

## SCLAA Women in Logistics Lunch

Friday, 20 October 2017, Leonda By The Yarra

### Guest Speakers



**Erica Gilcrist**, General Manager Sales - MaxiTRANS

Erica has a 20+ years' history working within the Logistics and Supply Chain Industry globally. Reaching back to the mid-1990s, Erica began her career working in 3rd Party Logistics supporting the fast-paced automotive industry in Detroit, Michigan. It was there that Erica realised her niche for Supply Chain development and implementation after successfully leading start-ups ranging from greenfield warehousing and sub-assembly operations, JIT transport network planning, central materials stores, min/max bank and buffer programs and supply chain design (order to delivery). Upon its inauguration in 2001, Erica moved to Vector Supply Chain Management, a 4PL joint venture between Conway (Menlo) and General Motors.

It was during her days working for Vector SCM that Erica found her way to the Asia-Pacific region. Tasked with implementing the Vector SCM 4PL Model in SE Asia and Australia, Erica

found her new home in Melbourne Australia where she has been living and working for the past fourteen years. During her time here in Australia, Erica has integrated herself into the Australian Transport and Logistics Industry working with, and alongside major companies such as Toll, Ceva, Amcor (Orora), Bluescope Steel, Woolworths and Target. In her more recent years, Erica moved into the wharf sector running a wharf services business in the Port of Melbourne before moving on to ACFS Port Logistics as GM of the Southern Region, including empty container parks Nationally. Erica's current role as General Manager Sales at MaxiTRANS Australasia's leading supplier of road transport equipment is synonymous with her expertise and ability to motivate, lead and inspire.

**Lydia Kendray**, Head of Group Operations, Leadership Management Australia

Lydia Kendray is a VET RTO Specialist currently employed as Head of Group Operations across both Leadership Management Australia and Think Perform.

Lydia has over 25 years experience in the VET sector, from managing RTO's to having owned and operated her own national RTO for 15 years.

Lydia specialises in conducting and completing comprehensive training needs analysis for organisations, and designing, developing and implementing quality and engaging training and assessment that are national recognised training programs, whilst ensuring the tailored training solutions meet both industry and organisational needs.

Lydia draws upon her experience to be a passionate hands on leader, mentoring and motivating her team in change management, accountability and increased productivity. Her true passion is in professional development, providing a commitment to develop and mentor people at all levels, which she believes is a fundamental key in achieving transformational change whilst creating exceptional results.

Lydia's experience within the Transport and Logistics industries spans over 20 years with a sound knowledge of all the rudiments regarding compliance governing the transport and logistics industries. Her expertise includes her innovative approach to commercial business growth, compliance and the building of successful, mutually rewarding business relationships.



**Christine Tolson**, Air Commodore, Director General Logistics - Air Force

Christine joined the Air Force on 15 January 1985. Throughout her career she has performed in a number of capacities and has acquisition and through life logistics experience and qualification. Of note, she has held four separate Command appointments during her career the most recent of which was as Director General Supply Chain, in which role she was responsible for wholesale warehousing and distribution, maintenance and operational supply chain functions for the Australian Defence Force. She took up the role of Director General Logistics – Air Force in early September 2016. In this role she is responsible for designing the future Air Force logistics system to support airpower and joint warfighting.

Christine has spent much of her career driving change and reform and her most recent postings are no different. She has extensive contract development, negotiation and management and supply chain design experience. A firm believer in strategic planning and that 'the data will set you free', her career has also seen her invest significantly in instilling planning and performance management ethos and frameworks within the various organisations that she has led.

Her great passion lay in leadership and in mentoring the logistics officers and female leaders of the future. She also enjoys fishing, camping, baking, reading and shopping (for shoes of course!).

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