



Creating Champions of Change

in Gender Equity

Special Breakfast Cross Sector Network Event

All male and female members
of lifesaving, emergency
services and sporting
associations welcome!

About

Join us for a special breakfast FLN event to be inspired and share ideas on Creating Champions of Change for Gender Equity within and across lifesaving, emergency services and the sporting sector. The session will focus on:

- What is a Champion of Change?
- Why do we need both male and female Champions of Change?
- Practical tips for becoming a Champions of Change

Guest Speakers

The Honourable Jane Garrett, Minister for Emergency Services
Matt Finnis, CEO of St Kilda Football Club

When

Thursday, 27 August 2015
7:30am – 9:00am
Life Saving Victoria
200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne

Registration

Session cost is \$16 for LSV FLN members
and \$26 for guests and non-FLN members
(breakfast incl)

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REGISTRATIONS CLOSE Tuesday, 25 August 2015

Guest Speakers



WELCOME – The Honourable Jane Garrett Minister for Emergency Services



The Honourable Jane Garrett is the State Member of Parliament for Brunswick. She is the Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor

Regulation. Ms Garrett is a lawyer and a former Yarra Councillor and Mayor of Yarra. She is also the Australian Labour Party National Vice President.

The Minister is a strong believer in the importance of women in leadership positions, saying 'It is really important that older women, women in positions actually genuinely help other women. I was raised that you can do whatever you want, but we were still punching through. We need to respect the younger women and give them advice and steer them. The Minister will provide a welcome to the session and share some of her own experiences and insights of championing change.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Matt Finnis, CEO of St Kilda Football Club and Male Champion of Change



Matthew Finnis has been the Chief Executive Officer of the St Kilda Football Club since 2014. In this position he has overseen the appointment of the AFL's first female assistant coach. Before this role he was the CEO of the AFL Players Association for five years and worked in commercial law previously. Mr Finnis has served on many boards supporting youth and children and has been a director and company secretary of Surf Life Saving Victoria since 2002.

Mr Finnis is part of the group 'Elite Sport Male Champions of Change'. Joining thirteen CEOs from seven different elite sports, the group aims to advance gender equity across elite sport, asking men to step up alongside women to drive meaningful change. Through a focus on leadership, talent development, public advocacy and accountability, they want more females in leadership roles, whether it is on boards, in executive ranks, middle management or elite coaching. Mr Finnis will share his passion and experiences in championing change for gender diversity in the elite sport sector.

FACILITATOR & SPEAKER – Kevin Larkins



Kevin has spent over 30 years in the Health and Welfare Industry as a senior executive working in Victoria, Northern Territory and Western Australia. He has worked as a CEO to build effective organisations, leading both large and small organisations in both regional and central locations. Mr Larkins' business, "Leading Australia" specializes in executive coaching and leadership development, working with CEOs and Executive teams to develop the skills necessary to work effectively as a team. He is a certified executive coach

and experienced trainer and has worked with an extensive and broad range of community service organisations across Australia.

Kevin has been involved in Surf Life Saving since 1989, is a member of Torquay SLSC and has served as Club President of Mullaloo WA, State Director of Life Saving Services, Member and Director of the Board of SLSA and currently Chair of the National Education and Development Advisory Committee. Kevin has been a long-time supporter of FLN and has delivered a range of sessions on gender diversity both within and beyond lifesaving.