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Hi ,

Two months out from the week itself. The shape is emerging.

EOIs have kept rolling in. **The first 40 events are confirmed!**

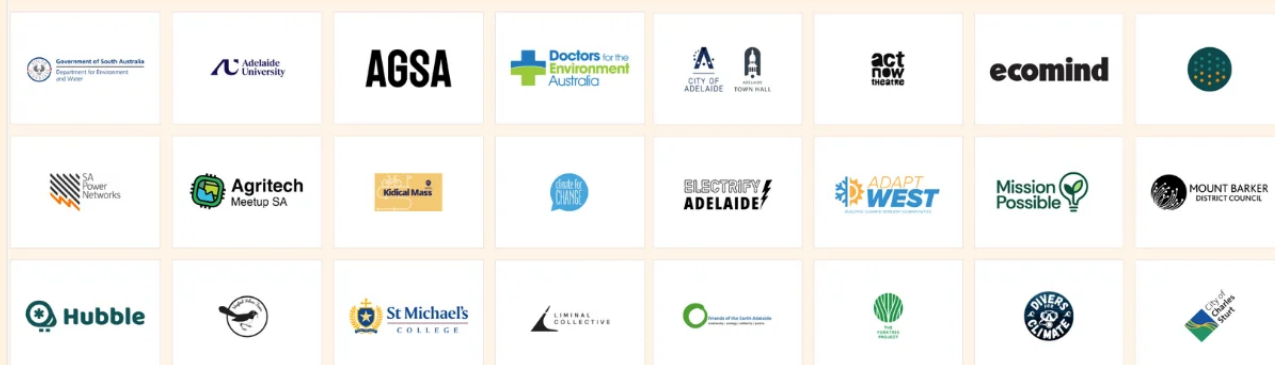
Partnerships are landing. And we're hearing the same thing back over and over, someone's mate came to the launch, someone saw a post on LinkedIn, and a fortnight later they're running a workshop or hosting a tour or quietly opening a door for someone else to do the same. That's what a community-led festival is.

Here's where we're at.

Initial program drop is almost here

We always said this would only work if it was genuinely cross-sector.

Here's what that looks like in practice.



The first confirmed events land **next week**.

A **COP31 Roundtable** in the same week as **Tunes for Trees** at the Cheese Factory in Meadows. **SwitchFest** with AdaptWest, Mission Possible and Electrify Adelaide alongside a Forktree **planting day** on the Fleurieu. **Policy forums** next to **theatre workshops, schools programs** next to **industry tours, First Nations-led sessions** next to **film screenings**.

Last call for the first drop

, if you've been thinking about submitting an event, now is the time. **Events submitted in the next week** have the best chance of landing in the **first program release** and joining the growing wall of logos on the partner page.

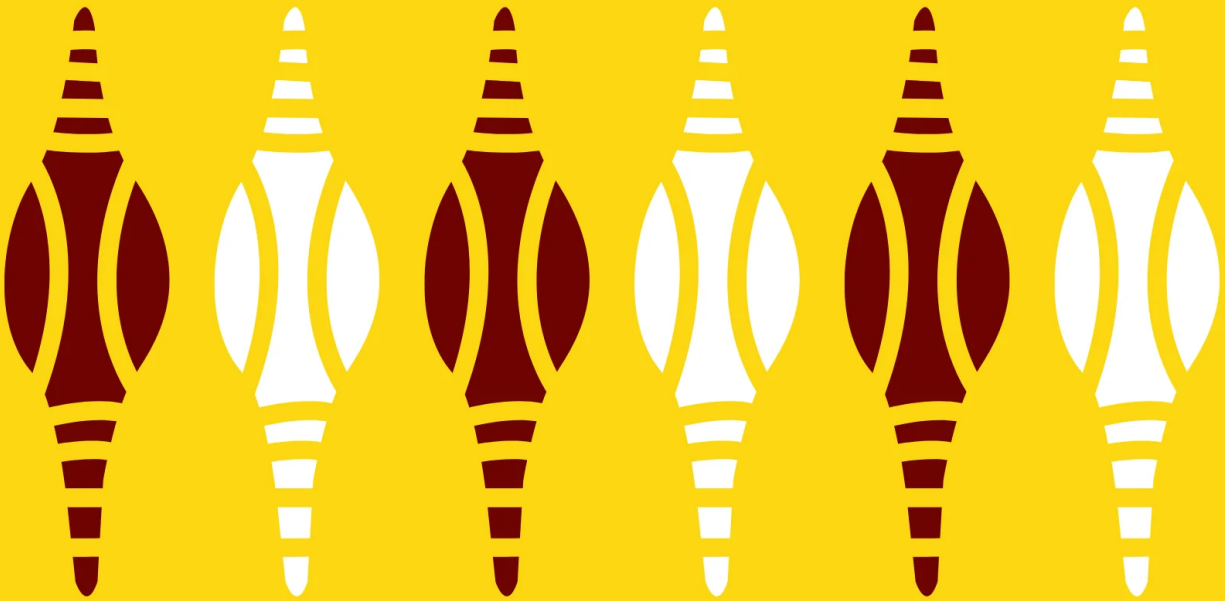
If you miss this round, you'll be in the next but the first drop is your best chance for early RSVPs and securing yourself in calendars before more events come in.

A rough idea is enough. We'll help you work out the rest.

See our [Organiser Kit](#) on what makes a good ACAW events, who does what and next steps.

Explore Organiser Kit

Submit your event



Yarning Circle #2 — Thursday 11 June

Our second Yarning Circle is on. Same format as #1: a brief update from us on where ACAW is at, then the floor opens up for Q&A, sanity-checking ideas, finding collaborators, and meeting the rest of the people in the room.

A note on the recording. We've published the [20-minute update](#) from Yarning Circle #1 if you missed it or want a catch-up. The discussion itself isn't recorded — those conversations are for the people in the room. So if you want to be in the Q&A or find a co-organiser, come live.

Register to have a Yarn

Resources

If you haven't poked around our resources yet, here's what's there:

- **Marketing toolkit** — everything you need to promote your event or partnership, including ready-to-share social tiles and editable Canva templates
- **Festival Poster**
- **Event Organiser Kit**
- **Venue Host Kit**
- **Partnership Prospectus**

Take what you need. Forward what's useful.

[Open Resources Hub](#)



ACAW runs on goodwill, donations, and partnerships.

Major climate funders are watching to see proof of concept and individual supporters are the ones bridging that gap in year one. Honest answer: every contribution matters.

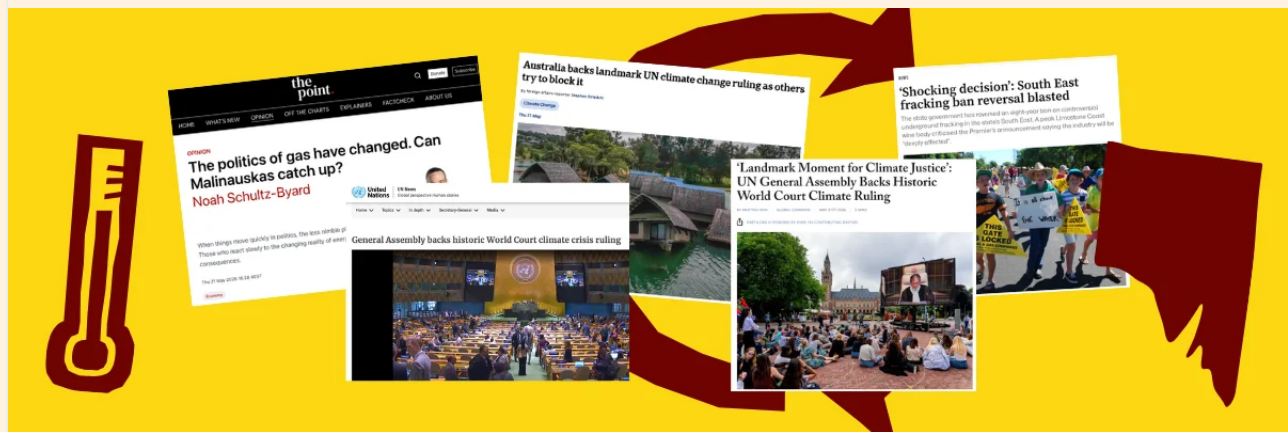
Five percent of every donation funds local SA revegetation, which you will get the chance to take part in. The rest keeps the lights on, pays the people doing the work no one sees, and makes sure Pacific and First Nations voices aren't asked to self-fund.

If donating isn't the right fit, forward this email to one person. Still the best way this grows.

Donate

We don't operate in a bubble

This week is being built in real time, against a backdrop that keeps shifting underneath us. A few things that have been on our minds:



Closer to home, **585 trees at Possum Park / Pirltawardli** have begun coming down for a golf course redevelopment, despite a petition of more than 35,000 signatures.

The **South East fracking ban was overturned**, against the wishes of 95% of Limestone Coast residents surveyed and the region's wine and farming bodies. The Point this week asked whether the politics of gas have moved faster than the policy.

👉 [InDaily on the ban](#) 👉 [The Point on Malinauskas and gas](#)

The **Federal Budget** felt like a pause in ambition at exactly the wrong moment — billions redirected away from flagship clean energy and industry transition programs, with COP31 around the corner. Our co-founder Jen St Jack wrote a longer piece on what that means for Australia's credibility test ahead.

👉 [Read Jen's piece on LinkedIn](#)

On our end, we're working closely with the **COP31 taskforce** to make sure South Australia's voice is represented ahead of negotiations.

In New York, the **UN General Assembly adopted a landmark resolution** (141 to 8) backing the International Court of Justice's 2025 ruling that states have a legal obligation to protect the climate — and that failure to curb fossil fuel production may constitute an *"internationally wrongful act."* The court also affirmed that countries' Paris Agreement commitments aren't discretionary, and that 1.5°C remains the only relevant limit.

The resolution was led by **Vanuatu** and a coalition of Pacific island nations. It began as a campaign by **Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change** — what their director, Vishal Prasad, described as a journey "from classrooms in the Pacific to The Hague and the United Nations." Pacific nations contribute less than 1% of global emissions and face the steepest consequences.

Australia voted in favour — although it stopped short of co-sponsoring the resolution, the only Pacific nation alongside New Zealand to do so.

👉 [ABC: Australia backs UN climate ruling](#) 👉 [UN News](#) 👉 [Earth.Org explainer](#)

"Stubborn optimism. Pessimism, you're bound to lose. Optimism, you're at least on the pathway that you can win." — Christiana Figueres

All of us who support climate action find ourselves riding the highs and lows of this journey. **Sometimes it's hard. Sometimes it's joyful.** But we must keep going, resting for a spell when we need to, then rising again when we can.

If something here is on your mind too, that's what the Yarning Circles are for. Reply to this email. Find a co-organiser. Build an event around it.

That's how this thing works.



Thank you

To our **circle leads and advisors** putting hours in every week, often invisibly. To our **volunteers and supporters** doing the unglamorous work — the spreadsheets, the venues, the cold reach-outs, the ones who reply within an hour. To everyone **just having conversations** — at dinner parties, on LinkedIn, in the school car park, at the pub — that's how this thing is actually being built.

We're a bit over the moon, honestly, with how many events and people are coming to us with a version of "I saw it on LinkedIn and just had to be involved" or "my mate was at the launch and now I'm in."

Keep swimming. It's working.

Adelaide, Jen, Mark, Marco, Greg and Lisa

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