

# Event Program

## Thursday 7 March 2024

### Morning Session

- 9:30 am **Welcome and opening remarks**  
Siusan MacKenzie CEO ESF
- 9:40 am **Get to know you activity**
- 9:55 am **Fire and Emergency Champions of Change Coalition**  
Michael Morgan AFSM, Deputy Commissioner FRV & Cassie Lindsey, Champions of change Coalition
- 10:25 am **Inspiring Inclusion**  
Christine Nixon AO, APM
- 11:00 am **Morning Tea & Networking**
- 11:20 am **Happily ever after**  
Angela Harbison CEO and Cofounder of the Separation Guide
- 12:20 pm **Lunch & Networking**

### Afternoon Session

- 1:00 pm **Lived Experience Panel - barriers to inclusion and how they can be overcome**  
Facilitated by Mariela Diaz CEO ERV
- Wei Fong Yee AV Director Diversity and Inclusion
  - Inspector Amanda Bowden Victoria Police Co-Deputy Chair VP Pride Employee Network.
  - Donna Sherwen DEECA Program Manager Aboriginal Partnership
  - Shanleigh Meldrum VicSES Gisborne Unit
  - Deb Azzopardi CFA volunteer Epping
  - Zoe Murdoch LSV volunteer Hampton & Starfish all abilities program team
  - Claire Kinnear 000Vic Team Leader
- 2:10 pm **Afternoon Tea & Networking**
- 2:30 pm **Diversity & Inclusion awards**  
Presented by Kate Fitzgerald Deputy Secretary Emergency Management DJCS
- 2:40 pm **Winner Interviews**
- **Women's Equality Initiative** - Niki Vincent Commissioner for Gender Equality in the Public Sector (judge)
  - **Gender Diversity Initiative** - Ro Allen and Niki Vincent
  - **Diversity Champion** - Ro Allen Victoria Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner (judge)
- 3:40 pm **Reflections from the Judges**  
Nikki Vincent and Ro Allen
- 3:50 pm **Reflection**  
Siusan MacKenzie & Cath Greaves CEO Life Saving Victoria
- 4:00 pm **Close**

