

# Jess Scully

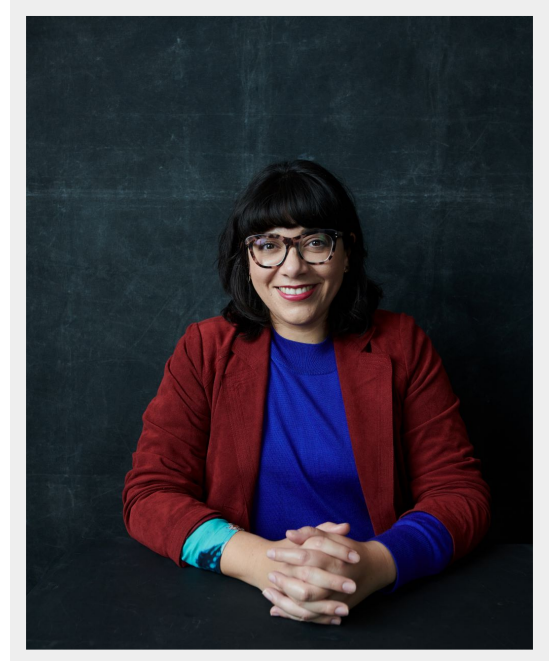
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## *Writer, Speaker, Curator, MC*

Jess Scully is a national radio broadcaster, author, city-maker and advocate for the creative economy and the role of cities in a fair future. As Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney from 2019 to 2022 and as a Councillor at the City of Sydney from 2016 to 2023, Jess introduced new models to address the housing crisis and support a more inclusive economy, worked to embed culture in the life of the city and revive Sydney's nightlife, and advocated to expand who plays a role in shaping the life of the city.

Jess has consulted for some of Australia's most innovative companies and organisations, and is currently a World Bank consultant, advising the largest multilateral financier of climate action in developing countries. Previously, Jess founded and directed Vivid Ideas, Australia's largest creative industries event; hosted Saturday Afternoons broadcasting nationally on ABC Radio; supported emerging talent through the Qantas Spirit of Youth Awards; transformed public space as an urbanism consultant and public art curator, and served as a policy advisor to the NSW Minister for the Arts. She is a Senior Associate at the Sydney Policy Lab and the founder of the Civic Imagination Network, developing new ways to help communities imagine and design positive futures.

Her first book, *Glimpses of Utopia: Real Ideas for a Fairer World*, was published by Pantera Press and shortlisted in the Australian Book Industry Awards in 2021.



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