

# VPS LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT SUMMIT

EMPOWERING INSIGHTS TO INSPIRE THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW



17 - 21  
JUNE 2019

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## LEARN FROM



**Kathryn Anderson**  
Deputy Secretary,  
Corporate Services



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Racing Integrity  
Commissioner



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Assistant  
Commissioner, Not for  
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**Lee Miesis**  
Deputy Secretary,  
Forest, Fire and  
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**Catherine Myers**  
Chief Executive  
Officer



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# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Leadership is linked to the quality of service provided to society. We have invited some of the most influential and accomplished leaders in the Victorian Public Sector to reflect on what it takes to make a difference as a leader.

Our lineup of outstanding leaders will share the defining moments of their careers and what it took to make their dreams a reality. Their advice and expert insight will give you the confidence to rise through the ranks of a career in the Victorian Public Sector.

- ▶ **Build** leadership capability & foster talent
- ▶ **Encourage** collaboration to improve productivity
- ▶ **Thrive** through times of change
- ▶ **Adapt** to values-based leadership

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## WHO WILL ATTEND?

Mid-to-senior level leaders in the Victorian Public Sector:

- ▶ VPS 4-7
- ▶ EO 3
- ▶ Directors
- ▶ Assistant Directors
- ▶ Managers
- ▶ Assistant Managers
- ▶ Branch / Section Managers
- ▶ APS 5-6
- ▶ EL 1-2
- ▶ Senior Officers
- ▶ Senior Coordinators

## WHAT OUR DELEGATES ARE SAYING

*“Very worthwhile and incredibly valuable. Liquid Learning is excellent. Really flawless, thank you.”*

*“The best conference I have been to. Packed an extraordinary amount of information, speakers, and messages into the 2 days.”*

## 18 JUNE SUMMIT DAY 1

### ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION IN A GOVERNMENT NETWORK KEYNOTE

9:00 - 9:50

Connectivity is often the key to success. Discover how to enhance personal leadership and departmental development by taking advantage of opportunities to collaborate.

**Kathryn Anderson**

Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services

**Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning**



### THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTING PASSION AND PURPOSE

CASE STUDY

9:50 - 10:40

Passion plays an important role in your leadership career. By connecting passion with purpose, you can heighten career fulfilment and boost visibility.

**Amanda Bavin**

Head of Community Relations

**Transport Accident Commission**



### ENHANCE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT THROUGH EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

CASE STUDY

10:55 - 11:45

Strategic engagement is highly effective. Great leaders know how to get the most out of people and effectively employ collaborative leadership.

**Cassandra Meagher**

Executive Director, Policy, Regulation & Engagement

**Service Victoria**



### STRENGTHEN YOUR MINDSET TO DRIVE SUCCESS

EXPERT COMMENTARY

11:45 - 12:35

The right mindset can have an incredible impact on the way you think, behave and succeed. Believing you are the creator of your reality as an eternal student will elevate your ability to produce breakthrough results.

**Tanja Jones**

Speaker, Coach & Author

**TMJ Coaching**

### EFFECTIVELY MANAGE TEAMS IN A FLEXIBLE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

PANEL

1:35 - 2:25

When dealing with multiple requests for flexible working arrangements, open and transparent processes are essential. Discover how you can lead effectively in a flexible environment.

**Catherine Myers**

Chief Executive Officer

**Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation**



**Nicole Harris**

Business Partner, People & Culture

**Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning**



**Gene Reardon**

Executive Director, Professional Practice and Leadership Division, Regional Services Group

**Department of Education and Training Victoria**



**Nanette Fitzgerald** Executive Director,

Industry Participation & Advanced Manufacturing

**Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions**



### IMPROVE COMMITMENT AND DEVELOPMENT WITH A STRONG ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE

CASE STUDY

2:25 - 3:15

The core of workplace success is often rooted in a strong organisational culture. It takes a skilled leader to facilitate the growth of a strong team in a supportive environment, but this isn't always an easy process.

**Michael Sasse**

Senior Army Officer

**Department of Defence**

### ADAPT YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO GAIN INFLUENCE

EXPERT COMMENTARY

3:30 - 4:20

Your personality influences the way you communicate. By noticing the traits of others, you can identify their communication style and adjust your approach accordingly.

**Jo Wise**

Director and Founder

**Jo Wise Leadership**

### DRINKS AND CANAPES

4:20 - 5:30

Continue to network while you enjoy complimentary refreshments.

# 19 JUNE

## SUMMIT DAY 2

### MANAGE DIFFICULT SITUATIONS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

KEYNOTE 9:00 - 9:50

Dealing with adversity in the public sector is critical as your actions can be publicly broadcast. On your leadership journey, it is inevitable that you will have to overcome difficult situations.

**Alan Fedda**  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Public Transport Victoria



### HOW LEADERS EARN TRUST & RESPECT

CASE STUDY 9:50 - 10:40

Gaining trust comes down to authenticity, consistency and clarity. If you master these skills, you can achieve great influence as a leader.

**Sal Perna**  
Racing Integrity Commissioner  
Office of the Racing Integrity Commissioner



### MAXIMISE YOUR EXECUTIVE PRESENCE

EXPERT COMMENTARY 10:55 - 11:45

Executive Presence is a quality of poise that enables you to connect with a range of people and influence successful outcomes. Increasingly, effective leadership is being defined by elements such as emotional intelligence, authenticity and personal grounding.

**Nell Wilson**  
Director  
Nell Wilson Consulting

### PUBLIC VALUE AS A STRATEGIC FOCUS

CASE STUDY 11:45 - 12:35

Public value is a government priority, but it can be difficult to deliver social outcomes with limited resources. Learn how to lift the quality of leadership and keep value delivery your core focus.

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### NAVIGATE UNCERTAIN TIMES & CONSTANT CHANGE

PANEL 1:35 - 2:25

Change is inevitable and uniquely complex to manage. It is crucial to understand and embrace the dynamics of uncertainty to truly lead effectively.

**Lee Miezis**  
Deputy Secretary, Forest, Fire and Regions  
Department of Environment, Land, Water & Resources



**Marian Chapman**  
Executive Director, Corporate Delivery Services  
Department of Treasury & Finance Victoria



**Lisa Williams**  
Chief Procurement Officer  
Department of Transport



**Lisa Hind**  
General Manager, Service Strategy &  
Governance AusIndustry, Support for Business  
Department of Industry, Innovation & Science



**Jennifer Moltisanti**  
Assistant Commissioner, Not for Profit  
Australian Taxation Office



### HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY

EXPERT COMMENTARY 2:25 - 3:15

The most common reason people pursue a public sector career is because they are passionate about making a difference. Learn how to identify your unique difference and use your passion, skills and influence to create a lasting legacy.

**Caroline Cameron**  
Executive Coach & Principle  
Possibility to Reality

### LEADERSHIP THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

ROUNDTABLE 3:30 - 4:30

In this interactive session, Jo will bring together the themes and ideas explored throughout the conference. Through an engaging discussion, she will help summarise key takeaways from the event and offer suggestions for making a difference.

**Jo Wise**  
Director & Founder  
Jo Wise Leadership

# 17 JUNE

## PRE-SUMMIT WORKSHOP

### RESILIENCE AND PERFORMANCE IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Practical tools to build your resilience and techniques to minimise stress. Discover proven methods to build emotional resilience and collaborative problem solving and meditation.

- ▶ The importance of resilient leadership
- ▶ Build confidence and self-awareness
- ▶ Manage stress and stay calm
- ▶ Develop executive presence

**Jo Wise**  
Director & Founder  
Jo Wise Leadership

# 20 & 21 JUNE

## POST-SUMMIT WORKSHOP

### VPS 5-6 HIGH PERFORMANCE & LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Delve into practical strategies relating to leading productive teams, improve decision making, apply strategic management thinking, develop key skills for stakeholder engagement and learn how to communicate confidently.

#### DAY 1

- ▶ Personal leadership values
- ▶ Advanced emotional intelligence
- ▶ Manage and lead productive teams
- ▶ Effective and practical decisionmaking

#### DAY 2

- ▶ Successful change and strategic management
- ▶ Thrive in times of change
- ▶ Stakeholder engagement and management
- ▶ Core approaches for VPS leaders to advance your confidence and capabilities

**Liz Tilley**  
Leadership Coach  
Liz Tilley Coaching

