



Council Member Training and Conference Report Form

Name of Council Member: Cr Shirley Halls
Name of Training/Conference: Inspiring South Australian Women - Impacting The World - Issues of our Time
Date(s) of Training/Conference: September 5th 2023 6pm - 8pm

Was this a group training session? Yes ☐ No ☒

Was the training provided by the LGA or ALGA? Yes ☐ No ☒

Please provide a brief overview of the issues discussed at the training/conference:

See Attached

Please provide a brief overview of any information you received at the training or conference that may be of assistance to the Council:

The Lecture provided insight into the plight of women and that all Local Government still have a long way to go to have equality and parity.

In light of the training you received, do you believe there are steps that the council may undertake to advance the Playford Community Vision 2043 and/or Council Strategic Plan? If so, what steps?

There is a need to continually improve how we disperse information to women and ensure that we include diverse cultural languages are available.

Provide direction and avenues of safety when required.

Signature: SP Halls

Date: 5 / 9 / 23

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Inspiring South Australian Women: Impacting the World – Issues of our Time

September 5th 2023, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Scott Theatre, located at the University of Adelaide,

This captivating evening brought together an esteemed panel of influential women who are making significant contributions in their respective fields.

With an address by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC.

Anna Meares OAM Australia's Chef de Mission for Paris 2024 Olympics and six-time Olympic cycling medallist will be speaking.

Deputy Premier of South Australia and Minister for Climate, Environment & Water, the Hon Susan Close MP, the Hon Catherine Branson AC KC Chancellor of the University of Adelaide,

Professor Maria Makrides FAA FAHMS, Executive Director of the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI),

Miriam Silva AM, with more than 20 years' experience managing large and geographically diverse teams across multiple industries including pharmaceuticals, banking and agriculture.

Together, these remarkable women shared their stories, insights and unfolded the issues of our time.

Hon Catherine Branson AC KC – Chancellor of University of Adelaide, discusses the challenges of managing small enterprises in the political world and the lack of diversity in the workplace. She highlights the exhaustion of speaking outside their mindset and the lack of young women in their positions. She also discusses the challenges of working 12 to 12 hours a week and seven days a week, maintaining focus on language and cultural in touch. She emphasises the importance of having trusted champions and ensuring policy changes apply to Debian Caribbean and others.

Anna Meares OAM – [Australia's Chef de Mission for the Paris 2024 Olympics & 6 Times Olympic cycling medalist] acknowledges the pressure to be an incredible world champion and the importance of being honest about failures. She acknowledges their numerous failures but are grateful for the support and encouragement they have received.

Professor Maria Makrides – Executive director of SAHMRI – Women and Kids, discusses the pressing issues of our time, including climate change and environmental concerns. She emphasises the importance of accepting and dealing with uncertainty, as well as the need for compassion, empathy, and generosity. She believes that the most pressing issue in their role is not wasting time and resources in preparing southern Australia for future challenges.

Anna Meares OAM – [Australia's Chef de Mission for the Paris 2024 Olympics & 6 Times Olympic cycling medalist] also discusses the challenges of being an Olympian, including the time dedication required for training trades, the cost of living, and tight security. She agrees that climate change is the biggest issue facing the world at the moment, impacting disproportionately the most vulnerable communities. She believes that universities can find the answer to climate change by properly handling fundamental research.

Hon. Susan Close MP Deputy Premier of SA – minister for Climate, Environment and Water, emphasises the importance of addressing climate change and ensuring democratic functioning in Australia. She acknowledges the challenges faced by the audience and the need for continued support and improvement. She discusses the need for bringing democratic power to achieve a Human Rights Act for Australia, focusing on the impact of decisions made by decision-makers. She emphasises the need for equal representation of all citizens' voices, particularly in First Nations communities.

Hon Catherine Branson AC KC – Chancellor of University of Adelaide, emphasises the importance of collective action and the power of collective decision-making. She believes that collectively, we have the power to change the course of our nation and prepare for the world. She also emphasises the importance of being kind to ourselves and others and taking responsibility for our actions.

The MC Ali Clarke thanked the Australia Council, South Australia, Jane, Julie, and the team for their efforts and acknowledges the remarkable stories heard during the event, including the stories of women who have shattered glass ceilings and overcome obstacles. She thanked women for the impact of women taking power in organisations, doctors, lawyers, engineers, and leaders.

The speaker MC Ali Clarke encourages everyone to carry forward the advice and inspiration gained, as each of us has the potential to make a difference in their careers, communities, and personal lives. Women supporting other women and men supporting other women creates a network of strength, belonging, resilience, and solidarity.

The MC Ali Clarke encourages those present to explore membership and find supporters, mentioning the Australian Council of South Australia's programs for nominations. She highlighted the importance of being good people and celebrating achievements in various aspects of life and communities in South Australia. The aspiring South Australian Women's Award is currently open, and nominations can be submitted at inspiring by going online to women.com.au. The speaker also discusses the importance of preserving human rights, the need to find support and people to join the organization. She encouraged members to attend Australia Day events and participate in these programs.