



Local Government
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AUSTRALIA SA

2023 COMMUNITY MANAGERS
NETWORK CONFERENCE

community development: getting it right



OVERVIEW

The LG Professionals SA Community Managers Network is open to those leading in the field of community development or community services in local government. The network aims to lead local government in responding to the changing nature of communities, community services and community development.

The Network hold a conference bi-annually, and this year's carefully curated theme is 'Community Development: Getting it Right'. Join us as we explore whether we as a community, and a local government sector, are getting it right with the people we serve and collaborate with. Speakers from both within and outside the sector will inspire us with fantastic case studies of their work, examples of successful collaborations with and for the community, and best practice frameworks. We will also ask some provocative questions to encourage outside the box thinking by local government community professionals about how best to innovate and collaborate to achieve ongoing positive community outcomes.

Benefits of attending this conference:

- Expand your local government networks
- Keep your professional development current
- Remove yourself from the day-to-day and make time to think, reflect, plan and be inspired
- Take away tools and tips to inspire you and inform future initiatives

All local government professionals with an interest in, or responsibility for, community development or community services are encouraged to attend.

PROGRAM

8:30 AM

REGISTRATION

9:00 AM

OPENING OF CONFERENCE
WELCOME TO COUNTRY

SETTING THE SCENE

Emcee: **Kylie Ferguson**, *Director Community, City of Port Adelaide Enfield*

9:20 AM

GETTING IT RIGHT: UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF SOCIETY



Becky Hirst

Community Engagement Specialist

In this keynote presentation, Becky will take the audience on an exploration of the concept of community. Moreso, she will reflect on the journey that society has been on in recent years and how major global events and movements have influenced the way communities now want and need to be involved in decision making at a local level. Through storytelling, evidence-based anecdotes and heartfelt reflection, this presentation will open your eyes to the world we now operate in as community-minded practitioners. Fasten your seatbelts and get ready to be inspired!

10:20 AM

PANEL: GETTING IT RIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY



Facilitated by Dr Bev O'Brien

Community Development Manager, City of Port Adelaide Enfield



Joost Den Hartog

Founder of Neighbourhood Node, The Pear Café and QT Hub



Craig Scott

Former President, Goodwood Saints Football Club

Deb Richardson

Local Recovery Coordinator, 2019-2020 Yorke Peninsula Bushfires

Hear from three local champions who are 'getting it right' when it comes to using a community development approach to build neighbourhoods, clubs and recover from disaster. The panellists will share their up front and honest accounts of how local government has helped or hindered their efforts to better their communities.

11:15 AM

MORNING TEA

11:45 AM

“FAILING FORWARD”

A facilitated reflection session

Despite how hard we try to get it right, failure is an inevitable part of working with the community. Our roles require us to experiment and sometimes our best laid plans turn into epic fails – but let's reframe 'fail' into something positive! While failure can't be avoided, it is a valuable learning opportunity and, in this session, we will share our failures in the hope that others can learn from them too. As we explore the concept of “failing forward” and reframing our failures as our most critical moments for growth, please come prepared to share stories and learnings from when your work in the community didn't go to plan.

12:15 PM



GETTING IT RIGHT: WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Alex Bruhn

Metavercity Project Lead, Youth Inc.

Nia Lewis

Learning Architect, Youth Inc.

Sofiann Saidi

Youth Worker, Youth Inc.

During this dynamic session, the Youth Inc team will share stories, insights and ideas gained from over 30 years combined experience working with young people across the globe, as both peers and in professional supporting/development roles.

They will pose provocative questions and illuminate research, resources and examples of good practice which can help practitioners gain a deeper insight into some of the opportunities and challenges facing young people in today's rapidly changing and uncertain world. The focus will be on the conditions in which young people thrive and approaches that value young people's diverse perspectives and active participation in community life.

12:45 PM



GETTING IT RIGHT: SHIFTING POWER - DE-COLONISING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Stephanie Harvey

CEO, Community First Development Australia

Since colonisation, First Nations' people in Australia have been subject to a myriad of government programs and services. In recent decades, these programs and services have generally focused on addressing the disadvantage and inequities faced by First Nations' people.

Stephanie will outline the approach that is needed - grounded in community development and aligning more closely with First Nations' people's ways of knowing, being and doing. Programs and services need to be complemented by approaches that recognise that change takes time; that focus on long-term sustainability; and which are led by First Nations' people and communities.

1:15 PM

LUNCH

2:00 PM



GETTING IT RIGHT: COMMUNITIES LEADING US TO BETTER WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Carolyn Curtis

CEO, TaCSI

South Australian regional communities are leading the way in demonstrating what it takes to shift the dial when it comes to mental health and wellbeing. Nationally we are seeing a surge in place-based investment, however few have the scale and funding commitment of the SA initiative, Our Town.

By working with existing data and evidence, and informed by people's lived experience, Our Town's goal is to generate new ideas and ways of looking at mental health. In this session we will explore how communities themselves are leading the change that's needed and building a new vision for a mentally healthy regional Australia.

2:30 PM



GETTING IT RIGHT: WHOSE NEEDS ARE WE MEETING HERE?

Suhit Anatula

Director of Policy & System Reform, Department of Premier and Cabinet

How do you really know if you're meeting community needs? How did those needs and ideas emerge and what community intelligence and assets are you connecting with? Join Suhit as he poses questions to provoke your thinking about how you might challenge your best programs - inspiring you to consider whether you have got it right. Drawing on asset-based community development principles, and experiences from both India, Africa and Australia, Suhit will explore how systems thinking, design thinking and strategy can get you asking and working on the right questions and data to shift perspectives.

3:00 PM



GETTING IT RIGHT: LEADING WITH COURAGE THROUGH CHANGE

Ally Nitschke

Founder, Made For More

Often, as a leader in the community space we are relied upon to know the answers - yet sometimes, given the rate of change our communities and sector are experiencing, this can be challenging. How can you influence as a leader and create a sense of belonging and community for yourself and those you lead?

Join Ally as she shares the key 3 pillars to leading courageously in the modern world and explores the underpinning foundations of Clarity - what is my role and how do I lead myself? Communication - how do I do this with influence and impact? And Change - exploring strategies for navigating change for yourself, your team, and your community.

4:00 PM

CLOSE & REFLECTIONS

4:15 PM

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