

**IWA Conference &  
SIG Meetings 2023**

# Leading the Future

**16 - 17 November  
Yarra Valley Lodge**

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Group activities will all take place on the grounds of Yarra Valley Lodge

## SIG Meetings Thursday 16 November

Yarra Valley Lodge  
2 Heritage Ave, Chirnside Park

### SIG Meetings- New Format!

This year we are incorporating some group activities into the SIG meetings to create a more cohesive environment where ALL SIGs can be onsite at the one venue and have the opportunity to network with each other throughout the day.

The group activities connect to our conference theme of 'Leading the Future' and will be run in the morning and afternoon so all SIG attendees can participate.

#### Group 1

SIG Meeting Agenda 9:00am – 12:30pm

SIG	Meeting Space	Convenor
Executive Assistants	Wortley	<a href="#">Ros Shipton</a> <a href="#">Julie Douglas</a> (Deputy)
Information Technology	Elham	<a href="#">Andrew Dilley</a>
Corporate Governance	Marmion 1	<a href="#">Robyn Gaeth</a> <a href="#">Lara Jimenez</a> (Deputy)
Customer Service	Marmion 2	<a href="#">Huw Brokensha</a> <a href="#">Janine McGrath</a> (Deputy)
Human Resources	Bella PDR	<a href="#">Marnie Rowden</a> <a href="#">Ian Mewburn</a> (Deputy)
Finance	Birrarung	<a href="#">Jack Reilly</a> <a href="#">Aydan Walker</a> (Deputy)

#### Group 2

SIG Meeting Agenda 1:30pm – 5:00pm

SIG	Meeting Space	Convenor
Communications	Marmion 1	<a href="#">Holly Noonan</a>
Energy & Greenhouse	Bella PDR	<a href="#">Delia Naughton Phommathet</a>
Environment	Marmion 2	<a href="#">Shelley Kyriazis</a> <a href="#">Kirsten Hogan</a> (Deputy)
Development Services	Birrarung	<a href="#">Adam Heaton</a> <a href="#">Nigel Gerreyn</a> (Deputy)
Technical Services	Elham	<a href="#">Angela Kelly</a> <a href="#">David Kirby</a> (Deputy)

#### Breaks

Morning Tea 10am

Lunch 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Afternoon Tea 2:30pm

### Group Activities

#### Connection to Country Workshop - Catherine Althaus

Running at 9am (Group 2) and 1:30pm (Group 1)

This one hour workshop facilitated [Catherine Althaus](#), will explore how we can integrate indigenous values and experiences into leadership and decision making, whilst learning how to resonate and connect with country from a western lens. We hope to run this session outside in nature, weather permitting.

#### 'Beat the Box' Leadership Challenge

Running at 10:30am (Group 2) and 3:00pm (Group 1)

This 1.5 hour activity run by [Be Challenged](#), will be conducted in small teams or SIG groups and focus on building leadership skills as teams utilise each individual's different skills to uncover a series of mysteries and collaborate with other teams to crack a code!



## Conference Dinner & Accommodation Thursday 16 November

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### Conference Dinner

Please join us for the conference dinner! Always a highlight on the conference program. A fantastic opportunity to catch up and network with the water sector's trail blazers. We'd be delighted to see you again or welcome you if it's your first time to an IWA event.

**Format:** Three course meal with limited alcoholic beverages  
**Time:** 6:30pm (pre-dinner drinks) for 7:00pm start  
**Dress:** Corporate attire  
**Cost:** \$130+GST per person



### Accommodation

Special accommodation rates have been arranged for IWA Conference delegates at **Yarra Valley Lodge** with room and breakfast for one at \$270 per night

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### Guest Speaker - Dr Nerina Di Lorenzo

Dr Nerina Di Lorenzo has been Managing Director of Melbourne Water since December 2021. She has extensive senior leadership experience, including five years as CEO of Merribek City Council, and executive roles spanning all aspects of city infrastructure. Nerina is committed to leading with purpose through this 'decade that matters', keeping our community in focus both today and for generations to come.



**Car Parking**  
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free of charge



Marmion Room - Yarra Valley Lodge  
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Conference Program  
Friday 17 November

**Conference Details**  
**Cost:** \$250 + GST per person  
**Inclusions:** Coffee, morning tea and lunch

8:30am	<b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>
9:00am	<b>Welcome &amp; Context:</b> Christina Bassani, IWA President 2023/24
9:05am	<b>Welcome to Country</b> Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
9:15am	<b>Opening Address</b> The Hon. Harriet Shing, Minister for Water
9:25am	<b>Sponsor's address:</b> Francois Gouws, Managing Director, TRILITY
9:30am	<b>PANEL SESSION - Leadership in the Decade that Matters</b> Insights Women Leadership Course participants will share insights that emerged through a collaborative project and bring to life the commitments made to embedding transformational leadership for organisations and individuals. Professor Briony Rogers, Rebecca Hanley, Amy Singe, Corinne Mays, Melissa Stephens, Anna Stow, Deb Fankhauser and Christina Bassani
10:30am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:00am	<b>How to stay grounded when the ground is shaking</b> Lessons in leading through change and uncertainty Steve Capewell, Managing Director, Goulburn Valley Water
11:30am	<b>Engaging with Impact</b> Damian Wells, Managing Director, Coliban Water
12:00pm	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION - Professor Catherine Althaus</b> This session uses Canadian Mi'kmaw ideas of 'two-eyed seeing' to integrate the strengths of Indigenous and Western civilisations to reimagine leadership possibilities in the water sector for the benefit of all.
1:00pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Close</b>

## Leading the future

The conference theme will focus on leadership and 'leading the future', providing delegates with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and leadership skills across the sector.

We are hoping each person walks away enriched and with some new insights and opportunities to integrate their learning within their roles and work together to make a difference. This leads to a better industry that can collaborate and lift the standard of service for the benefit our customers and communities.

## Keynote Speaker - Professor Catherine Althaus

Catherine Althaus, has first-hand experience working with Indigenous communities across the world and in Australia. She is a researcher and teacher of policy and leadership across public, defence, university and community settings, and is especially passionate about Indigenous and adaptive leadership practices. Catherine is well credentialed and is currently the ANZSOG Deputy Dean (Teaching and Learning) and the ANZSOG Chair of Public Service Leadership and Reform at the University of New South Wales in Canberra.







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## Registration

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## IWA Conference & SIG Meetings 2023

To register for the IWA November 2023 Conference, including the SIG meetings, the Conference Dinner, please click the button below to register via Eventbrite.

[Register](#)

Registrations Close on Thursday 9 November

For general enquiries please contact Lauren Vines, Engagement Manager, VicWater or Sam Fisher, Secretary, IWA

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