

AUSTRALIAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & CAPABILITY SUMMIT

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REAL-WORLD PROJECTS



The Event Timing is Perfect!

Industry-specific and award-winning leadership projects in action.

7:45 AM

Complimentary Brekkie Served

8:00 AM

Brekkie Leadership Insights Talk

From Compliance to Culture: Safety Leadership

Join Brett on a Safety Leadership Transformation to learn how to shift safety from compliance to a core leadership value. Gain insights on project design, leadership involvement and learning techniques for lasting cultural change. Discover award-winning initiatives for fostering leadership growth in your organisation.



Brett Archer, Capability Development Lead, SBS

9:00 AM

Headliner Leadership Talk

Future-Proofing Leadership: Building Capabilities for a Tech-Driven World

Amalia helps leaders adapt to rapid technological changes by developing digital fluency, agility, and a culture of continuous learning. This session covers the impact of AI, automation and data-driven decision-making, offering strategies to bridge capability gaps and future-proof leadership skills. Leaders will gain practical insights to navigate change and drive innovation in an evolving landscape.



Amalia Chilianis, GM Organisational Development, The Lotteries Corporation

9:40 AM

Headliner Leadership Talk

Unlocking Success: Mastering Onboarding, Engagement, and Learning to Reduce Attrition for Employees and Contractors.

This presentation provides an in-depth look at the Abano Onboarding, Engagement, and Learning Capabilities Framework, with a focus on reducing attrition and supporting both employees and contractors. It will explore how an inclusive and adaptable approach ensures seamless onboarding for all new team members, regardless of employment status. Additionally, it highlights the critical role mentoring plays in fostering growth and engagement and shares strategies for managing a diverse workforce while promoting continuous learning and development to boost retention.



Nicole Keating, Head of Engagement & Dilhan Rajasingham, Capability Lead, Abano Healthcare Group

10:20 AM

Headliner Leadership Talk

Developing Capable Leaders: Using Training to Manage Workplace Aggression, Individual Stress and Organisational Change.

This session focuses on leadership training that goes beyond policy awareness to help individuals navigate pressure, de-escalate tensions, and respond thoughtfully. By incorporating stress management, feedback skills, and emotional intelligence training, organisations can prevent liability, and develop strong leaders. Emphasising growth and support, this training sends a message of acceptance of human complexity.



Adrian Phoon, Head of Content, GRC Solutions

11:00 AM

Network Coffee/Tea Break

11:40 AM

Headliner Leadership Talk

Empowering The Future: How Investing in Emerging Leaders Makes a Difference

Unlock the potential of future leaders by investing in strategic development, mentorship, and tailored opportunities. Learn how developing leadership skills early can drive long-term success and create a sustainable talent pipeline for your organisation. Join us to discover the transformative power of nurturing emerging talent and fostering a culture of performance, collaboration, and resilience.



Katherine Watkinson, Leadership Learning & Development Manager, Metcash

12:20 PM

Headliner Leadership Talk

Amid Change and Uncertainty: People Matter More Than Ever!

In a world where technology evolves rapidly and uncertainty is the norm, human connection matters more than ever. Studies show that feelings of loneliness have doubled since the 1980s, highlighting a growing need for meaningful relationships. As change accelerates, prioritising people and fostering genuine connections has never been more critical.



Andrew Mielder, Director, Blanchard Australia

1:00 PM

NETWORK BUFFET LUNCH

Enjoy a buffet lunch in the Rydges Amber restaurant, network with coworkers and speakers, and meet new industry contacts.

2:00 PM

Headliner Leadership Talk

Leading in a Virtual World: How VR is Transforming Leadership Development

Explore how Virtual Reality (VR) is reshaping leadership training, enabling immersive, realistic scenarios that accelerate the development of critical leadership skills. This session will discuss how VR facilitates safe experimentation, real-time feedback, and accelerated learning outcomes. Attendees will learn how leading Australian organisations are leveraging VR to build confident, capable, and adaptable leaders for the future.



Peter Clowes, Founder & CEO, Maxart

2:40 PM

Headliner Leadership Talk

Transforming Leadership: How Alignment Fuels Organisation Momentum

Vicki and Sarah will talk about how Keypath Education's business outcomes and leadership abilities were enhanced by a targeted leadership approach. Over the course of ten months, Keypath saw notable progress and quantifiable leadership outcomes by developing 26 leaders through coaching, group sessions, and real-world application.



Vicki Tsiaras, Capability Manager, Keypath Education & Sarah Stone, Director, linkABLE

3:20 PM

Headliner Leadership Talk

Leading the Room: How Presence and Communication Shape Influence

How can we take control to connect, inspire, and lead with impact when our workplaces are changing so rapidly? Drawing on techniques taught to performing artists, Jo Turner will demonstrate how vocal and physical tools used in performance can elevate your leadership presence. Through a dynamic and practical approach, discover how to harness these skills to enhance your influence and lead with confidence.



Jo Turner, Executive Coach, NIDA Corporate Training

4:00 PM

Complimentary Network Drinks & Canapés

Outline of Agenda Key Skills & Knowledge Points

- Innovative approaches to problem-solving that develop specific leadership capabilities.
- Providing practical learning outcomes for effective team leadership.
- Tips for implementing award-winning projects.
- Building scalable and sustainable leadership projects.
- Insights on leadership development powered by the latest tech advances.
- Transforming organisational culture to drive positive change...and more!

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