

ADVANCING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Strategies to Achieve Gender
Equality in Local Government

Summit Program

Thursday 8 September 2022

Melbourne Town Hall / Online

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Time 8:30 am | Registrations (online from 8:45am)
9:00am | Start
4:30pm | Finish
6:00pm | Evening Event (in-person only and by prior registration)

Location Melbourne Town Hall – 90-130 Swanston St, Melbourne
Online

The Victorian Government's [Gender Equality Advisory Committee](#) (GEAC) provides advice to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Melissa Horne MP and the Minister for Women, the Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP on strategies to achieve the Government's target of 50 percent female mayors and councillors by 2025. The GEAC is co-chaired by Kat Theophanous MP and Juliana Addison MP.

The GEAC warmly welcomes your participation in the Summit and your **input into the conversation, into the momentum for change.**

Summit participants will:

- Learn from and be inspired by guest speakers and peers about their leadership experience
- Find opportunities and solutions to remove barriers and encourage more and diverse women to get involved and stay involved
- Be energised and inspired, share opinions and experience, and extend networks.

Welcome from:



The Hon. Melissa Horne MP,
Minister for Local Government



The Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP,
Minister for Women



Kat Theophanous MP,
Co-Chair – Gender Equality
Advisory Committee



Juliana Addison MP,
Co-Chair – Gender Equality
Advisory Committee

Keynote Address



Julia Gillard AC Former Prime Minister

The Hon Julia Gillard was the 27th Prime Minister of Australia and the first, and only, woman to serve in that role. Since leaving office, she has dedicated her time to advocacy, governance roles, and writing.

Julia is the founder and inaugural Chair of the [Global Institute for Women's Leadership](#) at Kings College London and Chair of its sister Institute at the Australian National University.

Julia has written *My Story*, a memoir based on her experience as Prime Minister. Her second book, *Women and Leadership: Real Lives, Real Lessons*, co-authored by Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, explores the challenges women face in leadership. Her third book, *Not Now, Not Ever – 10 years on from the misogyny speech* will be released on 5 October 2022.

* The Hon Julia Gillard will attend to present the Summit's keynote address only.

AGENDA

Time	Item
8:30am	Arrive and register Tea and coffee available 8:45am: Online participant login and tech check
9:00am	Summit Welcome – GEAC Co-Chairs Welcome to Country – Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation Minister’s address – Minister for Local Government
9:30am	Keynote address The Hon Julia Gillard AC Followed by conversation and Q and A
10:35am	Minister’s address – Minister for Women
10:40am	Morning tea
11:10am	Conversations for Change Inspiring and interactive small group conversations with a selection of experienced and emerging leaders who will share their insights and personal experience in advancing women’s leadership. Conversation Leaders will rotate around different groups for three rounds of conversation. Wrap up Corrina Bertram will capture, share, and reflect on the important themes emerging.
12:50pm	Lunch
1:40pm	Solutions for Change Based on the morning conversations, participants will nominate topics that will advance women’s leadership. Across two rounds of conversation, participants will move to the topics of their choice. <i>Includes working afternoon tea.</i>
3:10pm	Reflections from Ruth McGowan OAM Ruth will share her standout reflections from the afternoon conversations before inviting Q and A from participants.
3:40pm	Take home actions and final reflections Participants will find opportunities to lead, to support, and to be informed about actions and outcomes.
4.00pm	Wrap Up – GEAC Co-Chairs Closing Remarks – Minister for Local Government
4:20pm	Next steps and thank you!

GUEST SPEAKERS



Ruth McGowan OAM
Local Government Gender Equality Expert

Ruth literally wrote the book to help women [Get Elected](#). As a previous Mayor of Baw Baw Shire, Ruth trains women to campaign for political office, is a sought-after Councillor Coach and co-moderates the popular *More Women for Local Government* Facebook page. Ruth is an internationally accredited trainer in political intelligence and a guest lecturer for Pathways to Politics programs throughout Australia. Ruth lives on Kurnai country in Jindivick, and is active in her Gippsland community.



Corrina Bertram
Partner and Board member, KPMG Australia

Corrina is KPMG's Client Lead Partner in the Government Advisory practice. As a KPMG Board member, Corrina has helped to drive KPMG's commitment to gender equality and is the sponsor for KPMG's female talent development program "Bird Walton". KPMG's commitment to gender equality is evidenced by being named Employer of Choice for Gender Equality for the 14th consecutive year. Corrina is also an ambassador for Inspiring Rare Birds, which empowers female entrepreneurs, reflecting her passions for diversity, inclusion and global engagement.

SUMMIT FACILITATORS



MosaicLab

The Advancing Women's Leadership Summit is facilitated by MosaicLab, an experienced team of facilitators and community engagement practitioners specialising in deliberative engagement. MosaicLab's Summit team includes Nicole Hunter, Jessica Connor Kennedy, Sandra Barling, Jody Kingston, Naomi Oosting plus online team Catherine Ayad and Lyndal Mackintosh.

EVENING NETWORKING EVENT

Time 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall

(in-person only and by prior registration only)

The Gender Equality Advisory Committee, on behalf of the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Melissa Horne MP and the Minister for Women, the Hon Natalie Hutchins MP is happy to host the **Evening Networking Event** featuring special guest speaker Licia Heath.

Enjoy canapés and refreshments with fellow summit attendees, and build connections with others passionate about women's leadership, gender equality and the local government sector.



Guest Speaker

Licia Heath

Chief Executive Officer, Women for Election

Licia is the CEO of Women for Election, a non-partisan, not-for-profit organisation with a vision for a balanced and fair society. Licia is dedicated to inspiring and equipping more women across the country to run for public office at the local, state or federal level. In addition to training women to run for office, Licia is also focussed on engaging more women in the various roles they might like to take to help another woman get elected. She sets the tone that gender-balanced governments improve quality of life not just for women and girls, but for all of society.

Licia will inspire you to walk away ready for action.

CONVERSATIONS FOR CHANGE LEADERS



Adele Stowe-Lindner
General Manager –
Institute of Community
Directors Australia



Coral Ross AM
Gender equality advocate,
Chair Australian Gender Equality
Council, Churchill Fellow



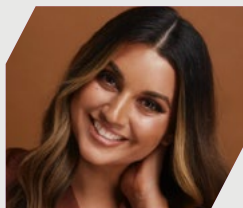
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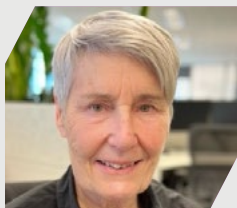
Dr Elise Stephenson
Research Fellow – Global
Institute for Women's
Leadership, ANU



Dr Esme Bamblett
CEO – Aborigines Advancement
League



Jamila Rizvi
Deputy Managing Director –
Future Women



Janet Dore
Mentor, Municipal Monitor



Julie Eisenbise
Former Mayor, Former Chair
of Administrators



Kathryn Arndt
CEO – Victorian Local
Governance Association



Kerry Thompson
CEO – Municipal Association
of Victoria



Leonie Morgan AM
Leonie Morgan AM
and Associates



Nevena Spirovska
Convenor – Victorian
Pride Lobby



Dr Niki Vincent
Commissioner for Gender
Equality in the Public Sector



Prue Digby
Municipal Monitor, Former
Deputy Secretary Local
Government Victoria



Rebecca McKenzie
CEO – Glen Eira City Council



Sandra Wilson
Executive Committee –
ALGWA Vic



Shelley Penn AM
Architect, adviser, and
public realm champion



Tricia Malowney OAM
Chief Accessibility Advocate –
Department of Transport



Vivienne Nguyen AM
Chairperson – Victorian
Multicultural Commission



Wesa Chau
Young Victorian of the Year 2010,
CEO Cultural Intelligence Ltd



Zac Hatzantonis
Partner PWC Australia

Through the 'Conversations for Change' you will hear from and understand different perspectives and voices. These conversations, while fast, are incredibly productive and elicit insightful and thought provoking discussions. Each conversation leader will speak with three small groups. Delegates will be randomly allocated across the groups – enjoy the delightful serendipity of meeting with a surprise group of leaders and participants!