



*Women in  
Local Government*



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**WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CONFERENCE**

6 - 7 MARCH 2024





## SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2024

8.30am - 8.45am **Registration**

8.45am - 9.00am **Welcome and Introductions**

9.00am - 4.00pm **Conference sessions**

4.00pm - 6.00pm **Networking event**

### THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024

8.45am - 4.00pm **Conference sessions**



The **Women in Local Government Conference** was developed to empower women in the local government context.

The conference aims to consider the application of leadership to engage women in the sector, developing techniques for the 'every-day' leader and creating a workplace culture that values the contribution of women in all aspects and levels of the organisation.

By connecting women across the local government sector, we aim to provide those women with access to valuable insights, effective real-world strategies from skilled facilitators, and plenty of opportunities to network, collaborate and share ideas.

**International Women's Day (IWD)** is a global event celebrated annually on March 8 to commemorate the cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements of women.

Join LGMA to celebrate Women in Local Government in Queensland.

## PROGRAMME

### CEO Panel

The CEO Panel is a favourite feature of the Women of Local Government Conference. Hear from experienced CEOs about how they have built successful local government careers, what critical skills and approaches they have brought with them and what advice they would give those following in their footsteps.

### Tackling the negatives

Despite all of our organisations' efforts to stamp out such behaviours, sadly many of us will experience bullying and harassment in the workplace. This session will consider how we can deal with incidents when they occur in order to protect our own mental wellbeing and what action we should take for the benefit of our teams and ourselves.

### Update your profile

Social media platforms regularly call on us to update our profile. But our profile goes beyond just our social media presence. What is the 'profile' you present both online and in real life? Is it working for you, keeping you safe and supporting you in your roles and development?

### The imposter in the room

Imposter syndrome is real and, at its worst, can lead to self-sabotage and failure to deliver to capability. Why do we suffer from it (and why do some of us not experience it) and what can you do to manage it, both in yourself and when you see it in others?

### Meet the 2023 Young Manager of the Year

The Young Manager of the Year Award is a prestigious award which goes to only a single Queensland local government officer each year. The officer must have demonstrated skills and commitment to the sector that stand out from peers. They are a continuous learner, have demonstrated leadership capacity and are delivering for their organisation and community. In this session we will speak to the 2023 Young Manager of the Year to explore her experiences and achievements. An inspirational session is guaranteed.

### Managing difficult relationships

There will always be people who you do not click with and some of these people will impact your job satisfaction and performance. This session will explore how to manage those difficult relationships, have the challenging conversations and be assertive when you need to. This can include relationships upwards, sideways and even with elected members.

### Critical Duos

Individual performance and team productivity rely on the quality of relationships; levels of trust, clarity of roles and responsibilities; respect. We refer to each of the relationships between two individuals in a team as a duo. This session will explore the importance of these relationships through discussion with two duos about their daily working and interactions.

## KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS



**Kerri Pottharst**

Kerri Pottharst is Australia's most decorated Indoor and Beach Volleyball player, having represented her country for an incredible 20 years. Renowned for being one of the fiercest competitors in the world of Volleyball, Kerri is now also known for being a successful speaker, MC, workshop facilitator, coach, mentor, entrepreneur, and published author.

Kerri shares her Gold Medal Excellence strategies with unforgettable tales that combine motivational messages with fun. She brings her hard-earned skills of leadership, teamwork, communication and more to Australia's corporate audiences.

Using entertaining anecdotes from her experiences as a competitor, and as a regular commentator at the Olympic Games and other sporting events,

Kerri motivates and inspires her audiences to overcome their fears and self-doubts, to set goals and to push through the barriers to achieve them. An expert at reinventing herself time and time again, Kerri can relate to the constant need to deal with a changing world to stay successful and reach even greater goals.

Kerri's unique message is as relevant to high level executives as it is to more junior teams. Her in-depth research and preparation ensures the content is relevant and specific to each audience, every time. A consummate professional and experienced presenter, she is as quick-thinking on her feet now as she was on the courts.

Amongst Kerri's many skills is her innate ability to connect with the audience in a way that is warm, authentic, and most importantly, relatable.

The same strategies that took her to Gold are easily adapted by audiences to achieve their own corporate and personal goals.



**Jackie Furey**

Jackie Furey is known as one of Australia's leading clinical psychotherapists and a specialist in relationships and Mental Health well-being. For the past 30 years Jackie has helped thousands of people in their personal and professional lives to deal more effectively and successfully with the challenges presenting in today's wonderful yet fast paced and ever-changing world.

Jackie's work on 'well-being' – creating mental strength and emotional resilience has been presented in over 40 major cities around the world. This has resulted in her conducting over 25,000 hours of face to face consultations and having thousands of people benefit from her life-changing keynotes and workshops.

Jackie is university trained in counselling and psychotherapy, a clinical member of PACFA – the Australian governing body of Psychotherapists and Counsellors, a clinical member of AAOS – the Australian Association of supervisors enabling her to offer supervision to other mental health professionals and a member of eMHPrac (black dog institute) and The Ethics Centre.

She also hosted Australia's much-loved radio talk back relationship show on Mix 106.5 Sydney for 5 years and was a weekly guest on the morning show for Channel 9.

Jackie's wellness experience also covers meditation (which she has practiced and taught) for over 30 years), conflict resolution, interventions for drug and alcohol issues and facilitating support groups for people struggling with addictions and mood disorders. Jackie regularly offers her time pro bono to support people working at the coal face in charities and community centres.

## REGISTRATION

**\$990**

Council Officer Early Bird  
(Booked and paid on or before 5 February)

**\$1200**

Council Officer Standard Registration  
(Booked and paid on or after 6 February)

### REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:

Tea breaks and lunch on Wednesday and Thursday along with the Networking event on Wednesday afternoon. Registration fees do not include travel, transport or accommodation.

### HOW TO REGISTER:

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### Hotel Grand Chancellor Brisbane

23 Leichardt Street  
Spring Hill Q 4000

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Check in is from 14.00 and check out is at 11.00. Full buffet breakfast is available in Fresco's Restaurant.

Phone: 07 3831 4055

Email: [reservations@hgcbribsbane.com.au](mailto:reservations@hgcbribsbane.com.au)

Car Parking: \$15.00 per day for all delegates (up to 10 hours) and \$32.00 (10-24 hours)

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Visit the Translink website to plan your journey: <https://translink.com.au/>

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Business Casual: As the room temperature may vary, we suggest wearing layered clothing to ensure you are comfortable throughout the day.

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