

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

DATE:

9 – 12 July 2020

VENUE:

Benedictine Abbey
695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo

TIME:

Arrive afternoon of Thursday 9 July
leaving after lunch on Sunday 12 July

COST:

\$300.00 for the talks
plus accommodation fees.

BOOKINGS:

0242360533, or
cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

Who is this workshop for?

For women of any age and any experience. For women in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title ... in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere.

What is it about?

The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts – as people, as women and as leaders. Framed within the Benedictine tradition, participants will develop the confidence and the skills to understand their value for the world by leading in a range of contexts. They will leave encouraged to do so.

The venue itself is significant. Set within the rainforest of Jamberoo Mountain, the quiet contemplative space of the Abbey offers the opportunity to be reflective and to experience the peace, the life and the hospitality of the Benedictine community.

How will it run?

The workshop program will include presentations, workshop activities, dialogue and discussion, time to reflect, and the opportunity to take part in the liturgical life of The Abbey, if desired. While it is strongly research-based, the experience and insights of participants will be paramount. In short, there will be time to think, to listen, to talk together, to laugh and to be still.

This is a residential program. Participants will be accommodated in The Abbey cottages, arriving in the afternoon of Thursday 9 July, and leaving after lunch on Sunday 12 July, 2020. Because of the nature of this workshop, numbers are limited.

Leoni Degenhardt



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Leoni is Emeritus Dean of the Leadership Centre of the Association of Independent Schools of NSW, having been previously the inaugural Dean. Prior to this, Leoni ran her own consultancy business, working in the education and corporate sectors, with a focus on leadership, strategy and organisational change.

Leoni's career has spanned all levels of education – early learning and preschool, primary, secondary, tertiary and system leadership – and all sectors – government, Catholic and independent - in rural, urban and suburban locations. Leoni has been principal of two secondary schools: a large co-educational school in south-west Sydney, and a long-established day and boarding school for girls on Sydney's upper north shore. Her PhD is in Educational Leadership.

In her fourteen years as Principal of Loreto Normanhurst, Leoni led a successful reinvention process, documented in her book *Dancing on a Shifting Carpet: reinventing traditional schooling for the 21st century* (2010), co-written with Professor Patrick Duignan.

In an honorary capacity, Leoni has been and continues to be a member and chair of educational and not-for-profit boards, and has held honorary positions in a several universities. She is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators (FACE), and of the Australian Council for Educational Leaders (FACEL), and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

Leoni was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day Honours in 2020 for her service to education through the independent sector.