

# WOMEN'S NETWORK



## MY STORY: WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### AIMS

- ∴ Build confidence
- ∴ Broaden your perspective of the sector
- ∴ Take time out of the office to think, reflect, plan and be inspired
- ∴ Build your professional networks

The Women's Network are pleased to bring their next forum to the Murray Mallee Region.

A fantastic opportunity to network with your peers and be inspired by other women in the sector.

### MY STORY

Deb Brokenshire and Amy Loechel, Directors at the Mid Murray Council will share their stories, including their career journeys so far and their advice on how women in the sector can best support each other.

### PANEL DISCUSSION

Hear from inspiring women in and out of the sector, each at different stages in their career journeys.

- ∴ Carmel Noon, General Manager Corporate Affairs – Beston Foods
- ∴ Shen Mann, Principal Strategy & Policy Officer – Alexandrina Council
- ∴ Deb Brokenshire, Director People and Culture – Mid Murray Council
- ∴ Amy Loechel, Director Community Services – Mid Murray Council

Our panel will share:

- Career insights
- A message to their younger selves
- Advice for other generations entering the local government workforce
- Their experience with gender equity

### JOIN US!

Registrations for this event are open to Local Government Professionals Australia, SA members, Council employees, employees of regional subsidies.

For further information please contact **Tahlia Willey, Network & Program Officer** at [connect@lgprofessionalssa.org.au](mailto:connect@lgprofessionalssa.org.au) or phone **8291 7994**

**When /** Friday, 21 June 2019

**Where /** Karoonda Districts Football Clubrooms.  
Corner of West Tce & Karoonda Highway, Karoonda.

**Time /** 10.00am – 2:30pm  
Includes networking lunch

**Investment (Inc GST) /**  
LG Professionals, SA Members - Complimentary  
Non-Members - \$75

**Register online /**  
<https://www.lgprofessionalssa.org.au/event-3289978>

**Registrations close /** Monday 17 June 2019

### PROGRAM

10:00 am	Arrivals & Morning Tea
10:15 am	Welcome
10:20 am	My Story – Deb Brokenshire, Mid Murray Council
10:40 am	My Story – Amy Loechel, Mid Murray Council
11:00 pm	Panel Discussion
12:00 pm	Networking Lunch
12:30 pm	Resilience & Self Care Workshop
2:30 pm	Event close

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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.



## SPEAKERS



### Deb Brokenshire

Deb Brokenshire is Mid Murray Council's Director People and Culture, a role which encompasses the areas of Governance, property management, business improvement and HR.

Deb places extremely high importance on positive working relationships, respect, trust and leading by example. She is enthusiastic, proficient and versatile with a reputation for "thinking outside the square", a passion for team work and public relations and the adage of continuous improvement.



### Amy Loechel

Amy Loechel brings more than 12 years' of experience in the Community Development field. In the current position of Director, Community Services with the Mid Murray Council, Amy has been influencing social change in the areas of livability, health and wellbeing, and positive jobs growth.

Amy's position in community development showcases a wide range of expertise, including the implementation of open space and recreation strategies, childhood and youth development and collective impact initiatives. For more than a decade, she was an integral motivator leading our disadvantaged community in the fields of youth justice and social work.

Amy is a current board member of Parks and Leisure Australia SA/NT developing strategies for personal growth across the sector.



### Carmel Noon

Carmel Noon has held a number of Chief Executive Officer/Senior Executive positions across the private and public sectors, universities, professional associations and government.

She was previously CEO of Kangaroo Island Council, coming back to Adelaide she was appointed to the role of CEO of the Institute of Public Administration (IPAA) and then the State Manager SA&NT for the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD). Shortly after leaving the SA&NT Division of the AICD the Chairman/President engaged her in the capacity of General Manager, Group Corporate Affairs for an ASX company he founded — Beston Global Food Company, predominately focusing on business transformation.

Carmel's mantra is, "always leave an organisation in a better state than when you found it, that gold standard governance practice underpins all successful organisations and culture eats strategy."



### Shen Mann

Shen has 15 years' experience across the private, non-profit, federal and local government sectors as a lawyer, campaigner, policy adviser and project manager. In her current role as Principal Strategy and Policy Officer at Alexandrina Council, Shen leads Council's environmental sustainability, marketing & communications and strategic planning functions. Shen is Chair of the Ranges to River NRM Group and a founder of Ideas on the Fleurieu, a community-driven think tank hosting public events which connect good ideas with good people.



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### 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.

## WORKSHOP PRESENTER



### Anna Doecke, Journeez Consulting

Anna Doecke is a Counsellor and Speaker who has more than 15 years' experience working with adults and young people. Anna suffered burnout in her mid-20's. Through her own personal counselling journey and the work of Brené Brown, Anna gained confidence and discovered her true self. Anna is now the Owner of Journeez Counselling and Personal Development and does individual counselling with women.

She also takes her message to groups and organisations as a skilled presenter, delivering a strong, clear message on topics from Brené Brown's work including authenticity, vulnerability, courage and self-care.

Anna finds it a privilege to facilitate conversations around topics that are often avoided but bring so much freedom to one's personal experience. Anna is a proud Aunty, lover of mini-golf and dessert cafes and loves spending time with friends and family. Her life aim is to live life to the fullest.