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Women in Procurement Leadership Summit 2026

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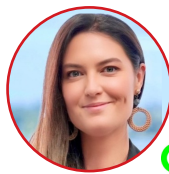
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Women in Procurement Leadership Summit 2026

Built on more than a decade of bringing the profession together, the **Women in Procurement Leadership Summit 2026** is Australia's leadership and capability program for procurement professionals looking to strengthen their influence, lead with commercial confidence and step into a strategic role.

Across two days, connect with CPOs and peers to unpack the challenges in procurement today and leave with tools to drive immediate value. Whether you're stepping into leadership, leading transformation, or preparing for your next career move, join the women shaping the future of procurement and the community committed to advancing it.



What's new in 2026?

The 2026 program spotlights the real leadership moments shaping procurement now: influence, value, transformation and sustainable career growth.



Coretta Bessi, ACT Government

Former CPO across BlueScope, nbn, Ausgrid and Westpac, Coretta brings board-level insight into how procurement leaders build trust, governance and momentum in the first 100 days of transformation.



Terri-Ann "Tezzi" Daniel, Cooe Group

A proud Wiradjuri founder, Tezzi brings a First Nations lens to supplier diversity, showing how procurement can move beyond compliance to create genuine community and commercial impact.



Seri Renkin OAM Suri, The Dea Network

A senior executive and OAM recipient, Seri challenges procurement leaders to apply an investment mindset to value, risk, purpose and long-term organisational impact.



Gillian Fox, Gillian Fox Group

Executive coach, host of "Your Brilliant Career" podcast and author of Woman of Influence, she offers practical strategies for turning performance into visibility, influence and career progress.



Alice Chen, Schneider Electric

Alice draws on her own return to work after maternity leave to explore how procurement leaders can navigate one of the most significant transitions in a career with practical strategies for rebuilding confidence, balancing flexibility with ambition and career progression.



Karen Stein, Executive and Menopause Coach

Former Deloitte Partner, Karen brings a timely conversation on sustaining leadership, performance and wellbeing through perimenopause and menopause.

Bring your Mentee

Pave the way for emerging talent in procurement. Bring your mentee along to the networking drinks session on us. Give them a valuable opportunity to expand their network, meet senior leaders and support their professional growth.



"It was amazing to hear from all the speakers; the content was very informative and the presentations covered so much."

Assistant Secretary, **Department of Finance**



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Executive Branch Manager
ACT Government



Michelle Robinson
Senior Sourcing &
Contract Manager
**Australian Nuclear
Science and Technology
Organisation (ANSTO)**

Top 7 reasons to attend:

1

Build the leadership skills procurement now demands, including executive communication, stakeholder management and modern negotiation skills.

2

Expand your professional network through a procurement community that brings together senior leaders and the next generation of talent.

3

Understand what senior leaders expect from procurement, the metrics that matter, the investment mindset and commercial decision-making.

4

Strengthen your ability to manage supplier pressure and protect value in an increasingly complex supplier landscape with practical frameworks for managing risk.

5

Hear how procurement leaders are using AI to improve performance and participate in a hands-on masterclass building your own AI co-pilot and workflows from prompting through to real procurement applications.

6

Gain insights from modern slavery and labour exploitation case studies, including warning signs that were missed and how accountability is determined when procurement failures are investigated.

7

Work through real procurement challenges in interactive sessions alongside your peers, mentors and leaders to co-design solutions that you can apply immediately.



"The event was very insightful and educational. It was a great platform to meet women in procurement from different industries. I look forward to attending again."

Strategic Sourcing and Procurement Lead, **The Walt Disney Company ANZ**





08:30 Registration and welcome coffee

08:50 Opening remarks from the Chair



Sharon Morris
Group Regional Head APAC
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Procurement-led transformation in a disrupted global market

09:00 **The Executive Table in the Age of AI: Procurement, Power and Better Decisions**



Ancila Desai
Chief Financial Officer & Chief Information Officer
Procurement Australia

09:30 **The first 100 days as a CPO: leading transformation when everything is changing**



Coretta Bessi
Chair, Government Procurement Board
ACT Government

10:00 Morning Tea & Networking

Influencing decisions, creating value & leading change

10:30 **Executive influence: communicating value, risk and opportunity that drives action**



Rebecca Hayward
Director Global Procurement & Contracts
Fortescue

11:00 **The modern negotiator: how women are reshaping negotiation**



Michelle Robinson
Senior Sourcing & Contract Manager
ANSTO

11:30 **Contract maturity and the real test of supplier relationships**



Abby Hall
Divisional Commercial Director
CBRE Data Centre Solutions

12:00 Panel discussion: **What to do when stakeholders bypass procurement: balancing governance, stakeholder relationships and public value**

Moderator:



Sharon Morris
Group Regional Head APAC
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Fern Lees
Director Procurement & Contract Management
IP Australia

Panelists:



Juliet Payne
Senior Manager
Australian Securities & Investments Commission



Lynn Feldon
Head Procurement
Endeavour Group

12:40 Networking lunch

Procurement transformation and future capability

13:40 Panel Discussion: **Revitalising procurement performance through AI**



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Panelists:

Alice Chen
Head of Indirect Procurement, Pacific
Schneider Electric



Julianne Tran
Procurement Business Partner
APA Group

14:10 **The future of procurement in the APS: Balancing capability, productivity and public value**



Sabrena King
Assistant Secretary, Procurement Capability Branch
Department of Finance

14:40 **Land, legacy and impact: what First Nations businesses can teach procurement about the future of ESG and supplier partnerships**



Terri-Ann Daniel
Chief Executive Officer & Founding Director
Coovee Group

15:00 Afternoon Tea & Networking

15:30 **Supplier diversity in practice**



Amanda Rose
Founder and CEO, Entrepreneurial and Small Business Women Australia (ESBWA), Founder
Women Owned Business Australia (WOBA)

Managing risk in the supply chain: What good procurement governance looks like

16:00 **Before the crisis: reading your supply base for hidden vulnerabilities**



Lexia Laracy
Head of Procurement and Project Excellence Office
APA Group

16:30 **When things go wrong: what procurement leaders need to know about people risk and supply chain liability**



Felicity Gerry KC
Global King's Counsel
Crockett Chambers

17:00 Closing remarks from the Chair

17:00 End of Day 1 & Networking Drinks





Conference Day 2 | Thursday, 12 November 2026

08:30 Registration and welcome coffee

08:50 Opening remarks from the Chair



Sharon Morris
Group Regional Head APAC
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Career growth & visibility: Strategies and skills for procurement professionals

09:00 Bridging the gap up to a leadership



Amanda Reid
Executive Director, Procurement & Supplier Governance
Colonial First

09:30 No one cares that much about your career



Gillian Fox
Managing Director
Gillian Fox Group
Host of the Your Brilliant Career Podcast,
Author of "Woman of Influence"



10:00 Who's speaking for you when you're not in the room? The hidden career accelerator: sponsorship, influence, visibility and career momentum



Kara Watson
Head of Procurement
Westpac

10:30 Morning Tea & Networking

Leadership excellence: Process, people, performance and organisational impact

11:00 The investment mindset: how investment principles can help procurement professionals make better decisions, build influence and create long-term organisational value



Seri Renkin OAM
Co-Founder & Executive Director
The Dea Network

11:30 What kind of leader do you want to be? Culture as a leadership responsibility and the role women are playing in shaping the future of work



Vanessa Riley
Chief People Officer
Richard Crookes Constructions

12:00 Case Study: Transforming procurement at scale: the Vicinity Centres change management journey



Cynthia Chung
Head of Procurement
Vicinity Centres



12:30 Networking lunch

Sustaining a long-term career

13:30 Sustaining career momentum and the invisible load through different seasons

14:00 Returning stronger: navigating maternity leave and the return to work



Alice Chen
Head of Indirect Procurement Pacific
Schneider Electric

14:30 Navigating perimenopause and menopause during your peak career years



Karen Stein
Executive Coach (PCC)
Certified Menopause Coach
Author of "Be Your Own Leadership Coach"



15:00 Afternoon Tea & Networking

Don't leave the best thinking in the room: the 3 scenarios your team is already facing

15:30 Roundtable Discussions:



The most expensive thing in procurement is a good idea that never leaves the conference room

Roundtable A

Four stakeholders, four priorities: what would you do?

Roundtable B

You're in the lift with your CEO. You have 30 seconds to explain the value procurement creates for the organisation and promote your own brand. What do you say?

Roundtable C

Turning teams into active contributors to process innovation and improvement

Key insights and recommendations from each table will be captured and shared with all delegates following the event.

16:10 Closing remarks from the Chair

16:20 End of Day 2

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Pre-Conference Masterclasses | Tuesday, 10 November

Available to book separately or as a part of your 3-day conference pass

**Separately
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The pre-conference masterclasses provide attendees with morning and afternoon tea breaks and a 1-hour lunch break allowing for extra networking opportunities and in-depth learning.

The masterclasses start at 9:00 and finish at 17:00.

MASTERCLASS A

Contracting for risk and commercial value

The deal is not done when the negotiation ends. The strongest procurement professionals understand how to negotiate outcomes and translate them into contracts that allocate risk, protect value and support long-term supplier performance. This masterclass explores the critical link between commercial negotiation and effective contracting, helping delegates build agreements that stand under pressure.

Learning outcomes:

- ✓ Set the commercial risk position before drafting starts
- ✓ Know which clauses carry the most commercial weight under pressure: price variation, force majeure, liability caps, termination, step-in rights
- ✓ Spot weak or ambiguous drafting before signature
- ✓ Negotiate commercial terms directly with suppliers without ceding ground or burning the relationship
- ✓ Lead variations and avoid disputes from a position of commercial control, not legal dependency

Facilitator:



Scott Alden
Partner, Government and Commercial
Mills Oakley

MASTERCLASS B

Win back your week with AI: build AI procurement workflows that save you 5 to 10 hours a week

Most teams plateau after a few good prompts. They get useful outputs, then find themselves spending more time correcting AI than creating it. The leap from dabbling to daily default is not more tools. It is a mastery mindset and repeatable workflows that show real ROI.

This hands-on masterclass shows you how to build powerful AI workflows inside the tools you already have: Copilot, Claude, ChatGPT, or Gemini. Workflows that earn their place supporting your team across sourcing, supplier management, market analysis, risk assessment, stakeholder engagement and the human decisions that sit on top of it all.

Using AI well is not the goal. Getting AI to free you for your genius zone is. Used well, these tools save your team hours, sharpen insight and lift procurement outcomes. More importantly, they give you back the energy to do what you do best. All with governance and human oversight at the core, not bolted on at the end.

We will also clear up shadow AI: why understanding what these tools can really do, and giving your people the paid versions, is the simplest way to reduce risk and lift output at the same time.

Walk out with an AI blueprint you can apply the very next day, whichever platform your organisation chooses.



"Excellent and amazing."

Procurement Manager, National Archives of Australia



What past attendees say about the Women in Procurement Leadership Summit

"A great opportunity to listen to influential women in the procurement and supply chain sector."

Procurement Coordinator, **John Holland**



"A great opportunity to learn and network with a talented array of women in the sector."

Contract Manager, **Legal Aid VIC**

"I truly admired every speaker and enjoyed listening to their insights. I took away valuable learnings and left feeling genuinely inspired."

Program Manager, **Calvary Health Care**



"Great event that we need in our industry!"

Procurement Professional, **The Faculty**



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