



We are now just a few weeks away from the Shaping Renewables on the Downs Forum and are sending this reminder for those interested in registering.

 **Date:** Wednesday, 26th March 2025

 **Time:** 8:45 AM – 3:45 PM

 **Venue:** Karl Langer East Room, Burke & Wills Hotel, Toowoomba

 **Tickets:** \$15 (includes lunch)

The **Shaping Renewables on the Downs Forum** is a key opportunity to bring together community members, landholders, stakeholders, and government representatives to discuss how we can ensure the renewable energy rollout in Southern, Western, and Darling Downs delivers benefits for all.

The program includes panels on biodiversity, land use, community, and industry issues as well as break out table sessions for participant discussion.

[Register to attend here!](#)

Key Speakers Include:

- Geoff McDonald, Mayor of Toowoomba Regional Council
- Brent Finlay, Southern Downs Farmer
- Clare Silcock, Queensland Conservation Council
- Renee King, Western Downs Regional Futures
- David Carr, String Bark Ecology
- Rick Humphries, Granite Belt Sustainability Action Network
- Prof. Kathryn Reardon-Smith, UniSQ & Farmer
- Jamie Dennison, AgForce

See the full [draft program](#) and list of [speakers here](#).

The renewable energy rollout is a massive opportunity for the Downs to secure economic and environmental benefits. However, it must be **done right**—with community input, strong environmental protections, and benefits for agriculture.

Your voice is essential! Let's work together to create a future that balances renewable energy development with community and environmental well-being.

 **Reserve your spot now – Tickets are just \$15!**

For more information or to register, contact us at info@ddec.org.au.

P.s. If you are keen to come and are a confident facilitator, we need a few volunteers. get in touch if you might be able to help and get a free ticket.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

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