

Governance Forum



EMPORIUM HOTEL, SOUTH BRISBANE
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AGENDA

The ISQ Governance Forum will support School Boards and Councils, and their leadership teams, to explore the critical role of governance in navigating uncertainty, disruption, and accelerating change across the education landscape.

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTERS
8.30am	Arrival tea and coffee	
8.45am	OPEN	
9.00am	Lead as futurist in an age of chaos	Louka Parry CEO + Founder, The Learning Future
9.45am	Future-Ready Strategy in a Complex World	Dr Anne Knock Director of Strategy, Culture and Learning Environment Design, The Learning Institute
10.30am	MORNING TEA	
11.00am	Board Capability and Succession in a Rapidly Changing Environment	Jane Hunt Chair and Non-Executive Director, Collaboration for Impact
11.45am	School Board Remuneration Survey	Kerryn Newton CEO, Directors Australia
12.30pm	LUNCH	
1.15pm	Governing Change	Yvonne O'Byrne Partner, Mullins Lawyers
2.00pm	A panel of education and governance experts will discuss key themes emerging from the forum	Rebecca Storck Executive Director, Registration Services and NSSAB Secretariat Kay Gleeson Principal, Lourdes Hill College Roger Lazzaretti Board Chair, Lourdes Hill College. Dr Anne Knock Director of Strategy, Culture and Learning Environment Design, The Learning Institute
2.45pm	Event reflections and Alliance Partner message	Louka Parry CEO + Founder, The Learning Future Michelle Cross Managing Director, APV
3.00pm	Networking drinks	
4.00pm	CLOSE	



Louka Parry CEO + Founder, The Learning Future

Louka Parry is the CEO and Founder of The Learning Future, a global speaker, strategist and education futurist. He speaks on innovation, leadership and change—helping schools, systems and organisations build more human-centred, future-fit cultures and learning design.

Louka has worked with thousands of educators and leaders across the Australian private and state education sector, and internationally from the Dominican Republic to Romania. He holds two Masters degrees, has completed executive programs at Harvard and a residency at Stanford's d.school, and speaks five languages. Louka also serves on the Executive of Karanga, advancing social emotional learning and life skills worldwide.



Dr Anne Knock Director of Strategy, Culture and Learning Environment Design, The Learning Future

Anne is a strategic education leader and author specialising in the alignment of school culture, learning design, and learning environment design. As Director of Culture, Strategy and Learning Environment Design at The Learning Future, Anne supports schools, government agencies, and design teams to create future-ready learning environments that enable deep learning and sustainable professional practice.

With over a decade of experience in school transformation, guiding master planning, professional learning, and international study tours, Anne is known for bridging the gap between pedagogy, strategy, and place. She holds a PhD in Education from the University of Melbourne.



Jane Hunt Chair and Non-Executive Director, Collaboration for Impact

Jane is a social change leader with over 20 years' experience at CEO, executive and board level, driving social entrepreneurship and systemic change to address complex social issues. Her work spans children and families, women's economic participation, education, homelessness and youth, mobilising leaders across government, business, philanthropy and the for-benefit sector. Jane has a deep commitment to governance as a lever for impact and chairs or serves on several not-for-profit boards, while advising boards and executives through strategic transitions and teaching governance for social impact at UNSW. She founded The Front Project, a pioneering early learning systems-change organisation. Jane's work has received global recognition from the Schwab Foundation and Australian awards for community innovation.



Kerry Newton CEO, Directors Australia

Kerry Newton is the CEO of Directors Australia and a nationally recognised expert on boards and governance, with over 30 years' experience across legal, policy and senior management roles in the public and private sectors. As a consultant, she has advised private, government, publicly listed and not-for-profit organisations across a wide range of industries. Her governance expertise is underpinned by extensive board experience spanning aged care, agriculture, education, childcare, energy, property and housing, and by her role as an independent nominations committee expert for multiple Australian banks. Commissioned as an Australian Army officer at 21 while studying law, Kerry is also a sought-after commentator and speaker, host of *The Board Whisperer*, and a Fellow of AICD and GIA.



Yvonne O'Byrne Partner, Mullins Lawyers

Yvonne is a Partner in the Business Services Team at Mullins and an experienced corporate and regulatory lawyer with over 15 years' experience advising on corporate advisory matters, M&A, commercial transactions, governance and regulatory compliance. She brings top-tier and international experience from senior in-house roles with organisations including Suncorp Bank, Bank of Queensland, the University of Queensland and Bank of Ireland, and from leading law firms in Australia and Ireland. Acting for SMEs, start-ups, banks, insurers and regulated entities, Yvonne regularly advises executives and boards on governance, compliance and contractual risk. She has led capital raises and mid-market private M&A transactions across financial services, infrastructure, medtech and technology, and is recognised for her commercial, outcome-focused and collaborative approach.



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