

Carmel Arthur

Manager – Strategic Planning and Projects – Infrastructure, Victoria Police



Carmel has worked in building and facilities management for over 30 years and has held key roles in both the public and private sectors. Her senior roles have been held within the departments of Infrastructure, Treasury and Finance, Education and Early Childhood Development, and Victoria Police.

Carmel is Manager Strategic Planning and Projects – Infrastructure within Victoria police and was also a founding member of the Victoria Police Capability Team, a project designed to substantially re-shape the way Victoria Police operates into the future.

In 2015 Carmel was awarded the Most Outstanding Female Practitioner within Australasia at the Australasian Women in Policing Conference - Excellence in Policing Awards.

Carmel is considered to be an innovative senior female leader within Victoria Police and is a highly respected member of our community. Carmel has enhanced the profile of women in policing through her professional and personal networks and is one of the architects of her divisions 'Future Leaders' program, a program that focusses on the need to be creative, diverse, open and equitable.

Carmel's existing connection with Victoria Police strengthened when her husband, a serving Victoria Police Officer, was tragically murdered in 1998. Since that tragic time Carmel has built relationships and networks right across the criminal justice system.

In August 2004 she was appointed to the Sentencing Advisory Council and is a current sitting member, a role that came about because of her great personal insight into the operation of the criminal justice system. In 2008 Carmel Arthur was appointed to the Adult Parole Board as a community member.

Her courage, grace and determination, has not only built great personal resilience, but sends a powerful message to all who encounter her as a senior female leader, that adversity does not have to be a blocker to reaching your potential.

Carmel is an advocate for community connectedness. She is a great advocate for procedural fairness and better treatment of victims and their families through the criminal justice system. Most importantly Carmel is passionate about connecting with community and keeping the community engaged and informed about the justice system, through more open and transparent processes.

"A socially cohesive society delivers a fair, just and safe society"