

# GENERAL MANAGERS NETWORK



## IN CONVERSATION WITH OUR CEO'S: PAUL SUTTON VICTORIA MACKIRDY MARK WITHERS

**When /** Thursday, 13 June 2019

**Where /** City of Charles Sturt.  
72 Woodville Road, Woodville

**Time /** 10:30am – 2:00pm  
Includes networking lunch at NNQ

**Investment (Inc GST) /**  
LG Professionals, SA Members \$100 / Non - Members \$150

**Register online /**  
[www.lgprofessionalssa.org.au/event-3289977](http://www.lgprofessionalssa.org.au/event-3289977)

**Registrations close /** Monday, 10 June 2019

### PROGRAM

10:30 am	Arrivals, tea and coffee
10:50 am	Welcome
11:00 am	Our Stories: CEO's share their journeys
11:30 am	In Conversation: CEO Panel Discussion
12:30 pm	Networking Lunch
2:00 pm	Event Close

### AIMS

- ∴ Strengthen networks with peers
- ∴ Prepare to navigate the current Executive movement in the sector
- ∴ Learn how Executive Teams can support each other and the organisation during complex times
- ∴ Take away tips to build trust and communicate effectively with new Councils

Turn over for more on our speakers.

### JOIN US!

Registrations for this event are open to Local Government Professionals Australia, SA members, council employees, employees of regional subsidiaries. For further information please contact **Tahlia Willey, Network & Program Officer** on **8291 7994**.

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## About Local Government Professionals Australia, SA

Local Government Professionals Australia, SA is a not-for-profit member based association representing professionals working in local government in South Australia. We have the ability to link and connect people from different councils who may not otherwise form relationships or share with each other. Our high quality professional development programs and networking events are uniquely local government – reflective of the culture of the sector and sensitive to the needs of its professionals. The content of our events and programs are informed by our members and people who genuinely care about the sector. We provide a safe and supportive environment in which to grow and learn while creating opportunities to make time away from the office to work on the business or on self. We award and acknowledge achievements of excellence.

## Developed by the sector, for the sector

All proceeds from our networks are directly reinvested to further develop the local government sector through continued support of professional networks, events and learning and development initiatives for local government professionals.



## Cancellation Policy

Whilst Local Government Professionals Australia, SA is sympathetic to the inevitability of changing circumstances, each cancelled registration incurs a cost. It is for this reason that the following section of our cancellation policy applies;

- Cancellations received more than 2 weeks prior to commencement: **100% refund**
- Cancellations received between 2 weeks and 1 day prior to commencement: **50% refund**
- Cancellations received on the day: **no refund**

In all cases substitutions are a welcome alternative. In this instance, no fees will be charged but LG Professionals, SA must still be notified of the substitution as soon as practical.

In the event of extenuating circumstances, requests for waiver of cancellation fees **MUST** be made in writing to the CEO and will be honoured only if they have been confirmed in writing by the CEO.

## SPEAKERS



### Paul Sutton, Chief Executive Officer – City of Charles Sturt

Paul Sutton has worked at the City of Charles Sturt for more than 11 years, and been CEO since mid 2015.

With over 20 years of local government experience, Paul has held roles in a range of disciplines including general management, governance, strategy and policy, organisational development and program review.

His leadership is strongly focused on collaboration and bringing both people and agencies together for the betterment of the community.

He is an approachable and authentic leader with experience in addressing complex challenges and delivering strategic outcomes. Paul is committed to an effective and flexible public sector, delivering services and infrastructure to the community in a responsive and efficient way.

Paul has tertiary qualifications in engineering and management disciplines including a Master of Business Administration (Uni of Adelaide). He has been a member of a variety of boards and was most recently Company Secretary and Executive Committee Member of IPAA SA (Institute Public Administration of Australia) as well as a Member of the IPAA National Council. He was awarded fellowship of the National Institute in 2016.



### Victoria MacKirdy, Chief Executive Officer – City of Victor Harbor

Victoria is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Victor Harbor. She has over 20 years experience in Local Government having worked with a number of Councils across the State, along with the Local Government Association of SA. Victoria's expertise and interests are in the areas of strategic planning, community engagement, economic development, governance, performance management, and organisational development.

Victoria has been a Board Member of LG Professionals, SA for more than six years and served as President in 2014, she is also National Director for Local Government Professionals Australia. Victoria's commitment to LG Professionals, SA is a true reflection of her passion for the sector and for developing, supporting and showcasing the skills, expertise and opportunities within Local Government.

Victoria is also a Director on Country Arts South Australia, Chair of the Governance and Finance Committee for Country Arts SA, Deputy Chair for Regional Development Australia (Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island) and very proudly a board member of Chief's for Gender Equity representing Local Government.



### Mark Withers, Chief Executive Officer – City of Port Adelaide Enfield

Mark is currently the CEO of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield.

He has tertiary qualifications in Management and Social Science and has spent the last 35 years working in Local Government. Mark has worked in nine Adelaide Metropolitan Councils and held previous CEO positions at both Charles Sturt and Unley Councils.

He is a Board Member of LG Professionals, SA and a past National President of Local Government Professionals Australia. He is a current member of the CEO Advisory Group to the LGA. Mark is also a Board Member of Environmental Protection Authority SA.