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# Careers for Young Women in Sport Forum

**Thursday 25 June 2026**

**10am – 2pm**

Victoria University  
Footscray Park Campus

This free event is designed for girls in Year 10–12 who aspire to a career in sport.

[See event line-up >](#)



# Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge, recognise and respect the Ancestors, Elders and families of the Traditional Owners of University land where our campuses are situated. In Victoria, the Bunurong/Boonwurrung, Wadawurrung and Wurundjeri/Woiwurrung of the Kulin Nation; in Sydney, the Gadigal and Guring-gai of the Eora Nation; and in Brisbane, the Turrbal and Yugara people.

As we share our own knowledge practices within the University, we acknowledge that the land on which we meet, learn and grow is a place of age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. We honour the depth of wisdom held by Aboriginal communities and recognise their enduring connection to Country. Sovereignty has never been ceded.



# Thinking about a future in sport?

## There's no better place than VU to get the ball rolling.

Ranked 6th in the world for sports science\*, we're one of Australia's largest providers of sport and exercise science courses. With the opportunity to do hands-on industry placements and internships with partners such as the Western Bulldogs, Tennis Australia, AFL and the Victorian and Australian Institutes of Sport, you'll learn in practical environments and build skills that apply to real jobs in both elite and community sport.

At VU, we champion women in sport – in every arena. You'll join a strong community backed by mentors, research and partnerships that open real career pathways.

Whether you see yourself competing, coaching, innovating behind the scenes or leading the next era of women's sport, you'll graduate with the confidence, connections and real-world experience to make your mark.

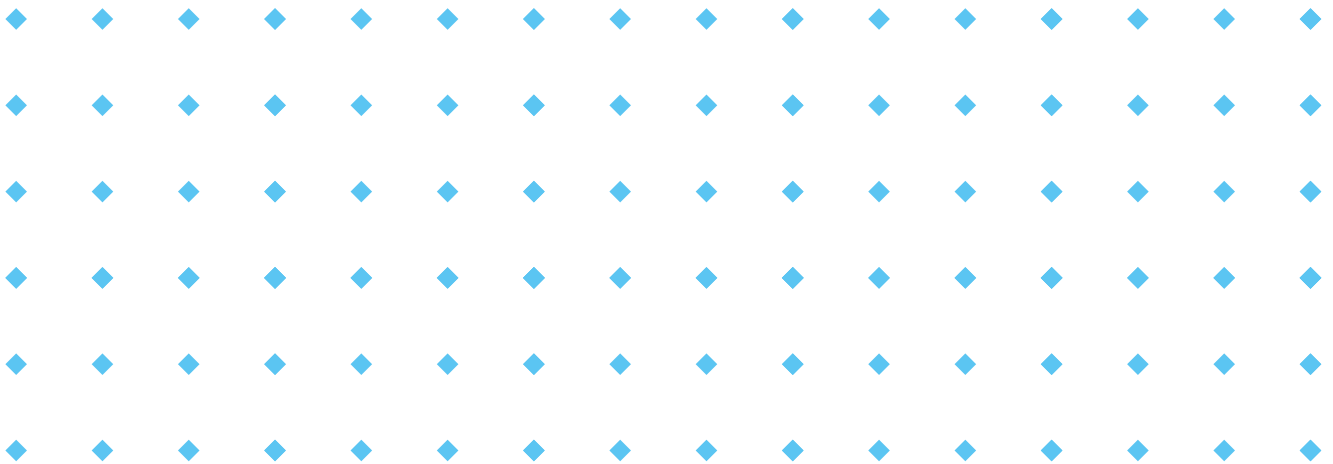
\*ShanghaiRanking, 2025



# Event line-up

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| 10.00am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ MC – Professor Clare Hanlon (Susan Alberti Women in Sport Chair)</li><li>◆ Acknowledgement of Country – Lee Bevan-Woodley</li><li>◆ Welcome – Vice-Chancellor Professor Adam Shoemaker</li></ul> |
| 10.10am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Keynote address – Clare Burton, General Manager Swimming Victoria/<br/>Vice-President Athletics Victoria</li></ul>   |
| 10.45am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Panel discussion – Susan Alberti AC, Lee Bevan-Woodley<br/>and Cameron McCleod</li></ul>   |
| 11.35am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Networking (please BYO morning tea)</li></ul>  |
| 12.10pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Masterclass: session #1</li></ul>  |
| 1.00pm  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Masterclass: session #2 (please BYO lunch to eat during this session)</li></ul>  |
| 1:50pm  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Workshop, tips &amp; prizes</li></ul>  |
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**Careers for Young Women in Sport 2026 is proudly sponsored by Susan Alberti AC.**



# Keynote speaker

## Clare Burton

**General Manager of Sport, Swimming Victoria, Vice President of Athletics Victoria, and VU alum.**

With more than 20 years of experience, Clare is recognised for her leadership in community sport development, participation, and creating safer and more inclusive environments.

After graduating from VU (Bachelor of Arts – Sports Administration), Clare was immediately employed at Volleyball Victoria, then joined Little Athletics Victoria in a competition and events role. A couple of years later Clare landing her ‘dream job’ at Athletics Australia as the Assistant Competitions Manager, where she travelled around the country and on international tours as Team Manager for Australian teams. Clare then joined the Mother’s Day Classic as Senior Events Manager, where she strengthened her connection to community impact and advocacy.

Five years later Clare moved into the sports participation team at Swimming Australia, working on growth and retention and the junior sport pathway. This led to her Sport Development Manager role at Swimming Victoria, working with clubs to rebuild communities, developing participation and inclusion programs, and helping the volunteer workforce.

A founding member of the Western Athletics Club, Clare competed for 20 years and has sat on and off the committee since high school. Since 2019, Clare has been the Vice-President of Athletics Victoria.

Clare is a mum of two sports-mad sons, and loves watching them thrive, have fun and make friends. She has joined their club committees and enjoys helping her local community make sport safer and more inclusive for everyone.



# Panelists



## **Susan Alberti AC**

Advocate for driving girls and women in sport

Susan has spent a lifetime advocating for a range of medical research priorities and promoting the importance of healthy living and exercise, particularly for women. In 2004, Susan became a Board Member of the AFL Western Bulldogs and was founding Co-Chair of the Western Bulldogs Forever Foundation.

In 2012 Susan was elected Vice President of the Western Bulldogs, retiring in 2016. In 2015, Susan was appointed President of the Footscray VFL Club team. Susan was the leading force behind the establishment of the AFL's elite women's competition, which has had immediate flow on to increase the number of girls and women keeping active and fit.



## **Lee Bevan-Woodley**

VU Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement)/Bachelor of Sports Management) student

Lee is a high-performance netball coach and emerging sport leader, currently studying a Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement) and a Bachelor of Sport Management. Her coaching experience spans community, university, and elite pathways, including the Victorian First Nations Team and a member of Netball Victoria's First Nations Advisory Group. Grounded in connection, success, development, and education, Lee is a people-centred coach who builds strong, authentic relationships through empathy, active listening, and an appreciation of diverse perspectives. She integrates her studies and industry placement into her coaching practice, applying evidence-based and reflective approaches to enhance performance, well-being, and confidence in an inclusive, high-performing environment.



## **Cameron McLeod**

CEO, The Huddle – North Melbourne Football Club and VU alum

Cameron is the CEO of The Huddle and senior executive at the North Melbourne Football Club. A VU Bachelor of Arts grad, with further study at Federation University (MBA) and Harvard Business School, Cameron has spent more than 20 years using sport as a powerful tool to improve education, health, wellbeing and leadership for underrepresented people and communities across Australia and the UK.

Cameron has worked with some of the world's leading sports brands to create meaningful and lasting change in communities. He led the development of Australia's first Gender Equality Action Plan in sport – helping make workplaces safer and more inclusive and contributing to the prevention of violence against women.

# Masterclass sessions

As part of this event, every student will participate in one workshop from each of the two following streams. You can preference the workshops that interest you most, and we'll do our best to accommodate your selections when allocating places.

## Stream 1

This stream introduces you to the world of exercise, health, and performance. You'll explore how the body moves and recovers, and discover pathways that support athletes, active communities, and rehabilitation. Each workshop focuses on real concepts used in sport, fitness, and performance settings, giving you a taste of career possibilities.

### Masterclass Sessions

1. Sport Coaching
2. Injury & Rehabilitation
3. Data Analytics & Insights
4. Strength & Performance

### VU Linked Courses

- ◆ Bachelor of Applied Movement Science/ Master of Physiotherapy
- ◆ Bachelor of Chiropractic Science
- ◆ Bachelor of Science (Osteopathy)/Master of Health Science (Osteopathy)
- ◆ Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science
- ◆ Bachelor of Sport Science
- ◆ Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement)/ Bachelor of Sport Management
- ◆ Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement)/ Bachelor of Psychological Studies
- ◆ Bachelor of Biomedical and Exercise Science
- ◆ Bachelor of Physical Education and Sport Science
- ◆ Diploma of Remedial Massage HLT52021
- ◆ Diploma of Sport SIS50321

## Stream 2

This stream offers you an inside look at the world of sport business and operations. You'll learn directly from leading professionals who combine real industry experience with contemporary theory – helping you understand the many careers available across sport management, events, community sport, and athlete engagement.

### Masterclass Sessions

1. Sport Facility Management
2. Membership & Public Relations
3. Sponsorship & Event Management
4. Sport & Community Participation & Engagement

### VU Linked Courses

- ◆ Bachelor of Sport Management/Bachelor of Sports Business
- ◆ Bachelor of Sport Management
- ◆ Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement)/ Bachelor of Sport Management
- ◆ Bachelor of Youth Work/Bachelor of Sport Management
- ◆ Bachelor of Outdoor Leadership
- ◆ Bachelor of Outdoor Education and Environmental Science
- ◆ Diploma of Sport SIS50321

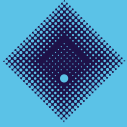
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Please note: The above course options are indicative only.



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