



Australian Social Cohesion Summit 2026

Understanding Australia's social fabric:
Identity, diversity and connections

5 AND 6 NOVEMBER 2026

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE



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The Scanlon Foundation Research Institute exists as a bridge between academic insight and public thought. The Institute undertakes research to help Australia advance as a welcoming, prosperous, and cohesive nation, particularly where this relates to the transition of migrants into Australian society. In doing so, the Institute links thought to action to ensure informed debate drives the agenda and empowers the critical thinking that will help drive Australia's social cohesion forward.

The Institute undertakes ongoing and rigorous research including the Mapping Social Cohesion Report, a world-leading survey, providing a comprehensive understanding of the Australian population's attitude to multiculturalism, institutions, and government, as well as to each other and neighbourhoods.

Other publications include Narratives, Social Cohesion Insights and essays, as well as podcasts and webinars. Through these, the Institute seeks to provide evidence and ideas that will inform the national discourse and empower communities to maintain and strengthen social cohesion.

NOTE FROM THE CEO

We are pleased to invite you to support and partner with the Scanlon Foundation Research Institute - The Australian Social Cohesion Summit 2026 to be held on 5 and 6 November 2026.

The Australian Social Cohesion Summit was created to bring together the people, organisations and ideas helping to strengthen Australia's social fabric. At a time of significant social, economic and demographic change, the summit provides a unique platform for evidence-based discussion, practical solutions and meaningful collaboration.

Following the success of our inaugural summit in 2025, we are proud to return in 2026 with an expanded two-day program and an even more ambitious agenda.

This year's theme, Understanding Australia's Social Fabric: Diversity, Connections and the Future of Social Cohesion, will explore the forces shaping contemporary Australia and examine how we can continue to foster trust, belonging and participation in an increasingly complex world. As Australia's leading national gathering dedicated to social cohesion, the summit offers a unique opportunity for organisations to engage with influential decision-makers, thought leaders and practitioners while demonstrating their commitment to building a more connected, inclusive and resilient Australia.

We invite you to partner with us as we continue this important national conversation.

Anthea Hancocks
Chief Executive Officer
Scanlon Foundation Research Institute



ABOUT THE SUMMIT



“The summit is a must attend for anyone passionate about understanding and advancing social cohesion.”

Program Highlights

**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**MAPPING SOCIAL COHESION REPORT
2026 LAUNCH**

EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSIONS

**INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS AND
FISHBOWL CONVERSATIONS**

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

PRACTICAL CASE STUDIES

CURATED COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

**NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

This national event will bring together researchers, practitioners, and changemakers from around the world, making it the perfect platform for connecting, learning, and contributing to social cohesion. Don't miss the chance to be part of this landmark gathering!

The 2026 summit will be held on 5 and 6 November at Rydges Melbourne and is expected to attract more than 500 delegates from across Australia.

The program will feature National and international keynote speakers in addition to a signature conversation featuring a prominent Australian voice exploring identity, belonging and contemporary Australia.

The summit provides a unique platform to connect research, policy and practice, bringing together diverse voices and perspectives to better understand the opportunities and challenges shaping Australia's future.

WHO WILL ATTEND?



The summit provides a rare opportunity for delegates to engage directly with experts, practitioners and decision-makers from across sectors, fostering new ideas, partnerships and solutions to strengthen Australia's social fabric.

We anticipate over 500 delegates from around Australia including:

- Federal, State and Local Government agencies
- Policymakers and public sector leaders
- Media, communications and public affairs professionals
- Academic researchers, scholars and research institutions
- Community organisations
- Social enterprise founders and managers
- Philanthropic foundations and grant makers
- Corporate social responsibility professionals
- Educators, health professionals, and community leaders
- Postgraduate students and early career researchers



The Australian Social Cohesion Summit 2026 offers several sponsorship packages, providing sponsors with a choice of exposure.

Major partner: \$30,000

(One sponsorship available)

Major partnership offers a range of exclusive benefits to give your organisation maximum visibility before and during the conference. This premier package is available to one partner only and is designed to showcase your organisation's leadership and commitment to advancing the understanding and application of social cohesion in Australia and the World.

Exclusive Benefits

Chair Acknowledgment:

Recognition by the conference chair during the opening and closing addresses.

Premium Logo Placement:

Prominent positioning of your logo on the conference website and event signage. Placement of one banner at event.

VIP seating:

For opening and plenary sessions

Delegate bag:

One (1) promotional item in the delegate bag (partner supplied)

Plenary Address:

5-minute address by company representative or video.

Banner placement:

Display two (2) freestanding pull-up banners at the opening Plenary (one) and conference registration desk (one) to be supplied by the sponsor.

Session collaboration:

Opportunity to collaborate on one of the Fishbowls sessions and/or workshops and panel)

Digital

Website Feature:

Featured partner spotlight article or interview on the summit website.

Logo & Description:

Logo and a 150-word description featured in the conference website and program.

EDM Inclusions:

Inclusion in three (3) electronic direct mail (EDM) campaigns (partner-supplied).

Registrations

Conference Access:

Receive eight (8) full conference registration tickets.



Signature Conversation Partner: \$15,000

(Two sponsorships available)

Support one of the summit's headline conversations featuring a high-profile public figure exploring identity, belonging, culture and contemporary Australia. The Signature Conversation Partner will be a prominent session and recognised as enabling an important national conversation.

Exclusive Benefits

Exclusive Acknowledgment:

Exclusive recognition at the conference opening and closing

Session introduction:

Opportunity for a senior representative to introduce the session (up to 3 minutes)

Logo Display:

Logo displayed on session slides and stage screens

Session Acknowledgement:

Acknowledgement by the session moderator

Banner placement:

Display one (1) freestanding pull-up banners at the opening Plenary (one) and conference registration desk (one) to be supplied by the sponsor.

Digital

Website Feature:

Partner logo and organisation profile (up to 100 words) featured on the summit website

Social Media Inclusions:

Two (2) dedicated social media acknowledgements

EDM Inclusions:

Inclusion in two (2) electronic direct mail (EDM) campaigns (partner-supplied).

Booklet and Report Inclusions:

Logo included in summit delegate booklet and summit report and post event recap communications

Registrations

Conference Access:

Receive six (6) full conference registration tickets.

Priority seating:

Priority seating at the opening and signature conversation session.

Additional Opportunities:

- Opportunity to host a meet-and-greet or photo opportunity with the speaker (subject to speaker approval)
- Opportunity to provide branded collateral within delegate materials



Gold Sponsor: \$10,000

(Three sponsorships available)

Gold partnership offers high-profile opportunities for your organisation to gain strong exposure in the lead-up to and throughout the summit.

Available to only three partners, this package highlights your organisation's active role in advancing understanding, connection and belonging across Australia's diverse communities. It's a powerful way to align your brand with thought leadership and meaningful impact in one of the world's most dynamic and interdisciplinary spaces.

Exclusive Benefits

Exclusive Acknowledgment:

Exclusive recognition at the conference opening and closing

Delegate bag:

Promotional item in the delegate bag (partner-supplied)

Logo Display:

Logo featured in conference documents and the summit report

Banner placement:

Display one (1) freestanding pull-up banners at the conference registration desk (one) to be supplied by the sponsor.

Digital

Website Feature:

Partner logo and organisation profile (up to 100 words) featured on the summit website

Social Media Inclusions:

Three (3) dedicated social media acknowledgements

EDM Inclusions:

Inclusion in two (2) electronic direct mail (EDM) campaigns (partner-supplied).

Logo Inclusions:

Organisation logo on registration portal, summit website, and app.

Registrations

Conference Access:

Receive five (5) full conference registration tickets.

Program inclusions:

Involvement in Program: Opportunity to be involved as a panellist or facilitator



Supporting Sponsor: \$7,500

(Three sponsorships available)

Supporting Partnership offers organisations the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to social cohesion while gaining visibility among a highly engaged audience of government representatives, researchers, community leaders, practitioners and decision-makers from across Australia.

This package provides targeted brand exposure before and during the summit and supports an important national conversation on belonging, diversity and connection

Exclusive Benefits

Exclusive Acknowledgment:

Exclusive recognition at the conference opening and closing

Banner placement:

Display one (1) freestanding pull-up banner in the networking area

Logo Display:

Logo featured in conference documents and the summit report

Digital

Website Feature:

Partner logo and organisation profile (up to 50 words) featured on the summit website

Social Media Inclusions:

Two (2) dedicated social media acknowledgements

EDM Inclusions:

Inclusion in one (1) electronic direct mail (EDM) campaigns (partner-supplied).

Logo Inclusions:

Organisation logo on registration portal, summit website, and app.

Registrations

Conference Access:

Receive three (3) full conference registration tickets.



Community Showcase Partner: \$2000

(Four sponsorships available)

New for 2026, the Community Marketplace will provide a dedicated space for social enterprises, community organisations and purpose-driven initiatives to connect directly with delegates and showcase social cohesion in action.

Benefits

Marketplace:

Dedicated marketplace table for both days.

Promotional Materials:

Opportunity to distribute promotional materials

Logo Display:

Organisation listing on the summit website

Social Media Inclusions:

One (1) dedicated social media acknowledgement

EDM Inclusions:

Inclusion in one (1) electronic direct mail (EDM) campaigns (partner-supplied).

Conference Access:

Receive two (2) full conference registration tickets.

Delegate booklet

Organisation listing in the delegate booklet



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Acknowledgment

The Australian Social Cohesion Summit 2026 will be held on the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung People of the Kulin Nation.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

Disclaimers

* All prices excluded GST.

* The Scanlon Foundation Research Institute reserves the right to amend the program, speakers, venue, sponsorship benefits or event format if required. Any significant changes affecting sponsors will be communicated as soon as practicable.

*Sponsorship benefits, advertising and promotional inclusions are subject to production deadlines and approval by the organiser.

*The Scanlon Foundation Research Institute reserves the right to decline sponsorship applications that are not aligned with the values and objectives of the Australian Social Cohesion Summit.

