# BusVic 2022 ALL ABOARD SEMINAR

#### Date: Friday 2nd December Time: 9:30am - 2:30pm Venue: RACV Club Melbourne - 501 Bourke St, Melbourne

The theme for this year's All Aboard event is *Driving Inclusion*.

Developments and challenges of the past few years have highlighted challenges faced by the most vulnerable, at risk, and disadvantaged within our communities. In addition to this, the bus industry has now embarked on a social procurement regime that aims to shape an inclusive economy that engages minority populations and the disadvantaged. Bus operators are looking to innovate ways that meet these demands, as well as being inclusive of the communities we serve. This year's All Board event explores the role and what the industry can offer Indigenous Australians and youth at risk.

This event will help operators and their teams with:

- Creating awareness of current workplace attitudes and practices that act as barriers and identify opportunities for improvement.
- Identifying risk management strategies, resources, and expertise available to help operators and their teams.

PRICES	
Seminar & Luncheon	\$150 per person
Seminar Only	\$65 per person
Luncheon Only	\$100 per person
Table of 10 (luncheon only)	\$875 per table

#### Registration is essential - please register here: https://www.busvic.asn.au/node/14919

The event will be held pursuant to Victorian State Government COVID-19 restrictions in place for the time.

PROGRAMME		
9:00am	Registration	
9:30am	Welcome – Julia Evans Acknowledgement of Country and program overview – Julia Evans	
9.45am	Session 1: Indigenous Australians Abigail Peak, Social Traders & Kimberly Keen, Kinway Chamber of Commerce The Victorian Government's social procurement regime encourages the bus industry to engage with Victorian Aboriginal businesses, support sustainable Indigenous business enterprises, and employ Victorian Aboriginal people. This session explores the perceived and actual challenges of achieving this.	
10:45am	Morning Tea	
11:00am	Session 2: Youth at Risk Tanya Hendry, Whitelion & Jerome Haoust, Crown Coaches Most of our communities are impacted by at risk youths, many of whom have been further displaced and disadvantaged as a result of the pandemic. This session considers how operators could increase pathways to increase valued engagement with young people through work opportunities and local community organisations.	
12:00pm	Pre-lunch canapes	
12:30pm	Luncheon and keynote presentations Mikeala Stafrace & Charlotte Dillon Mikaela Stafrace, Founder and CEO of Woman CAN Australia on their partnership with Charlotte Dillon, General Manager, Housing for the YWCA Australia that houses, trains, and finds employment for disadvantaged women. Keynote: Rhiannon Tracey	
2:30pm	Event Close	
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## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

### **Rhiannon Tracey**



While many may let a life-changing injury hold them back from living their dreams, Rhiannon Tracey has used it as further motivation to create a life she loves, helping and inspiring thousands along the way. In 2009, a spinal cord injury changed Rhiannon's world instantly. After a diving accident in Bali at the age of 20, Rhiannon was diagnosed as a C-5 quadriplegic and told she would never walk again. But she's not one to take "no" for an answer. Rhiannon Tracey has since founded The Next Step, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing the best recovery, and rehabilitation options in Australia. They work to help those living with SCI (spinal cord injuries) and other neurological disorders to achieve their goals and educate them on what's possible. Already doing more in her 31 years than many hope to achieve in a lifetime, Rhiannon Tracey gives her audience a wide range of education around inclusion, access, and disability etiquette. As she was an able-bodied person for 21 years of her live, she has lived on both sides, understanding the perspective of those with and without disability. She will change your perspective on life, like she has with countless others.

## HOST

### **Julia Evans**



Since the late-1990s, Julia Evans has consulted extensively with peak industry bodies and organisations on their future workforce strategy, workplace training and professional development, member and stakeholder engagement, and advocacy activities.

Julia is the Director of consulting firm Corven. Her doctoral studies explored how ethics and power significantly impact effective small business education. She has been involved with BusVic since 2008 as the facilitator of the annual Women on Board event, Chair of BAV's Social Strategies Committee and was appointed to the BAV Board in 2019.