

SCHOOL COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

Free Event

The School Governance Network is hosting five workshops for members of school councils and school communities. The workshops are free to attend.

All members of school councils and school communities are most welcome to attend any of the workshops.

Each workshop will be two hours in length and provide a great opportunity to share ideas, insights and good practice about school governance and partnerships.

The workshops are supported by the Department of Education and Training.

BENDIGO WORKSHOP

When: Tuesday 22 October, 6.30-8.30pm

Where: Bendigo Special Developmental School,
26-32 Lockwood Road, Kangaroo Flat

POINT COOK WORKSHOP

When: Wednesday 23 October, 6.30-8.30pm

Where: Point Cook Senior Secondary College,
Corner of Boardwalk Boulevard and Bergamot
Drive, Point Cook

MALVERN EAST WORKSHOP

When: Thursday 24 October, 6.30-8.30pm

Where: Lloyd Street School,
6 Lloyd Street, Malvern East

MACLEOD WORKSHOP

When: Tuesday 29 October, 6.30 – 8.30pm

Where: Macleod P-12 College,
Carwarp Street, Macleod

DANDENONG WORKSHOP

When: Wednesday 30 October, 6.30-8.30pm

Where: Dandenong High School,
Jacaranda Centre, 54 David Street,
Dandenong



WORKSHOP OUTLINE

Coffee and tea on arrival

Introduction – **NICHOLAS ABBEY** (Acting CEO, School Governance Network) and **KERRIE EKINSMYTH** (Acting Executive Director, School Operations and Statewide Services Division, Department of Education and Training Victoria)

Facilitator – **PATRICK MORIARTY**
(Executive Director, Institute of Community Directors Australia)

Information from - the **SCHOOL GOVERNANCE NETWORK**, the **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING, PARENTS VICTORIA**, the **VICTORIAN STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL** (VicSRC), and the **COUNTRY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**

Interactive session - good practices in school governance and partnerships (facilitated by **NICHOLAS ABBEY** and **PATRICK MORIARTY**)

Small/whole group discussions – opportunities to:

- Share ideas, insights and good practice about school governance and partnerships
 - Explore how the work of councils contributes to school, home and community partnerships (in supporting student learning, engagement and achievement)
 - Discuss how best to support the participation of students, parents and community members
 - Explore the opportunities for forming local, regional and online networks of school council members
 - Consider how councils can best collaborate in supporting the work of their schools and principals
 - Make practical suggestions to the School Governance Network and Department of Education and Training about school governance and partnerships.
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Closing remarks and next practical steps

Refreshments and networking

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP

RSVP: E-mail Nicholas Abbey at admin@sgn.org.au or phone 0402 152 634.

Numbers are limited; so, please register early.

BEYOND THE FIVE WORKSHOPS, THE PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Piloting a school council presidents' network in each of the Department of Education and Training regions. These online networks could be a place to share information about good practice, school council training and other resources
- Mutual support, including buddying and mentoring opportunities, for council presidents and councillors
- Opportunities to form local networks and clusters of school councils, an exciting project that your school may want to be a part of.



ABOUT THE SCHOOL GOVERNANCE NETWORK

Owned by member school councils, the School Governance Network will:

- *Develop new services, support and tools for the 18,000 Victorian government school council members*
- *Assist schools with accessing resources that can help improve governance and partnerships*
- *Provide a voice for all councils*
- *Support links between school councils and the Department*
- *Support and promote local, regional and state-wide networks that make it easier for school councils to share ideas, information and good practice about governance and partnerships and to work together on practical initiatives.*

For more information about the SGN, or if we can assist in any way, phone Nicholas Abbey on 0402 152 634. E-mail admin@sgn.org.au.

Your school council may also want to become part of the School Governance Network.

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