

SCHOOL COUNCIL FORUMS

Free Event

The School Governance Network is hosting four forums for members of school councils and school communities. The forums are free to attend and will be held in metropolitan Melbourne and regional and rural Victoria.

Each forum will be two hours in length and provide a great opportunity to share ideas, insights and good practice in school governance and partnerships. The forums are supported by the Department of Education and Training.

All members of school councils and school communities are welcome to attend.

FORUM 1: FAWKNER

When: Tuesday 23 October, 6-8pm

Where: John Fawkner College,
51 Jukes Road, Fawkner

FORUM 3: DANDENONG

When: Thursday 1 November, 6.30 – 8.30 pm

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

FORUM 2: WANGARATTA

When: Monday 29 October, 5-7pm

Where: Appin Park Primary School,
149 Appin Street, Wangaratta

*Includes a presentation from Phil Brown
(EO of the Country Education Partnership).*

FORUM 4: GEELONG

When: Thursday 15 November, 6.30 – 8.30 pm

Where: Western Heights College,
37-61 Vines Road, Hamlyn Heights



FORUM OUTLINE

Coffee and tea on arrival

Introduction - **NICHOLAS ABBEY** (Acting CEO, School Governance Network) and **TIM DIGHTON** (Executive Director, Group Planning, Coordination and Operations Division, Department of Education and Training Victoria)

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

Presentations from - **PARENTS VICTORIA**, the **VICTORIAN STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL** (VicSRC) or the **COUNTRY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP** (depending on the forum)

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

Small/whole group discussions - themes include:

- Sharing ideas and insights in school governance and partnerships
 - School councils: What's working well? What can be improved and how?
 - How to support the participation of students, parents and community members
 - How to build networks of school councils and other school council stakeholders
 - How councils can support each other
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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. If you are unable to get to one of these locations, you may be able to participate via video conferencing. Contact Nicholas Abbey to discuss.

BY TAKING PART IN A FORUM, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Share ideas, insights and good practice
- Contribute to a shared checklist about the 'how' of building better governance
- Discuss forming local, regional and on-line networks of school council members
- Explore how school councils help to link school, home and the community in supporting student learning, engagement and achievement
- Make practical suggestions to the School Governance Network and Department of Education and Training about school governance and partnerships.



ABOUT THE SCHOOL GOVERNANCE NETWORK

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

- *Develop new services, support and tools for the 17,500 Victorian government school council members*
- *Assist schools with accessing training and other support materials*
- *Provide a voice for all councils*
- *Support links between school councils and the Department*
- *Build a network to provide mutual support among councils and to share ideas, information and good practice in governance and partnerships.*

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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