Supported by Commercial & General.

## Ideas of Home

What we call home is evolving and changing to embrace more affordable, environmentally regenerative and empowered by a sense of community ownership.

Keynote speaker Jeremy McLeod of Breathe Architecture and Nightingale Housing lead a panel of various stakeholders Daniel Gannon (Property Council of Australia), Simon Toovey (Commercial & General), Wendy Malycha (St John's Youth Services), Nick Strongman (Sensum) and Cr Arman Abrahamzadeh OAM. Supported by Escapod and the SA Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects.



## Modulation

It would be naïve to think that the way we build today will be the same in 20 years' time. Construction needs to shift from a culture where cost is the key driver over efficiency, waste reduction and most importantly quality.

Consider the vast pool of manufacturing expertise that exists here in SA, couldn't the industry be drawing on that knowledge to rethink our approach to construction? Can we create more sustainable buildings that facilitate the creation of a smarter and better paid workforce?

## The Age of the Driverless Car

Cities have always been shaped by their transport systems; and we are on the precipice of rethinking our entire transport infrastructure and workforce.

Driverless vehicles, intelligent mass transport systems, and freight will come together in a richly connected mesh of transport, data, artificial intelligence and new business models. There is no doubt it will reshape the physical form of our cities. What should we be planning for, and how fast do we need to act?





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**"THUS IN  
WONDER  
I AM LOST"**

David Unalton



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MARCH

## Learning by Design

The nature of education is changing to reflect new styles of teaching which keep students more engaged and support more diverse learning types. However, most schools don't have readily available spaces or resources which can keep up with the shifting technology.

Combined with the rapid acceleration of online learning following the onset of COVID-19 in 2020, now is the time to consider how our youngest minds will learn in the future and the lifelong learning opportunities that may exist with improved access to knowledge and collaboration.

## Big Data City

Networks of intelligent buildings and infrastructure that form part of the emerging Smart City rhetoric are becoming industry standard. Important infrastructure projects such as Ten Gigabit Adelaide will fundamentally improve business' ability to work, collaborate and connect with the world. The 10 gigabit network creates a unique reason to be in Adelaide, bringing people, business and growth to the city.

However, following reporting on Facebook and Cambridge Analytica are fundamental conversations need to be had about what living in the smart city means when data ownership, privacy and our digital rights are concerned.

JUNE

AUGUST

## Culture of Waste

Our economy (and thus society) is built upon expected growth across all sectors of business, manufacturing and consumer desire; whilst of course advocating for sustainability. This sustained growth is predicated on the desire to replace, and upgrade leading to neverbefore seen levels of waste. Therefore, the next socially important innovations will be in utilising, recycling and repairing of what we already have. Migrating the core way of how we live to further embrace the share economy.

Hence, how do we balance technological growth and obselecnce? Or do we trust Technocentrism to lead us to salvation?

## ProtoCity

A Prototype City is one which is allowed to try new approaches and technologies through creative governance, smart business and engaged citizen base.

This coversation will speculate about how Adelaide might be able to position itself as the testing bed for new ways that citizens live, participate and form community in the city. Such a city may have the capcity to promote innovation, efficiencies and improvements for how the city functions and supports business.

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