



International Women's Day - Networking Event

Celebrating International Women's Day and Victoria's first Chief Engineer

Date: 7 March 2018

Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Location: Henry and Fox – 525 Little Collins Street, Melbourne 3000

Food and Drinks: Drinks and Food will be provided at this event.

Cost: This is a free event open to all thanks to our major sponsor austraffic, and the AITPM, ITE-ANZ and TAs

To celebrate International Women's Day and Victoria's first Chief Engineer we have organised an exciting event with key industry leaders.

Our key note speaker will be Dr Collette Barker – Victoria's first Chief Engineer she will be sharing:

- Her vision and objectives for the role of Chief Engineer of Victoria.
- Views on the challenges and risks for Major Transport Projects in Victoria.
- Opportunities and strengths for Major Transport Project Delivery.
- Thoughts on improving diversity and participation of women in engineering.

Joining Collette, will be Louise Gartland - Executive Director People Culture and Strategy, VicRoads and Jodie Le – Senior Advisor Organisational Design and Architecture, Level Crossings Removal Authority (LXRA). Louise and Jodie will be sharing how each of their organisations is achieving greater female participation and the benefits it is delivering. The session will be chaired by Rachel Nicholls - Chair of Consult Australia Victorian Committee.

The Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management (AITPM), Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE-ANZ) and Transport Australia society (TAs) welcome everyone from across the sector to come, catch-up and celebrate the successes of the industry.

Event organisers: [Emily Coldbeck](#), [Hilary Papps](#) and [Mark Rowland](#)



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Profiles

Dr Collette Burke - Chief Engineer of Victoria:

Dr Burke has spent more than 25 years in the Engineering and Construction Industry with major contractors (Leightons, Thiess and John Holland) in a variety of roles from site engineer to executive management to director. Dr Burke's experience in telecommunications, rail and infrastructure projects provided great value to VicTrack as she was appointed the Director of VicTrack in mid-2015. As an internationally acknowledged researcher, authority on risk management and delivery of value for money on major infrastructure projects led to the creation of Engineering Consultancy and Education firm, Exner Group and her position as Managing Director. Dr Burke was also the former National Director of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC).

Her new appointment as the first Chief Engineer of Victoria will allow her to provide expert advice to the Government on major project design and engineering, including the Metro Tunnel and level crossing removals. Dr Burke will also help the government establish a registration system for engineers ensuring the industry is properly regulated for safety compliance and competency.

Louise Gartland -Executive Director People Culture and Strategy, VicRoads:

Louise leads VicRoads People and Culture area, she has significant experience in aligning cultural, leadership, and organisational capability to corporate strategy. Louise will be talking about VicRoads' recent progress in achieving gender equality. She will outline how VicRoads is working to assist and support women to gain the skills and confidence necessary to take on leadership roles.

Jodie Le – Senior Advisor Organisational Design and Architecture:

Jodie is a senior human resources practitioner with significant experience in state government and major transport infrastructure projects. Jodie will speak about the new Women in Transport (WiT) Mentoring Program run by the LXRA and Transport for Victoria for women in engineering and equivalent fields. The 12-month Women in Transport (WiT) Mentoring Program is the first of its kind in Victoria and will include participants from government agencies and private construction organisations.

Event Chair

Rachel Nicholls – Chair of the Consult Australia Victorian Committee

Rachel is Chair of the Consult Australia Victorian Committee and a Principal and Australasian Board Member at Arup. She has over 25 years' experience in geotechnical engineering, working within the building engineering, infrastructure and energy sectors and has been involved in the design, construction and instrumentation of many significant infrastructure projects around the world, and in Victoria including Regional Rail Link and most recently Melbourne Metro as part of the Cross Yarra Partnership Design Joint Venture (JV).



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