



Annual strategic meeting

24 November 2023



EVENT NAME	OPTiMA Debate Annual strategic meeting
DATE AND TIME	24 November 2023 10:45 Arrival 11.00 -16:30 16:30 – 17:30 end of year drinks and canapes
VENUE	Level 8 Kitchen - Melbourne Connect 700 Swanston Street, Carlton
CONTACT	Charlotte Hurry – 0383441422 (goes to mobile)

This event is an opportunity for members to meet at the midway mark to shape future Centre activities. We need to ask, what capabilities do our members have, how can we better support our members and what opportunities can we create for collaboration?

Time	Speaker/Chair	Activity
10:45		Arrive
11:00	Kate Smith-Miles and Charlotte Hurry	Welcome and acknowledgement of Country
11:03	Peter Stuckey	In memory of Ariel Liebman
11.06	Maria Garcia de la Banda	Uptake to industry- explain ability as a challenge (discussion) *
11:30	Kate Smith-Miles	Master's projects in OPTiMA (mini workshop) **
12:05	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Catered</i>
12.45	Markus Wagner & Roger Dargaville	Optimisation in the energy sector (workshop)***
13:50	Kate, Charlotte, Peter	Ariel's legacy - discussion

14:00	Peter Stuckey	OPTIMA toolkit – what should it be? (discussion) #
14:30	Charlotte Hurry	How are we tracking?
15:00	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
15:15	Jip Dekker	ECAs and students ##
15:50	Micheal Kirley & Charlotte Hurry	Opportunities### -Philanthropy -Indigenous inclusion -Grant proposal – agribusiness -MK -AOB
16:20	Charlotte Hurry	Thank you to members
16:30 – 17:30	<i>End of year drinks & Canapes</i>	<i>Trivia and prizes</i>

* What is the strength of the argument that optimisation is explainable? To whom do we need to explain? At what level do we pitch explain ability? What is the best way to communicate the message? What will stop industry from using our results?

** As this is a short session, we want to ask everyone to come prepared. If we gave you four masters students what project, you would give to them to support your aims? What spin-off projects can we leverage? What are the common themes? Are there collaborative projects on which we can work? What are the roadblocks? Who would like to supervise/co-supervise these students? Can we recruit vacation students?

*** Workshop to discuss what optimisation challenges there are in the energy sector and how is OPTIMA placed to work with the energy sector?

What should our toolkit look like? How will industry incorporate our toolkit?

How are we best supporting our ECAs and students? This is an opportunity for the ECAs and students to speak. Can we involve ECAs in grant opportunities? Can we discuss the research impact scheme? How can we better support our students? How do students want to connect with industry.

What are opportunities for OPTIMA and how are we missing them? We will work with feedback from the IAC and SAC. What opportunities would people like to get involved in?