Modern Methods of Construction

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Lighthouse Theatre, Warrnambool

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Southern Grampians Shire Council



Welcome

South West Victoria needs more homes – and new ways to deliver them. Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) offer an opportunity to build faster, improve affordability, and expand regional housing supply alongside traditional construction.

Spanning modular and panelised systems, offsite manufacturing and 3D printing, MMC is changing how housing is designed, produced, and delivered. The opportunity is significant, but real progress depends on practical knowledge, strong connections, and a clear understanding of what works in regional settings.

The MMC Regional Roadshow brings together people from across planning, construction, development, government, and education to share experience, examine practical pathways and learn from projects already taking shape.

Delivered at Warrnambool's Lighthouse Theatre by Regional Development Australia Melbourne and Regional Development Australia Barwon Southwest, the event is presented in partnership with Warrnambool City Council, Corangamite Shire, Moyne Shire, Southern Grampians Shire and Glenelg Shire.



The program will provide opportunities to:

- Hear industry leaders distinguish MMC realities from common misconceptions
- Explore regional projects, emerging technologies and lessons from delivery
- Examine the policy, procurement, skills and investment settings that support MMC
- Build connections across the people and organisations shaping the region's housing future





Program

Master of Ceremonies



Brett Ince
Regional Director
Barwon South West,
Regional Development
Victoria

Panel Facilitator



Justine Linley
Director
Sustainable
Development
Corangamite Shire
Council

10:00am	*Registration opens*
10:30am	**Introduction & Welcome** **Brett Ince** *Regional Director Barwon South West, Regional Development Victoria*
10:50am	**Setting the Scene: The South West MMC Opportunity** **Cr Ben Blain** *Chair of Regional Cities Victoria* The South West's growing demand for housing and infrastructure is creating opportunities for new approaches to construction. Gain an overview of MMC, the forms it can take, and the opportunities emerging across the region.
11:05am	**Showcase 1: Modern Methods on Display** **Ash Quiddington** *Owner & Director Dune Building Technologies and Oasis Building Group* MMC is no longer a future concept. Explore the projects, technologies, success stories and lessons that are bringing modern construction to life and addressing key challenges in regional areas.
11:25am	**Panel Discussion: MMC – Fact vs Fiction** Facilitated by: **Justine Linley** *Director Sustainable Development, Corangamite Shire Council* **Silvio Mazzei** *Executive Director, Better Building Group* **Jonathon Mahon** *Economist, Committee for Economic Development Australia* **Thomas Rolland** *Director, Modcon Solutions* **Dr Corrie Williams** *Chief of Public Affairs, Master Builders Victoria* **Rachel Edwards** *Sales and Marketing Coordinator, Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, Warrnambool City Council* Beyond the headlines and hype, what does MMC really mean in practice? This discussion explores the realities, opportunities and misconceptions shaping industry perceptions.
12:05am	**Facilitated discussion**
12:15pm	*Lunch/networking*
1:15pm	**Presentation: Unlocking MMC in the Regions** **Damien Crough** *Co-Founder & Executive Chairman, prefabAUS* MMC doesn't operate in a vacuum. Policy, regulation, procurement, standards and investment all influence its success. Understand the key factors creating an environment that supports the growth of MMC.
1:35pm	**Facilitated discussion**
1:45pm	**Showcase 2: Modern Methods on Display** **Matthew Dingle** *Managing Director Form Flow* **Andrew Fotia** *Senior Associate, Arkit* Continue exploring the MMC projects and approaches delivering housing and accommodation outcomes in Victoria's regions.
2:25pm	**Keynote: From Concept to Construction – Skills and Approaches to Embrace MMC** **Gabriel Solorzano Torres** *Executive Director Melbourne Polytechnic* Upskill, reskill, new skill? MMC is reshaping how projects are planned, designed and delivered. The challenge is not just what we build, but how we build the skills, capabilities and workforce needed to make it happen.
2:45pm	**Facilitated discussion**
2:55pm	**Closing Remarks**
3:00pm	*Post event networking and Tea/Coffee*

Program subject to change at the discretion of event organisers.





Speakers



Cr Ben Blain
Chair
Regional Cities Victoria

Cr Ben Blain chairs Regional Cities Victoria, an alliance of mayors and chief executives from Victoria's 10 largest regional cities working toward stronger, more sustainable regional growth.

Raised on a dairy farm in Glenormiston, Ben holds a Bachelor of Arts from Deakin University Warrnambool, majoring in Public Relations and Sociology. His long-standing interest in local government is centred on social housing and community infrastructure.

Ben was elected to Warrnambool City Council in 2020 and has served as Mayor since October 2023. He is a member of the Council's Audit and Risk Committee, has previously served on the South West Victoria Livestock Exchange Advisory Committee and Harbour Reference Group, and volunteers with the CFA.



Silvio Mazzei
Executive Director
Better Building Group

Silvio has more than 35 years in construction. As Co-Founder and Executive Director of Better Living Group, he has led operations across residential, commercial, maintenance, scaffolding and project management, and has grown the group across each of those sectors.

He is a registered Domestic Building Practitioner and Commercial Builder (Unlimited). He pairs technical capability with commercial judgement and maintains longstanding relationships with clients, consultants and industry partners.

He remains hands-on in project delivery. His work has been recognised through multiple Master Builders and Asia Pacific Property Awards.



Jonathon Mahon
Economist
Committee for Economic Development Australia

Jonathon Mahon is an economist at the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA). Before joining CEDA, he worked as an economist at Deloitte Access Economics.

His recent research focuses on housing. He co-authored Built Different: Modern Methods of Construction, a report examining how MMC could help unlock housing supply. His broader experience spans transport, infrastructure, education and tourism.

Jonathon holds master's degrees in Applied Economics and Business Analytics from Macquarie University.



Thomas Rolland

Director
Modcon Solutions

Thomas Rolland is a licensed commercial builder with 15 years of end-to-end project delivery experience. He has delivered modular projects encompassing building, civil, landscaping and associated enabling works.

His experience extends from early design and client engagement through engineering coordination, manufacturing, procurement, construction and handover. This broad perspective enables him to identify buildability issues early and develop practical, cost-conscious solutions across every stage of a modular development.



Dr Corrie Williams

Chief of Public Affairs
Master Builders Victoria

Dr Corrie Williams is Chief of Public Affairs at Master Builders Victoria, where her work spans policy and advocacy, the future built environment, industry outreach and future skills.

She previously served as Executive Director, Collaboration & Innovation and spent around a decade in training roles covering careers and outreach, builder registration, immersive industry training, and registered training activities.

Corrie brings a strong perspective on workforce capability, industry reform, skills development, and the practical changes needed to improve construction productivity. She holds a PhD in science and has also worked in public science engagement and exhibitions.



Rachel Edwards

Sales and Marketing Coordinator
Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village
Warrnambool City Council

Rachel Edwards has held a range of roles with Warrnambool City Council, spanning tourism, community development, key worker housing support and local government projects.

She previously helped coordinate Council's proposed 50-home Key Worker and Affordable Housing development in Dennington, a modular housing initiative aimed at addressing regional housing needs.

Through this project, Rachel gained firsthand experience in planning, procurement, stakeholder engagement and the opportunities and challenges involved in progressing innovative housing solutions.

She currently works as the Sales and Marketing Coordinator at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village.



Damien Crough

Co-Founder & Executive Chairman
prefabAUS

Damien Crough is a recognised Australian leader and advocate for Modern Methods of Construction. As Co-founder and Executive Chairman of prefabAUS, he has helped establish the organisation as the national peak body for offsite construction.

His work has supported the inclusion of MMC in government housing agendas, strengthened industry capability, and advanced national forums and education programs that build knowledge and workforce capacity.



Ash Quiddington

Owner & Director
Dune Building Technologies and Oasis Building Group

Ash Quiddington began his construction career as an apprentice carpenter at 15. In 2019, he founded Oasis Building Group to meet demand for custom, high-quality homes in regional Victoria.

Drawing on more than 15 years of hands-on industry experience, Ash has seen the effects of inefficiency, rising costs and labour shortages across Australian construction. His drive to challenge conventional approaches led him to launch Dune Building Technologies, which is pioneering 3D concrete printing in Australia.

Ash's mission is to modernise how homes are built—making delivery faster, smarter, more sustainable and more affordable without compromising design or performance.



Matthew Dingle

Managing Director
FormFlow

Matthew Dingle is Managing Director and Co-founder of FormFlow. An engineer, entrepreneur and former university lecturer, he is passionate about applying research to complex design challenges.

Matthew also co-founded Carbon Revolution, a carbon-fibre wheel manufacturer, and worked with Ford and Volvo to apply ideas developed through his PhD. He co-designed a family of high-performance rowing craft that remains in production and has achieved gold-medal success at national and international levels.

At FormFlow, Matthew and his team develop in-house technologies and building systems aimed at meeting the housing needs of current and future generations, with planetary health, social equality and inclusion at the centre of their approach.







Andrew Fotia
Senior Associate
Arkit

Andrew Fotia is a registered architect and Senior Associate at Arkit, as well as a sessional tutor in Architectural Technology at the University of Melbourne.

His residential work ranges from small additions to multi-residential developments and masterplans. Andrew leads Arkit's architectural team, designing high-performance buildings that support efficient offsite construction and future disassembly.



Gabriel Solorzano Torres
Executive Director
Melbourne Polytechnic

Gabriel Solorzano Torres leads Australia's National Centre of Excellence for Future of Housing Construction and is Executive Director, Commercial, Sustainability and Infrastructure at Melbourne Polytechnic.

He is guiding the development of this Australian Government-supported initiative, which brings together industry, government, researchers and the national TAFE network to accelerate the adoption of modern construction methods and build the workforce capability needed for Australia's housing future.

His work connects industry capability, skills, applied research and government policy to translate emerging construction technologies and manufacturing approaches into practical, scalable delivery.

Exhibitors

Arkit is an architect-led prefabricated and modular building company. Its flexible approach to Modern Methods of Construction combines volumetric, panelised and kit-of-parts systems to deliver practical solutions across projects ranging from individual homes to social and affordable housing developments. Arkit's work is grounded in timber construction, Passive House principles and adaptive reuse.

Dune Building Technologies is an Australian construction company at the forefront of 3D concrete printing and advanced construction methods. The company is exploring how digital fabrication can improve construction speed, efficiency and sustainability while creating new possibilities for building design and delivery. Through collaboration with industry and research partners, Dune is advancing the practical application of emerging construction technologies in Australia.

FormFlow is a Geelong-based company established in 2016 to commercialise a world-first metal-forming process. The technology has since been used to create a distinctive range of products for the building industry. FormFlow continues to expand its technology and product portfolio through production and prefabricated building systems.

Melbourne Polytechnic is home to the Future of Housing Construction Centre of Excellence, a national initiative focused on accelerating the construction industry's adoption of Modern Methods of Construction. Based at the Heidelberg campus, the Centre brings together industry, government and the vocational education sector to build capability, address skills gaps and advance innovation in modular, prefabricated and digital construction. Through industry-led training, applied research and collaboration, it is preparing Australia's workforce for the future of housing construction.

Modularity by Rendine Constructions applies a proprietary modular construction system to deliver fully integrated, bespoke commercial building solutions faster than conventional construction methods. Backed by 50 years of commercial construction expertise, Modularity brings innovation and precision to every project.

Structural Panels (SP) is a privately owned Australian building-solutions company specialising in advanced Structural Insulated Panel systems. Operating in sustainable construction since 1996, SP has built a strong reputation for energy-efficient, high-performance solutions in Australia and overseas. Working across design, manufacturing and project delivery, the company provides prefabricated building systems for residential, commercial and large-scale developments.

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