



Hawker Brownlow
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Women in EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

FIRST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

BRISBANE

Friday 4, Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 March 2016

FEATURING: Ita Buttrose AO OBE, Alma Harris, Michelle Jones, Lyn Sharratt, Barbara Watterson, Janelle Wills

'POSITIVE ACTIONS OF WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE GLOBALLY'

The Women in Educational Leadership Conference is designed to acknowledge, celebrate and learn from the achievements of women around the world.

CONFERENCE FOCUS

SHARE STORIES: Our selection of local and international speakers will discuss their educational journeys and the challenges they have overcome to become successful leaders. Attendees will also have the opportunity to talk about their personal experiences and have their questions addressed by the speakers and delegates.

DEVELOP STRATEGIES: Whether you are currently in a leadership position or are working towards becoming a leader, a commitment to professional learning is a must. Attendees will learn how to identify and utilise effective strategies to ensure success.

OVERCOME CHALLENGES: Every educator will face roadblocks throughout their career. Attendees will discover some of the most common challenges leaders face and proven techniques for beating them.

NETWORK: A main aim of this conference is to bring educators together. Through meeting in a collaborative environment, delegates will communicate and problem-solve relevant issues together, whilst building industry-wide relationships.



FEATURING:

Ita Buttrose AO OBE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 4 MARCH: Welcome dinner

MC: Tonia Flanagan, Director of the Centre for Professional Learning Communities

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	WELCOME AND CANAPÉS
6.00 pm – 8.30 pm	DINNER INCLUDING KEYNOTE BY ITA BUTTROSE AO OBE
8.30 pm – 9.00 pm	REFLECTION AND CLOSING

SATURDAY 5 MARCH: Day 1

9.00 am – 9.10 am	WELCOME
9.10 am – 9.50 am	KEYNOTE 1: “Building nets, not pyramids: Women’s ways of leading” by Dr Lyn Sharratt
9.50 am – 10.05 am	FIRESIDE CHAT <i>During the fireside chat, conference delegates will be asked to share their stories of leadership challenges and strategies that link specifically to the content of Keynote 1.</i>
10.05 am – 10.45 am	KEYNOTE 2: “Sometimes we need to get out of our own way: turning challenges into opportunities” by Dr Barbara Watterston
10.45 am – 11.00 am	FIRESIDE CHAT <i>During the fireside chat, conference delegates will be asked to share their stories of leadership challenges and strategies that link specifically to the content of Keynote 2.</i>
11.00 am – 11.30 am	MORNING TEA
11.30 am – 1.00 pm	FACILITATED OPEN SPACE FORUMS: SESSION 1 <i>The goal of the facilitated open space forums is to create time for participants to engage deeply and creatively with issues of concern to them. Delegates will set the agenda, as they have the power and desire to see the emerging strategies and actions through, and this results in a transformative experience for all involved.</i>
1.00 pm – 1.45 pm	LUNCH
1.45 pm – 3.30 pm	FACILITATED OPEN SPACE FORUMS: SESSION 2 <i>The goal of the facilitated open space forums is to create time for participants to engage deeply and creatively with issues of concern to them. Delegates will set the agenda, as they have the power and desire to see the emerging strategies and actions through, and this results in a transformative experience for all involved.</i>
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	KEYNOTE 3: “Challenging your own mental model of leadership” by Dr Janelle Wills

SUNDAY 6 MARCH: Day 2

9.00 am – 9.10 am	WELCOME
9.10 am – 10.00 am	KEYNOTE 4: “The levers for genuine change and the implications for leadership” by Dr Alma Harris and Dr Michelle Jones
10.00 am – 10.15 am	FIRESIDE CHAT <i>During the fireside chat, conference delegates will be asked to share their stories of leadership challenges and strategies that link specifically to the keynote content.</i>
10.15 am – 11.00 am	“ESTABLISHING COLLABORATIVE TEAMS OF INTEREST” with Dr Janelle Wills and Tonia Flanagan <i>Through structured dialogue, participants will consider how, as a result of their learning, they will address the key issues that have emerged for them at the conference.</i>
11.00 am – 11.30 am	MORNING TEA
11.30 am – 12.30 pm	Q&A PANEL with Dr Alma Harris, Dr Michelle Jones, Dr Lyn Sharratt, Dr Barb Watterston and Dr Janelle Wills <i>Panelists will revisit the challenges that were identified at the beginning of the conference and respond to delegates’ questions.</i>
12.30 pm	CONFERENCE CLOSE

ABOUT SPEAKERS



Ita Buttrose AO OBE

Ita Buttrose AO OBE is a truly exceptional Australian: a legendary media editor, businesswoman, best-selling author, committed community and welfare contributor and 2013 Australian of the Year. Ita currently co-hosts Studio 10 on Network TEN.

Twice voted Australia's most admired woman, Ita Buttrose was the youngest ever and an unprecedentedly successful Editor of The Australian Women's Weekly, the founding editor of Cleo, the first woman to ever edit a major metropolitan newspaper in Australia as Editor-in-Chief of the Sydney Daily & Sunday Telegraphs, and the first woman director of News Limited. In 2011, Ita's early career was the subject of highly-acclaimed ABC miniseries Paper Giants: The Birth of Cleo.

She received an AO for her services to the community especially in the field of public health education when she spearheaded Australia's HIV/AIDS Education Program, an OBE for her services to journalism, and a Centenary Medal for business leadership. Ita Buttrose is the current National Ambassador of Alzheimer's Australia having served as National President from 2011-2014, Patron of the Macular Disease Foundation, and Emeritus Director of Arthritis Australia.

In 2014 Sydney's Macquarie University conferred an Honorary Doctor of Letters on Ita in recognition of her contribution to the arts. In 2015, Ita was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Letters by the University of Wollongong, for her contribution to mental health and ageing.



Dr Janelle Wills

Janelle is the Director of Marzano Institute Australia. Janelle is the lead training associate for High Reliability Schools, The Art and Science of Teaching and other Marzano Research topics. She works extensively with schools, regions and systems throughout Australia. With over 30 years of teaching and leadership experience, Janelle has a strong commitment to continued learning enabling her to remain both informed and innovative in her approach. Through practical application, she has been able to link theory to practice resulting in the development of significant initiatives both within schools and across schools at a sector level.



Dr Barbara Watterson

Barbara is the Director of Watterston Consulting, specialising in facilitation and research focused on the design and delivery of quality professional learning projects and programs to develop, enhance and promote the work of the profession, and in particular, school and system leadership. Barbara has over 30 years experience in education and has held a number of teaching and school leadership positions. Prior to her arrival in Melbourne and joining the Centre for Strategic Education, Barbara was the General Manager of the Leadership Centre in Western Australia. Her current projects include the design and delivery of emerging, executive and system leadership programs.



Dr Lyn Sharratt

Lyn has been a school superintendent, curriculum consultant, administrator and has taught all elementary grades and secondary-age students in inner-city and rural settings in Canada. Lyn has analysed and commented on public policy for a provincial trustee organisation and has taught in pre-service and post-graduate programs at three universities. Lyn has led Professional Learning programs in a provincial teachers' union head office and is lead author of four best-selling books. Currently, Lyn coordinates the doctoral internship program in Leadership and Policy at the University of Toronto, and is an advisor for International School Leadership with the Ontario Principals' Council.



Dr Michelle Jones

Michelle has over 28 years experience in the education sector. Michelle's most recent substantive position was that of principal of a large school in one of the highest areas of deprivation in South Wales, UK. In 2008, Michelle became a School Effectiveness Associate for the Welsh Government and subsequently a Professional Education Adviser assisting with teacher and principal professional learning in over 2000 schools. Most recently, Michelle has been working with government agencies in England, Russia and Australia to contribute to the design and delivery of their professional learning programs and her current role is in development and internationalisation at the Institute of Educational Leadership, University of Malaya.



Dr Alma Harris

Alma current role is Professor and Director of the Institute of Educational Leadership, University of Malaya. Her research work focuses on organisational change and development. Alma is internationally known for her work on school improvement, focusing particularly on improving schools in challenging circumstances. Her book 'Distributed Leadership in Schools: Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow' (2008) has been translated into several languages. Alma's book 'Distributed Leadership Matters: Perspectives, Practicalities and Potential' has been influential in supporting leadership across Australia.



Tonia Flanagan

Tonia Flanagan is a director of the Centre for Professional Learning Communities (CPLC). She currently serves as a senior training associate for Hawker Brownlow Professional Learning Solutions (HBPLS). With 32 years of experience in education as a teacher, regional curriculum advisor, school principal and consultant, Tonia has expertise in instructional leadership and how it can have a direct impact on student achievement.

REGISTRATION

MEN ARE WELCOME PARTICIPANTS

Friday 4 March	\$150 pp (inc GST)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Saturday 5 March & Sunday 6 March	\$630 pp (inc GST)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conference & dinner	\$750 pp (inc GST)	<input type="checkbox"/>

DATE & VENUE INFO

Date: Friday 4, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 March 2016

Venue: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Corner of Merivale & Glenelg Streets,
South Brisbane, QLD 4101

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