

## Keynote speakers



**Glenn Platt**  
CSIRO

Glenn leads the Grids and Energy Efficiency program within CSIRO's Energy Flagship, focusing on solving the energy challenges of consumers, business, and grids. The program's work ranges from energy storage, electric vehicles, smart grids and the integration of large-scale solar systems, through to solar cooling, energy management systems, economics and understanding people's response and uptake of particular low carbon energy options. Prior to CSIRO, Glenn worked in Denmark with Nokia Mobile Phones on the standardisation and application of cutting-edge mobile communications technology. Before his time in Denmark, Glenn was employed in an engineering capacity for various Australian engineering consultancies, working on industrial automation and control projects.



**Martin Janse van Rensburg**  
Cisco

Martin leads the Asia Pacific and Japan Engineering Technology and Architectural strategy blueprints for the Cisco Partner Business Organisation. His key responsibilities are to drive innovative technical programs and oversee new strategic partner activities across the region around future skills. This enables Cisco's partners to deploy the latest technology for their customers linked to key end to end business outcomes and digitisation. Martin who is originally from South Africa - with an Electronic and Electrical background, has lived and worked in the UK prior to coming to Australia in 2007. During his career he has worked in designing, building and deploying communication infrastructure for multi-national organisations across a range of industries.

## Our program

### Sunday 17 April 2016

- 2.00pm **Afternoon arrival & registration**  
6.00pm **Sunday night Welcome Braai**

### Monday 18 April 2016

- 8.30am **Welcome**
- 8.45am **South Africa's journey – so far**  
A representative from ECA South Africa will talk us through the changes of the past two decades, and the challenges ahead – particularly for the electrical industry.
- 9.30am **What's in store for our industry over the next five years?**  
**Glenn Platt from CSIRO** gives us his view on how our industry is changing – and more importantly, what we need to do to keep up with these changes. The supply-chain is evolving and the Internet is playing a much larger role in our working lives. Many of us are specialising, a new breed of electrical contractor is emerging, and the consumer is becoming much more demanding.  
*Are you ready for the challenge?*
- 10.15am **Coffee**
- 10.45am **The connected world and Digitisation**  
**Martin Janse van Rensburg, Cisco** will introduce the concept of the Internet of Everything and Digitisation across countries, cities and business. At the same time exploring how NECA members might maximise their potential to benefit from these market transitions. Whilst digital disruption is something that can be seen as a major threat to traditional business practices, it can also be seen as the biggest opportunity for the operational technology integrators and electrical contractors.  
*What future skills does your business need to capitalise on these transitions?*
- 11.30am **Panel discussion: Industry innovation**  
Join our strategic supply-chain partners L&H, Clipsal Schneider, Gerard Lighting and NHP, to debate with our two keynote speakers where we go from here:
- What's new in product innovation?
  - How is the supply-chain evolving?
  - How will technology change our world?
- 12.30pm **Lunch**
- 2.00pm **Free time - Buses depart for Cape Town from 2.00pm**
- 6.30pm **Beach Party, Cape Town**



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## Our program (continued)

### Tuesday 19 April 2016

On Day 2 we will be focusing on 'responding to our changing industry':

- 8.30am **The digital revolution**  
Will this lead to new players in the new supply-chain?  
Will the trend to buy more-and-more online lead to even more non-compliant products in our market?
- 9.30am **The new consumer**  
Does the more discerning consumer mean we all have to become more specialised, or will there still be the need for the generalist?
- 10.30am **Coffee**
- 11.00am **The contractor of tomorrow**  
Is being a successful business manager as important to our development as keeping up with technical advances? And how do you plan for the future?
- 12.00pm **Lunch**
- 12.30pm **Afternoon Excursions**
- 7.30pm **Drum Night, Cape Town**

### Wednesday 20 April 2016

Day 3 has two panels and a presentation:

- 8.30am **Industrial relations**  
Is it going to become ever more complex – so what more do you need to do to stay ahead of the game?
- 9.30am **Work Health & Safety**  
Are we allowing ourselves to look at WHS as a necessary evil rather than a life-saving essential?  
How can we restore this crucial element of what we do to its rightful position of importance?
- 10.30am **Coffee**
- 11.00am **Do we look after ourselves in the way we should?**  
*Dr Michael Mol* shares a new approach to getting the right balance into our lives.
- 12.00pm **Lunch**
- 12.30pm **Afternoon Excursions**
- 7.30pm **Gala Dinner, Spier**

### Thursday 21 April 2016

- 8.30am **Farewell Breakfast**

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Note: This agenda is still evolving, and as such is subject to change.

## Four fabulous afternoon excursions (Tuesday & Wednesday)



Table Mountain



Robben Island



Local wine tour



Shanty town tour



## Closing speaker

### Dr Michael Mol

**Medical doctor, TV presenter, speaker, consultant.**

In 2000 Michael made the radical move from being a young trauma doctor in casualty, to being the anchor for South Africa's longest running prime time television magazine show. He has a passion for better understanding the world around him – and helps individuals and organisations to better understand the way the world works, and trends that will affect us all in the future. In particular, Michael strives to help people find significance and purpose, through discovering their innate strengths. He has been invited to speak to leading companies around the world and was nominated by South Africa's CEOs as one of the country's top business speakers. In line with his desire for a healthier world, in 2006 Michael joined Sportron International Group as CEO. This group is focused on promoting health and wellness through education and new generation nanotech nutritional supplements.

## For more information

If there's anything we've missed please just contact Barry Jackson on (02) 9962 6904 or check the website for progress – including updates on content, excursions and speakers.

**We look forward to seeing you at the welcome braai next April!**