

## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

***DATE:***

July 4–7, 2019

***VENUE:***

Benedictine Abbey  
695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo

***TIME:***

Arrive afternoon of Thursday 4 July  
leaving after lunch on the Sunday

***COST:***

\$300.00 for the talks  
plus accommodation fees.

***BOOKINGS:***

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**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 4 July, and leaving after lunch on Sunday 7 July, 2019. Because of the nature of this workshop, numbers are limited.

## Leoni Degenhardt



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Dr Leoni Degenhardt was the inaugural Dean of the AIS Leadership Centre, which supports current and future school leaders to lead and manage the complexity of contemporary educational environments.

Leoni has taught in government and non-government schools in rural, urban and suburban areas; co-founded a Montessori pre-school; held regional and head office positions in the Catholic Education Office, Sydney; was deputy principal of a highly multi-cultural inner-city Sydney school and principal of a large co-educational Catholic systemic school in south-west Sydney, before her appointment as the first lay principal of Loreto Normanhurst, a position she held from 1994 until April 2008. Leoni's PhD in Educational Leadership was based on the documentation and analysis of the reinvention process which she led at Loreto.

Leoni's book *Dancing on a Shifting Carpet: reinventing traditional schooling for the 21st century* (2010), co-written with Professor Patrick Duignan, is based on her PhD study and includes an extended case study of the reinvention of Loreto Normanhurst.

After leaving principalship, Leoni worked across and beyond Australia with corporate and not for profit organisations, as well as with schools and school systems in areas related to 21st century learning, leadership, strategy and organisational change. She has run workshops on Women in Leadership for many years. Leoni has been a member of a range of educational boards, commissions and committees, including the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), and the National Council of Caritas Australia. She is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators (ACE) and of the Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL).

Leoni has published papers in a number of journals and presented keynotes and workshops at conferences within and beyond Australia. She lives with her husband in Gerroa NSW. They have two adult daughters and are enjoying their first grandchild