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Welcome from the CEO Kristen Pyrz-Brown



Welcome and thank you for attending the 2024 ACCI International Women's Day Celebration.

This globally recognised day honours the remarkable achievements of women across social, economic, cultural, and political spheres.

Under the themes 'Count her in' and 'Inspire Inclusion', we aim to celebrate the contributions of GREAT Southern Women in our business community.

The forum we present today has been meticulously planned to offer not just insight and inspiration, but to also cultivate a space for meaningful dialogue and collaboration. Featuring key female business leaders from across Australia, our agenda is filled with presentations and panel discussions designed to challenge, enlighten, and motivate.

We invite you to engage fully with today's program, to share your stories and to listen to those of others, as we navigate the complexities and celebrate the triumphs of women in business and beyond.

Kind regards,
Kristen Pyrz-Brown
Chief Executive Officer

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Agenda

8.45am	<i>Guest Registration</i>
9.00am	Opening Address by Kristen Pyrz-Brown CEO Albany Chamber of Commerce & Industry
9.20am	Welcome to Country Vernice Gillies, Menang Elder
9.35am	Mindful Moments Emma Polette, Wellness Presenter
9.45am	Imposter Syndrome Kristen Pyrz-Brown
10.15am	How Can We Do Better with Inclusion Marnie Kalma, Advocate for Inclusion
10.45am	Mindful Moments Emma Polette
11am	<i>Morning Tea</i> Mentor/Mentee Session
11.30am	Keynote speech: Sally Carbon Director, G11 Team and Olympic Hockey Star
12.30pm	Mentor / Mentee Activity
1pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.30pm	Keynote Address by Natasha Short Kimberely Jiyigas
2.15pm	Count Her In, Inspire Inclusion! Panel Preity Dhaliwal, Village Childcare; and Rumeena Nizam, UWA
2.45pm	Wrap Up & Event Close

Guest Speakers



Sally Carbon
G11 Team and
Olympic Hockey Star



Natasha Short
Founder of Kimberley Jiyigas



Vernice Gillies
Menang Elder



Marnie Kalma
Advocate for Inclusion



Kristen Pyrz-Brown
ACCI CEO



Rumeena Nizam
University of WA



Emma Polette
Wellness Presenter



Preity Dhaliwal
The Village Childcare

Vernice Gillies Menang Elder



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Vernice received the 2019 Senior Citizen of the Year Award for the Albany region.

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Emma Polette Wellness Presenter

Emma Polette ditched her stressful corporate career in 2012 to become a yoga teacher, retreat leader and health coach.



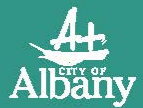
Her mission is to make yoga accessible and enjoyable for women of all ages, sizes and fitness levels so they can reap the physical, mental and spiritual benefits of the practice. When Emma's not teaching or studying yoga, you'll find her working at the local library or taking her dog, Barney to one of the stunning beaches in her hometown, Albany Western Australia.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE **FUTURE OF RETAIL TRADING** IN ALBANY

Participate in the community consultation and answer whether or not you support permanent extended trading.

Make sure you have your say! The consultation survey aims to reach residents and businesses across April and May 2024 with the aim for the City to have an outcome for or against permanent extended trading by the middle of the year.

Stay informed: albany.wa.gov.au/extendedtrading



Marnie Kalma

Advocate for Inclusion

Marnie Kalma had long fostered a robust comprehension of inclusion and diversity. However, her perspective underwent a seismic shift four years ago. Over the course of two years, her life transformed drastically.



Transitioning from juggling two jobs, actively engaging in activities with her young children, and traversing through life independently, she found herself reliant on a wheelchair full-time. Simple tasks became arduous challenges, and the once unseen barriers of society became glaringly evident.

From an unwavering belief in the limitless possibilities of life, Marnie was abruptly confronted with societal roadblocks. Yet, this newfound reality failed to dampen her spirit. Though her circumstances had shifted, her core essence remained unchanged. Instead, she emerged from this experience imbued with heightened patience and empathy. Despite the obstacles, her fervor for independence, passion, and determination burned even brighter.



Sally Carbon

Director, G11 Teams & Olympic Hockey Star



Sally Carbon is one of WA's leading strategists through the business G11 she founded in 2012. At G11, her purpose is to build strategic capability, educating leaders via a distinctive executable strategic framework, and coaching them to be disciplined with strategy and strategic planning.



The G11 team has grown to the extent it now offers all form of planning, leadership coaching, culture environment strengthening and structured growth in teams and individuals.

Sally's upbringing has been in high performance business and sport. She was formed in the furnace of international sport, having represented Australia at two Olympic Games and two World Cups. She was a member of the Hockeyroos, the most successful sporting team in the world, winning golds at both the Olympics and World Cups. In business she has advised political business leaders and been executive directors of many major projects.



Natasha Short Kimberley Jiyigas (Kimberley Birds)



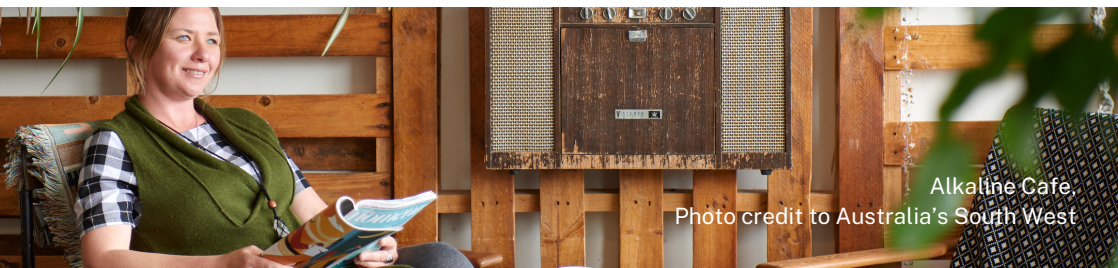
Natasha Short, Founder of Kimberley Jiyigas is a descendant of the Jaru people of Halls Creek, born and raised in the East Kimberley, where she lives today with her family.



Natasha has spent the past 25 years working within community development, focusing on social improvements for Indigenous people.

Much of Natasha's work has been around mentoring, leadership development, organising and speaking at women's events.

Natasha founded Kimberley Jiyigas (Birds) to be a collective of Indigenous women whose heritage links them personally to the Kimberley region. She works hard to join Indigenous talents, skills, passions, experience and networks to build a movement that champions Kimberley Indigenous Women and facilitates cultural and social change not only across the Kimberley, but abroad, right across this nation we call our home.





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