

# Communities in Control

Thought Leadership for the Not-for-Profit sector

## *It's the Community, Stupid: Putting people and the planet back in the picture*

Melbourne, Australia

Monday & Tuesday 30 - 31 May 2016



**Communities in Control**  
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# The Communities in Control Movement

**Local communities are the laboratories of innovation and agility. They deliver targeted social and economic outcomes, and have laboriously and painfully accumulated a vast stock of knowledge about what works and what doesn't. Any government that fails to respect that knowledge will fail; yet most governments respect only coordinated power or unquestioning support, and think that community groups can be picked off or bought off and silenced one by one.**

Every year for more than a decade we have offered an opportunity for community group workers and others at the grassroots (particularly local governments) to look up from the coalface and look around them and see what could be possible. Our speakers - visionaries and statisticians, saints and entertainers, executives and academics - have filled in the outlines of a community-driven realignment of Australia's fundamental assumptions.

Our unwavering message has been that when communities are in charge of their own destinies and are able to set their own priorities, when they receive the practical support they need to design their own approaches and create their own solutions, Australia is a happier, healthier, and livelier place on every scale from the nation to the street. **Join in and see communities in control.**

## Why you must attend

- ▶ Hear from and interact with Australia's **best thinkers, leaders and doers**
- ▶ Learn **what's next** – make sure your community is prepared for what's around the corner
- ▶ **Get refreshed** – participants rate this the best opportunity they get all year to recharge their batteries
- ▶ Get inspired – **meet people** who believe in the power of community, swap war stories, share solutions
- ▶ Get access – this is the **least expensive conference** of its type around. No other conference offers you access to this calibre of speakers and professional development at such a low cost
- ▶ Make a difference – this is your chance to influence the debate, to **be part of the change**





# ***It's the Community, Stupid:***

## ***Putting people and the planet back in the picture***

Yesterday the budget crisis was all the rage, and if we didn't balance the damn thing this very moment the living were going to envy the dead. Today, not so much.

The new thing is nation-building. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has told his colleagues to release their "inner revolutionary" and find big ideas to make Australia more innovative. Foreign Minister Julie Bishop wants to disrupt aid. Change is upon us.

Power is shifting – has already shifted. What was inconceivable suddenly seems possible, even obvious. An avalanche of tipping points is upon us – women's equality, family violence, human rights, asylum seekers. What more will it take to kick these things, *and* the others, all the way to the end of the road?

Modern technology is shaking everything up, disorienting us but also clearing paths to new possibilities and new coalitions. We're mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore, and now we don't have to, because some of that technology is putting people back into the centre, where we belong. Now we can find all the others who feel the same way and rally them to our cause, whichever that is.

Because if anyone's looking for big new ideas, it's the community sector – these are the planners, the questioners, the dreamers. It's the community sector that holds Australia's values in its keeping.

The community sector knows what has to go when disruption sweeps through our systems, and what we must hold fast. It has more respect, more trust, more love than business and government combined. It's time to seize that power and wield it.

***It's never too soon to work on your legacy. Come to Communities in Control 2016 and join in the search for alternatives.***

At Communities in Control 2016, we'll be lifting our gaze from our smartphones and looking each other in the eye. We'll be putting names and faces to the numbers. Because that's what the community sector does best. And that's what needs to be done.



# Welcome to Country and Conference Opening



## Joy Murphy Wandin AO

*Equal rights campaigner; Senior Wurundjeri elder of the Kulin Alliance*

Aunty Joy is an Aboriginal Elder of the Wurundjeri people and has been involved with Indigenous issues for more than 30 years. She is Chair of the Australian Indigenous Consultative Assembly and holds several positions across various sectors of government.

## Conference Convenors:



## Denis Moriarty

*Group Managing Director, Our Community*

Denis is the Founder and Group Managing Director of Our Community. He is a graduate of both the Vincent Fairfax Ethics in Leadership Awards and the Williamson Community Leadership program, and a member of several not-for-profit and private boards. He is passionate about change and is driven by a desire to improve the lives of the most disadvantaged in society in a way that assists individuals and communities to take charge of their own destiny.



## Kathy Richardson

*Executive Director, Our Community*

Kathy is Executive Director of Our Community and the group's "Chaos Controller", helping to oversee the organisation's many enterprises, as well as leading reform initiatives and new business directions. A journalist who spent the early part of her career working in community newspapers, Kathy has a passion for equality and social justice. She serves on many not-for-profit boards and grantmaking bodies. Kathy was selected as an Eisenhower Fellow (Innovation) in 2014.



## Fr Joe Caddy

*CEO, CatholicCare*

Joe has a strong background in community service governance and social policy and regularly advocates for policies and programs to ensure stronger families and communities. He was the Chair of Catholic Welfare Australia from 2003 to 2013, the national peak body of Catholic Community service providers. In 1993, he completed a Licentiate in Social Sciences at the Gregorian University in Rome. He is currently the Parish Priest at All Saints Church in Fitzroy, Victoria.

# A Musical and Inspiring Performance

## Shellie Morris

### Musician; 2014 NT Australian of the Year

2014 Northern Territory Australian of the Year Shellie Morris is one of Australia's finest singer-songwriters. She has performed everywhere from the world's concert stages to campfires in Australia's most remote communities. Shellie has featured with the award-winning Black Arm Band, has collaborated with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and was a composer of the musical film *Prison Songs*.

Shellie grew up in Sydney with an adopted non-Indigenous family. More than 15 years ago she ventured back to the Northern Territory to reconnect with her roots and the Yanyuwa people of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Since then, Shellie has worked with more than 80 remote and urban Indigenous communities, delivering music workshops, while also working as an ambassador and fundraiser for the Fred Hollows Foundation – learning different First Nations Australian languages and styles along the way.

Shellie's music crosses boundaries and musical borders. From her work on the big stages with Brazilian legend Gilberto Gil, John Cale, Sinéad O'Connor and Gurrumul Yunupingu, to sitting around a campfire with a guitar, her music speaks of shared experience and background, and is used as a form of healing.

Shellie won the 2012 national Music in Communities Award from the Music Council of Australia. She is a two-time winner of Female Musician of the Year at the NT Indigenous Music Awards and her album *Ngambala Wifi Li-Wunungu (Together We Are Strong)* is the first by an Indigenous contemporary female to be sung entirely in the Indigenous languages of the Gulf Country.





# An Economy is Not a Society

*In modern Australia, productivity is all that matters, our leaders tell us – economic growth above all else. But is this really what we, the people, want? Does it make our lives and our communities better? What's at stake when we put economic reform above all else, and how we can all contribute to shifting that national mindset?*

## Dr Dennis Glover

*Author, visionary, policy advisor*

"The transformation from the industrial to the post-industrial era has been so total as to constitute the sociological equivalent of an extinction event," Dennis Glover asserts.

But if the high priests of economics want the credit for Australia's economic growth over the past three decades, they must also wear the blame for the social destruction that has accompanied it. The social costs of economic modernisation have been immense, but today are virtually ignored. The fracturing of communities continues apace.

Dennis' latest book is a passionate and personal "J'accuse!" against the people whose abandonment of moral policy-making has ripped the guts out of Australia's old industrial communities, robbed the country of the knowledge and skills to actually make stuff, reversed our national ethos of egalitarianism, and broken the sense of common purpose that once existed between rulers and ruled.

Dennis grew up in the working class Melbourne suburb of Doveton before studying at Monash University and King's College Cambridge where he was awarded a PhD in history. He has worked for two decades as an academic, newspaper columnist, policy adviser and speechwriter to Australia's most senior political, business and community leaders.

An often outspoken political commentator, Dennis' most recent book is *An Economy is not a Society*.





# Joan Kirner Social Justice Oration 2016

*“You have enemies?” Winston Churchill reportedly said. “Good. That means you’ve stood up for something, sometime in your life.” Waleed Aly probably has a few enemies, judging by how often and how strongly he stands up for what he believes in. The late, great social justice campaigner Joan Kirner probably had a few too. Like Joan, Waleed is relentless in his quest for inclusion, understanding and equality. The oration named in Joan’s honour, the first since her death, will provoke, challenge, inspire. At a time when we as a nation desperately need it.*

## Waleed Aly

**Broadcaster, author, social commentator, media personality; Lecturer, Politics, Monash University**

Author, academic, broadcaster, rock musician, former human rights lawyer and AFL mascot, Waleed Aly is one of Australia’s most exciting political and social commentators. Waleed is known in the public eye as a host on *The Project*, and from appearances on *Q&A*, *Meet The Press*, *The 7.30 Report*, *Enough Rope with Andrew Denton* and the host of ABC’s *Big Ideas*. In December 2014, he finished a two-year stint as the presenter of ABC Radio National’s *Drive* program.

Waleed’s social and political writings have appeared in newspapers, including *The Guardian*, *The Australian*, *The Sunday Times of India*, *The Australian Financial Review*, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*. His first book, *People Like Us: how arrogance is dividing Islam and the West*, was shortlisted for Best Newcomer in the Australian Book Industry Awards this year.

Waleed is currently a lecturer in politics at Monash University and also works in their Global Terrorism Research Centre. He has served on the executive committee of the Islamic Council of Victoria.

In 2005, Waleed was made a White Ribbon Day Ambassador for the United Nations’ International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and was named one of *The Bulletin* magazine’s ‘Smart 100’ in 2007. He was also an invited participant to the Prime Minister’s 2020 Summit in 2008.



# ***Economy, People, the Planet – it's nothing without communication***

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## **Jo Lim**

***Chief Operations and Policy Officer,  
.au Domain Administration Ltd (auDA)***

***Plus a panel of experts***

Jo has significant experience working in communications, a background that ensures she's well positioned to enlighten us on the power and importance of engaging your stakeholders and communicating your ideas and mission.

The chief operations officer at the body that oversees website allocations in Australia, Jo is primarily responsible for managing the policy and regulatory framework for the .au domain.

Prior to joining the auDA team in 2001, she worked in government on communications and IT policy issues, including a stint as an advisor to the communications minister. Jo was also a member of the taskforce that drafted the Telecommunications Act 1997 that aimed to facilitate open competition in the Australian telecommunications market.





# Leading Change: Change Now and How

*Change is the new black – and it's not going out of fashion anytime soon. And it's good for us (mostly). A community that stands still too long risks becoming insular and myopic. But change is also scary, wearying, disruptive, disorienting. In this session you'll hear strategies to ensure more of the good and less of the bad as your organisation and your community works to stay sure-footed on a wobbly platform.*

## Holly Ransom

**Intergenerational economic and social challenges leader**

Drawing on her experience leading large-scale change initiatives across the corporate, not-for-profit and government sectors, Holly focuses on empowering leaders with a toolkit to enhance their effectiveness in leading change.

Holly is the CEO of Emergent Solutions, a company specialising in the development of high performing intergenerational workforces, leadership and social outcomes. She is renowned for generating innovative solutions to complex multi-stakeholder problems, and for coaching and professionally mentoring leaders of all generations around the world.

In 2014, the Australian Prime Minister appointed Holly to chair the G20 Youth Summit, resulting in the first summit to secure its policy demands from G20 leaders. Holly also co-authored the strategy paper on youth entrepreneurship and unemployment for the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal agenda.

In 2012, Holly was the youngest person to be named in Australia's '100 Most Influential Women', and also became the world's youngest-ever Rotary President. An accomplished speaker, Holly has delivered a Peace Charter to the Dalai Lama and addressed the G20's Central Bank Governors and Finance Minister. She is also a popular blogger, contributor to a number of leading publications and is renowned for her commentary on intergenerational economic and social challenges.

In February 2016, Holly was named Co-chair of the United Nations Global Coalition of Young Women Entrepreneurs.



# Running Headlong into the Future

*In the not too distant future, bionic arms could quite possibly be better than the natural arm; some people will opt to replace their real arm with a fake one. That time may not be as far away as you think. A good number of us could already be described as cyborgs, having outsourced parts of our brain to our phones. So what does this mean for our communities? Is it all going too fast? Is it possible we won't know it's too late, til it's too late?*

## Dr Jordan Nguyen

**Futurist; Biomedical Engineers**

Jordan is a unique visionary and innovator. He is a technologist who is always working out where the future is headed and helping create it with purpose.

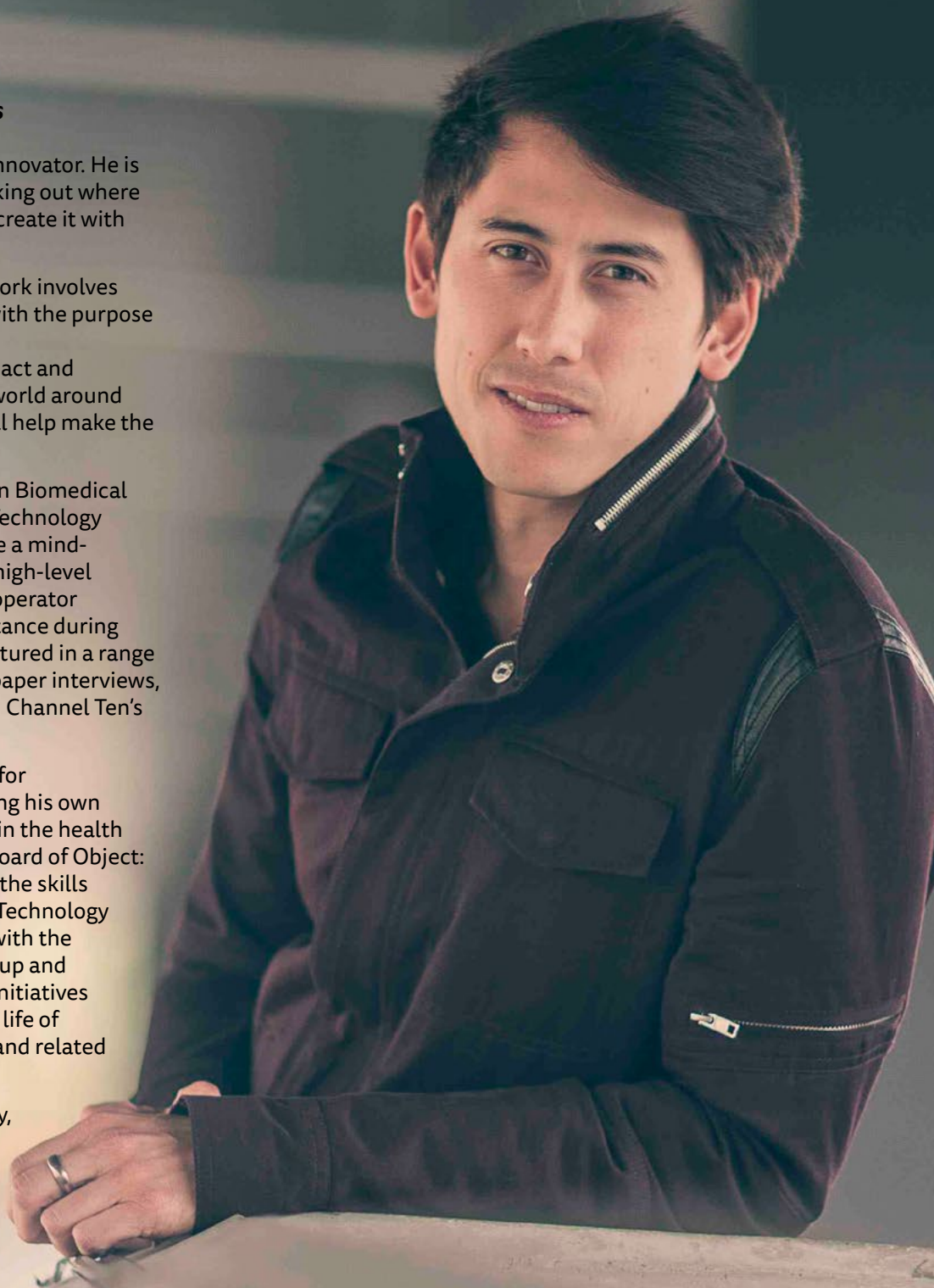
A biomedical engineer, Jordan's work involves creating futuristic technologies with the purpose of improving the world.

He thrives on driving positive impact and inspiring people to question the world around them, and figure out how they will help make the world a better place.

In 2012 Jordan completed a PhD in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Technology in Sydney. His PhD saw him create a mind-controlled smart wheelchair, for high-level physical disability, providing the operator with autonomous guidance assistance during navigation. His work has been featured in a range of TV, radio, magazine, and newspaper interviews, most notably – ABC's *Catalyst* and Channel Ten's *The Project*.

Having spent 18 months working for ResMed, Jordan is now undertaking his own entrepreneurial endeavours within the health technology sphere. He is on the board of Object: The Australian Design Centre, on the skills committee for the NSW Medical Technology Knowledge Hub, and also works with the Cerebral Palsy Alliance in setting up and managing a range of technology initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life of people living with cerebral palsy and related conditions.

Jordan is an advocate for disability, health and science technologies, good design and pursuing passions and interests from a young age.





# The Purpose of Place

*For our country to be prosperous and successful, our cities and towns must be better. For our places to be better, there must be deep collaboration between government, communities and individuals. “When you make places work, there are returns for everyone,” Professor Ian Harper says. The mining boom is over. The time is now. The communities are yours. The person is you.*



## Professor Ian Harper

**Economic visionary; Director, Access Economics; Emeritus Professor, University of Melbourne**

Ian Harper is one of Australia's best-known economists. He has worked closely with governments, banks, corporates and leading professional services firms at the highest level. As a member of the celebrated Wallis Inquiry, he was at the forefront of financial market reform in Australia.

Ian is sought after as a commentator and public speaker on economic and financial issues. He has been described as “one of those relatively rare academics who can communicate extremely well with both the business community and the academic community”. His report on “place” is a groundbreaking study for every community.

In 2008, after 25 years, Ian left academic life to become a Director of Access Economics. In recognition of his service to the University of Melbourne, Ian was elected Professor Emeritus on his departure.

Ian also served as the inaugural Chair of the Australia Fair Pay Commission, as well as serving as one of three panelists on the Independent Review of State Finances in Victoria.

He is currently a Partner at Deloitte, a Director of Deloitte Access Economics, and holds the title of Emeritus Professor of the University of Melbourne.



# After the Evolution

*Sometime in the next decade, perhaps in the next five years, Australia is going to have a party like no party before – our first night as a free-standing Republic. “It’s time for us to fulfil our destiny to be a mature, free-standing nation, capable of sorting out our own affairs,” Australia’s top republican tells us. “Let’s roll up our sleeves, apply the elbow grease, and get to it.” Who’s in?*

## Peter FitzSimons AM

**Author, columnist, sportsperson; Chair, Australian Republican Movement**

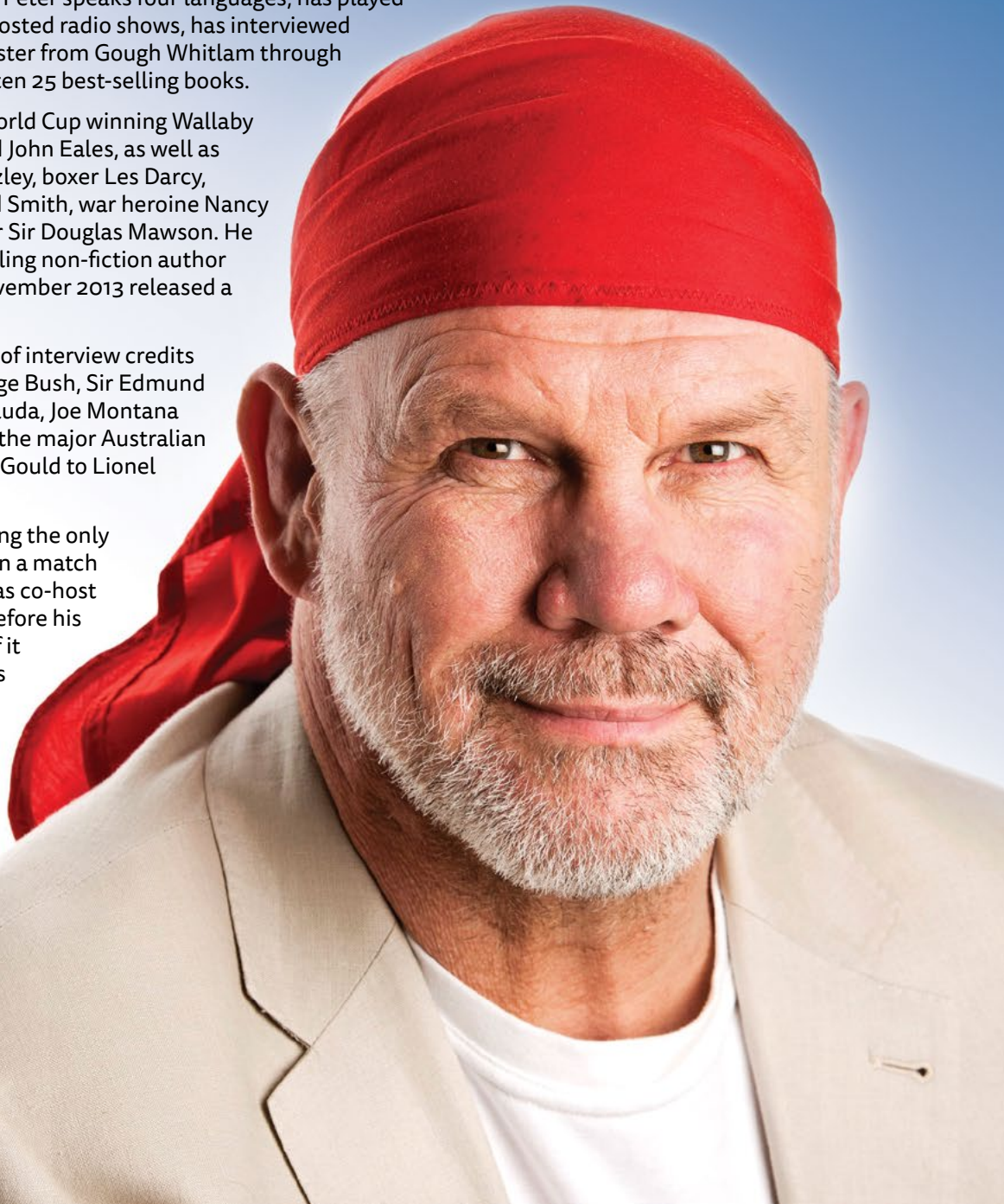
Peter FitzSimons is the passionate, energetic Chair of the National Committee of the Australian Republican Movement, the organisation working to transition Australia to a republic.

A well-respected columnist, Peter speaks four languages, has played rugby for Australia, has co-hosted radio shows, has interviewed every Australian Prime Minister from Gough Whitlam through to Julia Gillard, and has written 25 best-selling books.

Peter is the biographer of World Cup winning Wallaby captains Nick Farr-Jones and John Eales, as well as Opposition Leader Kim Beazley, boxer Les Darcy, aviator Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, war heroine Nancy Wake and Antarctic explorer Sir Douglas Mawson. He has been Australia’s best-selling non-fiction author in the last decade and in November 2013 released a best-seller on Ned Kelly.

He boasts an impressive list of interview credits including ex-president George Bush, Sir Edmund Hillary, Jodie Foster, Nicki Lauda, Joe Montana and Carl Lewis as well as all the major Australian sporting figures from Shane Gould to Lionel Rose to Herb Elliot.

He has the distinction of being the only Wallaby sent from the field in a match against the All Blacks. He was co-host of the *Today Show* 15 years before his wife, Lisa Wilkinson – even if it did last for only a day. He has fought a Sumo wrestler at the Opera House, told Alan Jones to his face that he is dead freaking wrong and opened a door for the redoubtable Germaine Greer... and lived to tell the tale.





# Words Have Meaning (a creative interlude)

## Abraham Nouk

**Spoken-word poet; MC and author;  
Founder and Director, Creative Rebellion Youth**

Abe Nouk is a poet – in performance and on the page – an MC, educator and hip hop lyricist.

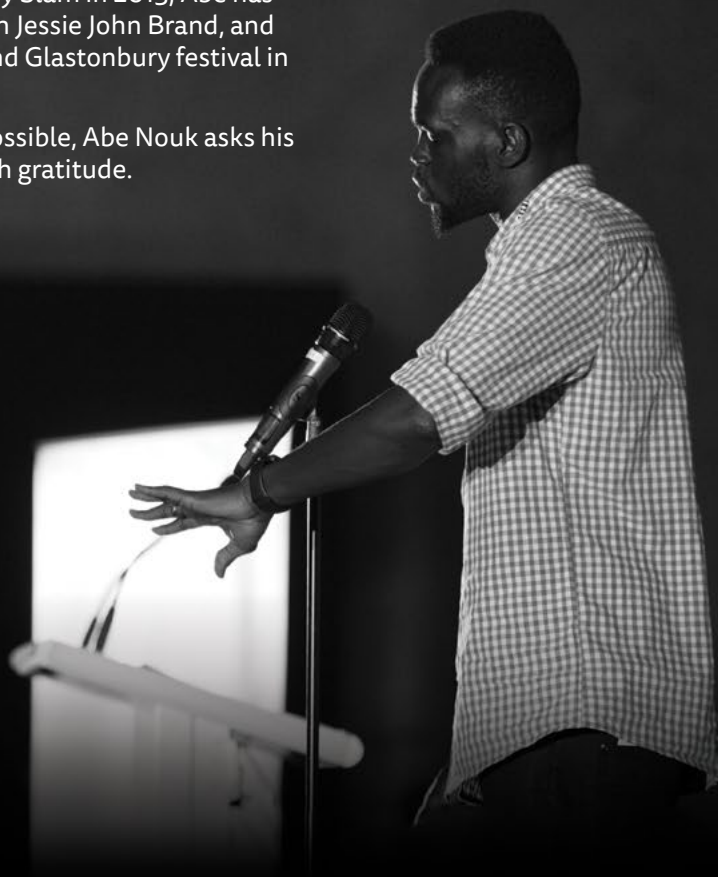
His passion is for the power of imagination – expressed with the freedom words provide.

Arriving in Australia in 2004, Abe draws upon his experience as a refugee weaving stories of limitless humour and grace. His first collection of poems, *Humble*, was released in 2013, and his second book, *Dear Child*, was published in 2014.

His passions led him to found Creative Rebellion Youth, providing youth with options to overcome addictions in a creative space.

Since placing in the Australian National Poetry Slam in 2013, Abe has performed consistently, touring Australia with Jessie John Brand, and performing at Ubud Writers Festival in Bali and Glastonbury festival in the UK in 2014.

Always challenging assumptions of what is possible, Abe Nouk asks his audiences for courage, and answers them with gratitude.



# Aboriginal Women Talking for Themselves

*The voices of Aboriginal women are continually obscured by politicians, policy makers, news media and, of course, a society which continually privileges the views of white men. The experiences of Aboriginal women often get talked about, are often used as a justification for the removal of rights, but rarely are Aboriginal women given the space to articulate the issues or seen as experts on their situation. Understanding how Australia can move forward and be a better place from the perspectives of Aboriginal women is therefore integral to a more positive future.*

## Celeste Liddle

**Writer and social commentator; National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Indigenous Organiser for the NTEU**

Celeste is an Arrernte Australian woman living in Melbourne. She is the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Indigenous Organiser for the National Tertiary Education Union as well as a freelance opinion writer, social commentator and public speaker. Her writings regularly appear in numerous publications including *The Guardian* and *Daily Life* as well as her prominent blog *Rantings of an Aboriginal Feminist*.

Celeste speaks with the voice of an Aboriginal woman, a voice that is continually obscured by politicians, policy makers, news media and, of course, a society which continually privileges the views of white men.

An atheist and a vegetarian, Celeste likes food, music and living a life that is not determined by the stupid rules and regulations that society tries to pin on us.





# Reckoning

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## Magda Szubanski

**Actor, comedian, author,  
TV presenter, radio host**

Magda Szubanski is one of Australia's best known and most loved performers.

We know her as the chain-smoking Lynne ("I said pet, I said love..."), the original TV bogan Michelle (with her trusty sidekick Ferret), the lip-pursed, corkscrew curled Pixie-Anne Wheatley, the loveable farmers' wife Esme Hoggett, and the Shane Warne fan girl Sharon Karen Strzelecki.

Magda began her career in university revues, then appeared in a number of sketch comedy shows (including *D-Generation* and *Fast Forward*) before creating the iconic character of Sharon in the hit television series *Kath & Kim*. She became an international figure through her role as Mrs Hoggett in the Academy Award and Golden Globe winning film *Babe* and its sequel *Babe: Pig In The City*, also playing a role in *Happy Feet* and its sequel *Happy Feet 2*.

In 2015, Magda released her extraordinary memoir, *Reckoning*. "Riveting, overwhelmingly poignant ... by a woman of genius," the book announced Magda as a serious and courageous writer and a natural storyteller.

Most recently, Magda appears alongside Ronan Keating in the musical comedy *Goddess*.



# Courage

*What would a middle-aged white Western man know about the struggle for equality? Quite a lot, as it turns out. “The standards you walk past are the standards you accept,” David Morrison told us, calling every one of us to arms; calling us to account. It took courage to make that call. It will take courage for everyone of us to answer it.*

## Lieutenant General David Morrison AO

### 2016 Australian of the Year

David Morrison concluded his appointment as Australia's Chief of Army in May 2015. During a 36-year career as a soldier, he saw operational service in Bougainville and East Timor and as an Australian Army officer led troops from platoon level all the way up to three-star General – Chief of Army, an appointment he held for the last four years of his service.

In his tenure at the top of Australia's army, David faced many leadership challenges, and is renowned for his strong public stance on bullying and gender equality, leading to significant cultural change within the army. His three-minute address to his workforce in the wake of a particular instance of poor behaviour by male members of the army [*“If that does not suit you – then get out”*] was posted on YouTube and has had more than 1.5 million views.

However, establishing cultural change and fighting for gender equality are just two strings to David's leadership experience. He has led a dynamic, energetic workforce of more than 30,000 men and women. He has had to deal with business resilience issues and been required to make decisions during periods of crisis management. He has spoken about diversity and culture to the United Nations International Women's Day Conference in New York, and was a closing speaker at the Global Summit to Prevent Sexual Violence in Military Conflict in London in 2014.

The 2016 Australian of the Year, David is a deeply passionate man who has been – and will continue to be – a catalyst for change in our nation.





# The Program - Day One

## Communities in Control 2016

**8.30 – 9.15** Registration Opens (tea, coffee & water available)

**9.15 – 9.45** **Welcome and Opening**

**Denis Moriarty**, Group Managing Director, Our Community  
**Kathy Richardson**, Executive Director, Our Community  
**Fr Joe Caddy**, CEO, Catholic Care

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**A Musical Performance**

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One of Australia's finest singer-songwriters, Shellie's music crosses boundaries and musical borders – it speaks of shared experience and background, and can be used as a form of healing.

**9.45 – 10.50** **An Economy is Not a Society**

**Dr Dennis Glover**, *Author, visionary, policy advisor*

In modern Australia, productivity is all that matters, our leaders tell us – economic growth above all else. But is this really what we, the people, want? Does it make our lives and our communities better?

**10.50 – 11.25** Morning Tea

**11.25 – 12.30** **Joan Kirner Social Justice Oration 2016**

**Waleed Aly**, *Broadcaster, author, social commentator, media personality; lecturer, politics, Monash University*

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**12.30 – 1.30** Lunch

**1.30 – 2.30** **Economy, People, The Planet – it's all nothing without communication**

**Jo Lim (facilitator)**, *Chief Operations and Policy Officer, .au Domain Administration Ltd (auDA)*  
**Panel Members to be announced**

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**2.30 – 3.00** Afternoon Tea

**3.00 – 4.00** **Leading Change: Change Now and How**

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**4.00 – 5.00** **Running Headlong into the Future**

**Dr Jordan Nguyen**, *Futurist, Biomedical Engineer*

What does the technological march mean for our communities? Is it all going too fast? Is it possible we won't know it's too late, til it's too late?

**5.00 – 6.00** Drinks and Networking (Drinks supplied as part of the conference fee)

# The Program - Day Two

## Communities in Control 2016

### 9.30 – 10.30 The Purpose of Place

**Professor Ian Harper, Economic visionary; Director, Access Economics, Emeritus Professor, University of Melbourne**

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### 10.30 – 11.00 Morning Tea

### 11.00-11.50 After the Evolution

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### 11.50-12.00 Words Have Meaning (a creative interlude)

**Abraham Nouk, Spoken-word poet, MC and author; Founder & Director, Creative Rebellion Youth**

### 12.00 – 12.45 Lunch

### 12.45 – 1.45 Aboriginal Women Talking for Themselves

**Celeste Liddle, Writer, social commentator; National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Indigenous Organiser for the NTEU**

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### 2.45 – 3.15 Afternoon Tea

### 3.15 – 4.15 Courage

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### 4.15 Close



# Conference Details

## Communities in Control 2016

### Date & Time:

Communities in Control 2016: Monday and Tuesday, May 30 & 31, 2016

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### Venue:

Moonee Valley Racing Club, McPherson St, Moonee Ponds, VIC; Melway Ref 29A7

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### Parking:

Free all-day parking is available at the venue

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### Public Transport:

**Taxi:** Ask to be dropped at Members Gate 1, Moonee Valley Racing Club, McPherson St, Moonee Ponds

**Tram:** Route #59 Airport West-City; Catch the tram from anywhere on Elizabeth St in the city & get off at Stop 33 (Moonee Ponds Junction). Walk down Dean St, turn left into McPherson St; enter at Members Gate 1

**Train:** Catch a Craigieburn line train from the city & get off at Moonee Ponds Station.

Walk down Puckle St (becomes Dean St) through the shopping strip and turn left at McPherson St; enter at Members Gate 1.

Contact Public Transport Victoria for info on timetables, ticket prices and maps | [www.viclink.com.au](http://www.viclink.com.au) | Ph: 131 638

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### Price:

**Communities in Control:** \$385pp (see registration form for group booking discounts)

**Strictly no split tickets permitted.**

For pricing queries contact Mark Fitzpatrick on 9320 6835 or email [markf@ourcommunity.com.au](mailto:markf@ourcommunity.com.au)

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### Accommodation:

We recommend [www.lastminute.com.au](http://www.lastminute.com.au) or [www.wotif.com](http://www.wotif.com)

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### Takeaway Reference Material:

In line with our sustainability objectives, any materials made available for distribution will be available via the [www.communitiesincontrol.com.au](http://www.communitiesincontrol.com.au) website following the conference.

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### Bookings, Cancellation & Refund Policy:

Registrations must be paid no later than 10 working days prior to the event. 50% of the registration fee is refundable if notice of cancellation is received more than 10 working days prior to the event; NO REFUND is available where notice of cancellation is received less than 10 working days prior to the event. Substitution of attendees is allowed, provided written notice is provided. It is not possible to transfer registration between events.

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### Commitment to Access & Equity:

The organisers and supporters of this conference are committed to access and equity and as much as possible will be done to meet the needs of all delegates. Please contact Alan Matic if you require special assistance – phone (03) 9320 6805 or email [alanm@ourcommunity.com.au](mailto:alanm@ourcommunity.com.au). In order to meet delegate needs, please advise your access requirements as early as possible. Late notice requests may not be able to be met.

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### About the Conference Organisers:

This conference is an initiative of Our Community, Australia's leading community sector support organisation, and CatholicCare, which works towards a vision of "life to the full" for families, individuals and communities in all their diversity. Visit [www.ourcommunity.com.au](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au) or [www.ccam.org.au](http://www.ccam.org.au).

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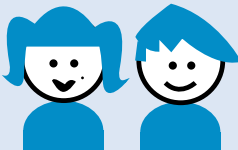

### Changes to the Program:

While every attempt will be made to deliver this conference as advertised, please be aware that sometimes events beyond our control may lead to unavoidable changes to the program or schedule.

# Registration

## Communities in Control (May 30 & 31, 2016)

Conference Prices (Mon & Tues, May 30 & 31, 2016): Please tick the price that applies to you

|   |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>FLYING SOLO</b><br><b>Full Price</b><br>Single Ticket<br>Price Per Person: \$385<br> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DYNAMIC DUO</b><br><b>Save \$40 per person</b><br>2-4 People<br>Price Per Person: \$345<br> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>GANG OF FIVE</b><br><b>Save \$60 per person</b><br>5 or more<br>Price Per Person: \$325<br> |
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**STRICTLY NO SPLIT TICKETS PERMITTED**

### REGISTRATION: ATTENDEE ONE

|  |                      |     |                      |
|--|----------------------|-----|----------------------|
| Name   | <input type="text"/> |     |                      |
| Job Title  | <input type="text"/> |     |                      |
| Organisation   | <input type="text"/> |     |                      |
| Address  | <input type="text"/> |     |                      |
|  |                      |     | Post Code            |
|  | <input type="text"/> |     |                      |
| Email  | <input type="text"/> |     |                      |
| Phone  | <input type="text"/> | Fax | <input type="text"/> |
| Special needs<br>(wheelchair access,<br>dietary needs etc) | <input type="text"/> |     |                      |

**ATTENDING:** (please tick)

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Communities in Control Conference</b> (Mon & Tues, May 30 & 31, 2016) | \$ <input type="text"/> |
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# Registration

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## REGISTRATION: ATTENDEE TWO

|  |  |     |           |
|--|--|-----|-----------|
| Name   |  |     |           |
| Job Title  |  |     |           |
| Organisation   |  |     |           |
| Address  |  |     | Post Code |
| Email  |  |     |           |
| Phone  |  | Fax |           |
| Special needs<br>(wheelchair access,<br>dietary needs etc) |  |     |           |

**ATTENDING:** (please tick)

|                          |  |    |  |
|--------------------------|--|----|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Communities in Control Conference</b> (Mon & Tues, May 30 & 31, 2016) | \$ |  |
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## REGISTRATION: ATTENDEE THREE

|  |  |     |           |
|--|--|-----|-----------|
| Name   |  |     |           |
| Job Title  |  |     |           |
| Organisation   |  |     |           |
| Address  |  |     | Post Code |
| Email  |  |     |           |
| Phone  |  | Fax |           |
| Special needs<br>(wheelchair access,<br>dietary needs etc) |  |     |           |

**ATTENDING:** (please tick)

|                          |  |    |  |
|--------------------------|--|----|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Communities in Control Conference</b> (Mon & Tues, May 30 & 31, 2016) | \$ |  |
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More than 3 attendees? Photocopy this form OR register online

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# Payment/Tax Invoice

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## COST

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Attendee 1           | \$        |
| Attendee 2           | \$        |
| Attendee 3           | \$        |
| Attendee 4           | \$        |
| Attendee 5           | \$        |
| Additional attendees | \$        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>\$</b> |

## PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ Cheque Enclosed
- ☐ Please send me an invoice
- ☐ I would like to pay by credit card – details below  
(note an online payment option is also available – [www.communitiesincontrol.com.au](http://www.communitiesincontrol.com.au))
- ☐ Payment made by EFT to Our Community  
(CommBank BSB 063 020 Account No. 10473753)

## CREDIT CARD DETAILS

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AMEX

Card Number:

Expiry:     Name on card:  Signature:

Total Amount:  Date:

## FIVE EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

Online: [www.communitiesincontrol.com.au](http://www.communitiesincontrol.com.au)  
(payment can be made by credit card, cheque or EFT)

Phone: (03) 9320 6800

Fax forms: (03) 9320 6859

Mail forms: Our Community  
PO Box 354  
North Melbourne VIC 3051

Email forms: [service@ourcommunity.com.au](mailto:service@ourcommunity.com.au)

## NOTE - TAX INVOICE

Where a registration is less than \$1000 (inc GST) this document becomes a tax invoice for GST purposes upon completion of payment. Prices inclusive of GST. Our Community ABN is 24 094 608 705.

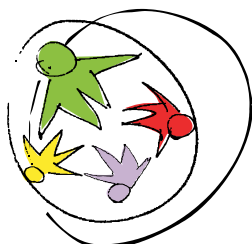
More than 3 attendees - don't forget to attach their details (just photocopy a registration page to fill in).

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# About Us

## Conference Convenors



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### Our Community

Our Community is Australia's Centre for Excellence for the nation's 600,000 not-for-profits and schools, providing advice, tools, resources and training.

A multi-award-winning social enterprise, Our Community's offerings include:

1. **OurCommunity.com.au:** Training, tools and resources with Australia's most useful website for not-for-profit organisations - accelerating the impact of Australia's 600,000 charities, community groups and schools.
2. **Institute of Community Directors Australia:** Accredited training, short courses, educational tools and peer support for members of Australian not-for-profit boards, committees and councils, and the staff who support them.
3. **GiveNow.com.au:** Australia's leading giving hub, providing commission-free online donations for not-for-profits and giving education for businesses, families and individuals - helping people give more, give smarter, give better, GiveNow!
4. **Australian Institute for Corporate Responsibility:** Information and tools to help create stronger, more authentic linkages between businesses and their communities.
5. **Australian Institute of Grants Management:** Best practice education, support, training and services for government, philanthropic and corporate grantmakers, including Australia's most-used online grants management solution, SmartyGrants.

### Our Community is proud to be a Certified B Corporation

B Corporations are a new kind of company that uses the power of business to solve social and environmental problems. There are over 1,000 Certified B Corporations from over 60 industries in 34 countries with one unifying goal – to redefine success in business.

B Corps are important because they inspire all businesses to compete not only to be the best in the world, but to be the best for the world. Certified B Corporations meet higher standards of social and environmental performance, transparency, and accountability. It's like Fair Trade certification but for the whole business, not just a bag of coffee.

The performance standards are comprehensive and transparent. They measure a company's impact on all its stakeholders (e.g. workers, suppliers, community, consumers, and the environment).

Unlike traditional corporations, Certified B Corporations are legally required to consider the impact of their decisions not only on their shareholders, but also on their stakeholders.

### CatholicCare

CatholicCare works on behalf of the Archdiocese in Melbourne to fulfil the Church's mission of service to the community. We provide programs and services that help families and individuals in the development of strong and healthy relationships, and encourage connectedness within their communities. Inspired by our vision of 'life to the full' for families and individuals in all their diversity, we are especially concerned with offering services that ensure improved opportunities for those experiencing disadvantage and hardship in order for them to achieve enhanced living conditions, and a better future for their children.

CatholicCare has partnered with Our Community to stage the Communities in Control Conference every year since its inception in 2003.



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