

# 3<sup>RD</sup> WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION, INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR YOUR  
LEADERSHIP LEGACY



26 - 29  
NOVEMBER 2019  
SWISSÔTEL, SYDNEY

## LEARN FROM



**Anna Chau**  
Executive Director,  
Project Advisory



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General Manager,  
Strategic Projects



**Caitriona Comerford**  
Executive Director,  
People, Australia  
& India



**Sean Treweek**  
Chief Executive  
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Director, Transport  
Clients NSW & QLD



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# RECONSTRUCT TOMORROW

Construction, infrastructure, engineering, and architecture are ready for shifts in their foundations. Changes to technology, regulations, and the customer experience are placing pressure for evolution and responsiveness, putting to question the legacy mindsets that have dominated the industry for years.

As we look to the future, how can these industries become structurally flexible? How can we rethink the application of leadership to respond to external influences and opportunities?

It all starts with a reconstruction of leadership - improving the way we lead our teams and organisations while mastering the basics. Join the conversations as we breathe new life into leadership and inspire you to create a fulfilling future.

- ▶ **Redefine** leadership and collaborative teams
- ▶ **Optimise** your communication skills
- ▶ **Create** adaptive organisations and prepared teams
- ▶ **Forge** personal resilience

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## WHO WILL ATTEND?

Current, aspiring and future leaders in the Architectural, Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure industries in roles including:

- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Planning, Design & Project Management
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Human Resources
- ▶ Health & Safety
- ▶ Environment & Sustainability
- ▶ Innovation & Customer Experience
- ▶ Strategic Operations
- ▶ Marketing & Communications
- ▶ Legal & General Counsel
- ▶ Administration & Finance

**WHAT OUR DELEGATES ARE SAYING**

*“Was a great chance to meet new women and learn together while sharing our experiences.”*

## SUMMIT DAY 1

27 NOVEMBER

### NAVIGATE THE ROAD TO SUCCESS KEYNOTE

9:00 - 9:50

What does it take to reach the top? It's a question raised by most of us at least once in our careers, yet there is no simple answer. Career success takes dedication, a willingness to learn, and the ability to bring others along for the journey. Geraldine's extensive experience spans 20 years in the infrastructure industry, overseeing national and international initiatives and teams. Learn from Geraldine as she discusses what it truly takes to be successful in your dream career and as a leader who makes a mark in the industry.

**Geraldine Quinlan**  
General Manager, Strategic Projects  
**SMEC Australia Pty Ltd**



### THE ART & SCIENCE BEHIND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION EXPERT COMMENTARY

9:50 - 10:40

To be an effective leader, you must be able to influence stakeholders through structured conversations. As an expert in communications, Arabella will give you the skills to make an impact and communicate confidently.

**Arabella Macpherson**  
Founder & Communications Coach  
**Resonate Communications**

### LEADERS OF THE FUTURE CASE STUDY

10:55 - 11:45

As the world becomes more connected, more transparent, and more diverse, businesses need a new type of leadership. This new leadership requires different skills to lead organisations into the future successfully. CEO for Master Builders Australia, Denita Wawn, will share insight from her own leadership journey, her experience mentoring industry leaders across the country, and the tips, tools and technical know-how to accelerate and adapt your leadership for the future.

**Denita Wawn**  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Master Builders Australia**



### PERFECT THE BASICS OF LEADERSHIP CASE STUDY

11:45 - 12:35

The building blocks of exceptional leadership are vision, purpose, and teamwork. Learn how to develop a vision and a team that lasts the distance.

**Sally Anne Friedlander**  
Deputy Secretary - People, Performance and Culture  
**Department of Planning, Industry and Environment**



### CREATE & RETAIN ENGAGED LEADERS PANEL

1:35 - 2:35

Recruitment and participation of women has seen increased success over the past year, but there's still a long way to go. Our panel of experts will share how they are creating opportunities to engage and promote women in their organisations. They will teach you strategies to build a diverse and empowered workforce.

**Simon Parsons**  
Practice Leader  
& Executive  
Director



**Ann Austin**  
National  
Sustainability  
Manager



**Stuart Pearson**  
National Human  
Resources  
Manager



**Caitriona Comerford**  
Executive Director,  
People, Australia &  
India



### RETHINK MENTORING & SPONSORSHIP CASE STUDY

2:35 - 3:25

"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Most of us know that career journeys are not meant to be travelled alone. Having a support network championing you in your journey leads to win-win situations for everyone. Rowenna will explore the dynamic relationship of mentoring and sponsorship, share their insights, and discuss the benefits of mentor-mentee relationships.

**Rowenna Walker**  
Director, Transport Clients NSW & QLD  
**Jane Moran**  
Newcastle Manager  
**Aurecon**



### MASTER THE ART OF NETWORKING EXPERT COMMENTARY

3:40 - 4:30

Having the confidence to connect with people when first meeting them is vital for your personal and professional success. The next step is managing those relationships to ensure they are sustained and mutually beneficial. If 75% of people believe their networks do not support the results they need, what actions can you take to beat the odds?

**Julia Palmer** Relational Strategist and Chief Executive **Relatus**

### DRINKS & CANAPÉS

4:30 - 5:30

Continue to network while you enjoy complimentary refreshments.

**THE SIMPLICITY OF A RESILIENT MINDSET**

KEYNOTE

9:00 - 9:50

Overcoming barriers and leading through adversity can either break us or provide us with the opportunity to grow. Anna will share her career experience, the obstacles she's had to overcome and the simple truths that keep her resilient as a leader, and human.

**Anna Chau**Executive Director, Project Advisory  
**Infrastructure Australia****JUGGLING CLIENTS, PROJECTS & DEMANDS**

CASE STUDY

9:50 - 10:40

Creating change in organisations can be daunting. However, when seeds are sown strategically with the right timing, shifts in foundations start to appear. Danielle will unpack what it takes to be a catalyst leader in your industry. Cover everything from patience, persistence, and finding the right support to going against the grain for the greater good.

**Danielle Bull**General Manager, Product Support  
**WestTrac****FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING**

MINI-WORKSHOP

10:55 - 11:45

Your ability to adapt to disruption sets an example to the broader organisation. Developing an adaptable mindset will allow you to approach challenges and achieve the best results.

**Deb Assheton**Director  
**The Amplify Group****LEAD WITH EMPATHY & COLLABORATION**

CASE STUDY

11:45 - 12:35

How can empathy and collaboration be achieved in a more traditional, legacy style industry? Join Sarah as she shares her leadership journey transforming the experience of the London, New York, and Sydney studios of Woods Bagot to become innovative successes.

**Sarah Kay**Global Client Leader  
**Woods Bagot****PREPARING LEADERS FOR 2020 & BEYOND**

PANEL

1:35 - 2:35

With 2020 on the horizon, new challenges, hidden issues, and complex questions will begin to emerge. How can we prepare ourselves and future generations? Is technology a burden or an advantage? Is the Australian economy able to sustain the increase in building projects? Our panel of experts will give you strategies to prepare for the future.

**Jennie Buchanan**Director, Planning Due Diligence & Development Assessment  
**Ethos Urban****Stephen Surjan**Head of Operations  
**Roberts Pizzarotti****Diana Loges**Principal Complex Projects  
**Arup****Jo Whatley**People & Performance Manager  
**WestConnex****COMMUNICATION - THE SKILL OF THE FUTURE**

CASE STUDY

2:35 - 3:25

It's no secret that advancing technology continues to change the way we work. This progress also heightens the value of soft skills in the workplace. Accomplished leaders understand that the ability to artfully communicate, negotiate, and resolve conflict is as relevant as technical skills if you want to progress. Sean will share how learning to navigate challenging conversations is a skill that will put you ahead of the game, and guide you in creating win-win situations with all your stakeholders.

**Sean Treweek**Chief Executive Officer  
**Meinhardt****BECOMING TOMORROW'S LEADERS**

ROUNDTABLE

3:40 - 4:30

Lisa will guide a collaborative roundtable reflection to help you create an action plan with long-term goals.

**Lisa Mason**Leadership Coach  
**Delta Performance Coaching**

26 NOVEMBER

**PRE-SUMMIT WORKSHOP****MAXIMISE YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL - THE POWER OF AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP**

Learning to be self-aware and articulate your vision will develop and enhance your authentic leadership voice. In this interactive workshop, explore the value of authentic leadership, identify your purpose, and learn how to leverage your professional identity. You will be equipped with practical skills to communicate authentically, develop strategies to master emotional agility and learn best practice for balancing your workload and creating a personal action plan to unleash your leadership potential.

**Modules**

- ▶ Build your professional brand and leadership identity
- ▶ Enhance authentic and strategic communication
- ▶ Develop emotional agility and overcome criticism
- ▶ Balance your workload and create an active career plan

**Lisa Mason**Leadership Coach  
**Delta Performance Coaching**

29 NOVEMBER

**POST-SUMMIT WORKSHOP****LEADING HIGH PERFORMING TEAMS**

Your ability to self-lead and delegate responsibility stems from your understanding of your team's strengths. In this interactive full-day workshop, explore the relationship between leadership style and project success, develop skills for communicating and engaging stakeholders, and formulate a practical approach to collaboration and team management.

**Modules**

- ▶ The relationship between leadership style and project success
- ▶ Communicate and engage stakeholders in the process
- ▶ Practical approaches for collaborative project management
- ▶ The power of delegation in team management

**Mel Gholami**Managing Director  
**Planix Projects**

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