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BRAD NESS OAM 5 time Para-Olympian, Assistant Coach, Gold medal winner and flag bearer

Brad has had the unique opportunity to combine the personal outcome of a workplace accident with his studies and continued career as a professional athlete.

He captained the Australian Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team for 10 years, and is now the Assistant Coach of the National team, Head Coach for the Under 23 National Team and Head Coach of the Western Australian Institute of Sport. Together with his education, these experiences have given him the skills to communicate effectively at all levels. Brad has travelled the world in his pursuit of excellence with the Australian team as well as living and playing basketball professionally in Italy for more than 12 years



CANDY CHOO CEO, Local Government Professionals WA

Candy is the CEO of Local Government Professionals WA, the peak body association representing the hard-working local government officers across Western Australia.

Since November 2017, Candy has transformed the Association into an innovative and progressive organisation where they play a key role in shaping the future of local government through advocacy work and professional development programs. Prior to joining Local Government Professionals WA, Candy was at LGIS for 7 years and spent two years as the Divisional Manager of Workcare Services where she was responsible for the Local Government Workers Compensation Portfolio and providing people risk services keeping local government workers safe in the workplace.

With her background as a psychologist, Candy feels a strong sense of privilege of having the opportunities to work with many people in local governments over the years and she is passionate about driving positive changes for the Sector and promoting the rewarding (and cool!) work the Sector does to others.



REBECCA SINGLETON Vitality Works

Rebecca holds a Bachelor of Exercise Rehabilitation Science and has worked within the health industry for nearly ten years.

Rebecca has extensive international experience facilitating rehabilitation programs and delivering wellbeing programs in both corporate and private environment.

She is passionate about the importance of health and wellbeing in the workplace and is driven to educate and inspire people to take control of their wellbeing, to ultimately live happier and more productive lives.

In her spare time Rebecca leads a very active lifestyle, participating in activities such as yoga, hiking, netball and water sports.



MAURICE BERGER Business Development Manager, MetroCount

Maurice Berger is MetroCount's Business Development Manager and key member of MetroCount's sales team. Maurice joined MetroCount in 2003.

Based in the company's head office in North Coogee, Western Australia, Maurice develops new client opportunities, deploys product training courses, manages permanent monitoring station installations and delivers technical support to MetroCount's many clients.

Maurice provides MetroCount training courses to Departments of Transport, LGAs, Road Safety organisations and other associations in Australia, India, China, Azerbaijan, Turkey, and other exotic locations, and will soon provide webinar-based training courses.



RENEE WOCKNER Manager Workcare Services, LGIS

Renee has a Bachelor degree in Exercise & Sports Science, a Graduate Certificate in Health Promotion and her Master's in Public Health.

Renee's role as Manager of Workcare Services at LGIS has her overseeing LGIS's people risk programs, including the health and wellbeing program, injury prevention and injury management services, and the Human Resources risk management services.

Renee and her team work collaboratively to provide support, advice and services to assist Local Government's with the prevention of physical and psychosocial injuries, or in the unfortunate event of an injury occurring, helping the member get the injured worker back to as work quickly and safely as possible.



SIVA THILLAINATH Western Stabilisers

An Engineer with 30 years' experience in pavement management and design. Siva started his career with Main Roads WA in Perth and then transferred to Albany in 1988. During his 4 years in Albany, working on various road and bridge projects, Siva was introduced to the use of soil stabilisation for the maintenance and construction of pavements.

In 1999, Siva set up Western Stabiliser for a group from the Eastern States and in 2001, Siva took over the ownership of the business. In 2007 Siva sold the business to the current owners but continues to provide engineering services to their customers.

SUE MCDUGALL Horticulturist / ABC TV Presenter

Growing up in the WA wheatbelt, where wildflowers were always abundant in the reserves and on the road verges, Sue McDougall developed an appreciation for the flora of her home state from a young age. Still, it wasn't until she started studying horticulture and working in the industry that she realised the wildflowers she had grown up with and taken for granted were unique, prized species.

Sue is passionate about getting it right from the beginning, encouraging gardeners to plan and do it properly so they are successful. She believes gardening is a lost skill with many of her generation not having a clue how to garden and grow their own food.



KEVIN DANIEL (DANNY) COLEMAN Main Roads Great Southern

Danny commenced work with Main Roads WA in 1969 and resigned in 2018 after accumulating almost 49 years of continuous service and experience.

Danny enjoyed firstly, working on basic road construction, including operating all machine types, as well as final trim grader operating and Bitumen spraying operator.

Danny progressed through all supervisory levels to become a Works Manager, then into Project Management. He has extensive supervision experience (approx. 28 years) with approx. 21 years in project management.

Danny has been mentoring Local Government Authorities to improve work standards particularly flood damage reinstatement.



HELEN PASSMORE Executive Director, LO-GO Appointments

After being an elected member and Mayor of the City of Subiaco, Helen established LO-GO Appointments WA in 1995. Within a few years the Group commenced operations in Queensland and New South Wales.

Across Australia LO-GO Appointments now employs approximately 200–250 temporary employees in Local Government each week. Helen will address issues facing health and well-being in the 'temporary' world.



TIM RICHARDS Operations Manager, Richgro Garden Products

Tim is the Operations Manager of Richgro Garden Products and has been with the company for 20 years. Tim was born into the organics recycling industry as a member of the family business, Richgro, and has grown up with compost under his fingernails.

Prior to joining the AORA Board, Tim was Vice Chair of Compost Western Australia and represented them on the National Board of Compost Australia. He previously spent seven years on the state board of the Landscape Industries Association of Western Australia, two years as President and a representative on the National Board of the Australian Landscape Industry Association.

Tim is passionate about the organics industry and raising the bar for compost manufacturing in this country. He holds a strong belief that the future of gardening, agriculture and horticulture revolves around the ever-increasing use of organics that help bring life to the ancient soils that we have in this country.



RODNEY THORNTON Road Safety Advisor, Wheatbelt South

Rodney Thornton has been in the role of Road Safety Advisor for the Wheatbelt South Region for the past 6 years servicing 18 Local Governments and their communities in all facets of Road Safety.

Prior to this role he was employed by six local governments in the role of Sport and Recreation Coordinator over a 13 year period in the Eastern Wheatbelt Region. *The Impact of Affective Wellbeing and Intrinsic Job Satisfaction in the Workplace*, published in 2006 by Edward Elgar.



GRETCHEN LUMSDEN R.N. DIP. EDUC. Institute of Weight and Life Management

Gretchen has 40 years experience in the health industry.

She is a registered nurse who brings up-to-date clinical information to you with practical help for attendees. Her sessions are entertaining, lively and packed with powerful information to save lives and ensure a healthy workforce. Gretchen is in demand across Australia achieving remarkable health and lifestyle behaviour changes for executives, managerial staff and operational staff.

Gretchen has a unique and very natural style of presentation, which immediately captures the attention of her audience. Her knowledge of the subject is clearly that of a specialist and together with her skill as a presenter, results in a most professional presentation.



NICK FOX Manager, Alcolizer Technology

In the role for the past 3 years, Nick is responsible for the management of a variety of matters for Alcolizer, including Workplace AOD Testing, AOD Policy Development and AOD Device Training.

Nick has a background in Law Enforcement and Law, having previously worked in WA as a Police Officer and a State Government Prosecutor for 26 years.



program outline



WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST

TIME	SPEAKER/PRESENTATION	SESSION CHAIR
7.30 am	Registration opens Pick up your conference compendium and name badge	
8.00 am	Official Opening and Welcome	Arthur Cousins President, LGSA WA Inc
8.30 am	Keynote Speaker—Brad Ness OAM, 5 time Para-Olympian, Assistant Coach, Gold medal winner and flag bearer <i>Anything's possible</i>	
9.30 am	Candy Choo , CEO, Local Government Professionals WA <i>My cautiously optimistic view about the future of local government</i>	
10.00 am	Extended Morning Tea—visit our Exhibitors	
11.00 am	Rebecca Singleton , Vitality Works <i>Safe Spine and the fuzz effect on your muscles</i>	Ken Markham Vice President, LGSA WA Inc
11.30 am	Nick Fox , National Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Manager, Alcolizer Technology <i>Alcolizer Technology</i>	
11.40 am	Helen Passmore , Executive Director, LO-GO Appointments WA, Qld, and NSW <i>Health and wellbeing for temporary personnel</i>	
11.50 am	Maurice Berger , Business Development Manager, MetroCount <i>The new RoadPod VT4 4-tube classifier</i>	
12.00 pm	Tim Richards , Operations Manager, Richgro Garden Products <i>Bringing life to the ancient soils that we have in this country</i>	
12.30 pm	Extended Lunch Break—plenty of time to visit our Exhibitors	
2.00 pm	Gretchen Lumsden , Institute of Weight and Life Management <i>What happens to the body if you live with prolonged stress</i>	Calvin Shotter Committee Member, LGSA WA Inc
3.00 pm	Spruiker outside—drinks and nibbles available	Andrew Wynne
7.30 pm	Casino Royale Gambling Evening—Canapés and Drinks throughout the evening Don't forget to dress to impress tonight for our Casino Royale evening. The one with the most chips at the end of the evening wins a weekend for two at the beautiful Joondalup Resort, courtesy of Joondalup Resort.	

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST

TIME	SPEAKER/PRESENTATION	SESSION CHAIR
7.30 am	Registration opens	
8.00 am	LGSA Annual General Meeting Come and join us for breakfast, prior to the AGM, to be served outside the conference room.	Arthur Cousins President, LGSA WA Inc
8.45 am	Darren Hodge Caterpillar Product Application Specialist – Motor Graders, WesTrac <i>Using technology as an enabler on graders</i>	
9.00 am	Keynote Speaker—Sue McDougall , Horticulturist / ABC TV Presenter <i>P.L.A.N.D—Be the change you want to see</i>	
10.00 am	Extended Morning Tea—visit our Exhibitors	
11.00 am	Renee Wockner , LGIS <i>Developing workers to look after themselves in four different ways in order to thrive at work</i>	Jeff Alderton Treasurer, LGSA WA Inc
11.30 am	Rodney Thornton , Road Safety Advisor, Wheatbelt South <i>Is speed the only factor—Road fatalities and serious injuries</i>	
12.00 pm	Siva Thillainath , Western Stabilisers; and Danny Coleman Main Roads Great Southern <i>Stabilising, compaction and sealing techniques</i>	
12.30 pm	Extended Lunch Break—plenty of time to visit our Exhibitors	
2.00 pm	Russell Woolf , ABC Radio <i>My adventures in America and what America taught me</i>	Glenn Casley Committee Member, LGSA WA Inc
3.00 pm	Q&A A roving microphone will give you the opportunity to ask questions regarding your role within Local Government. Let your peers guide you and offer their advise on any issues you may have, that they might have already had and handled.	
3.30 pm	Closing remarks Arthur Cousins , President, LGSA WA Inc	

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