

2024 International Women's Day

Guest Speaker Event – Shalailah Medhora

Master of Ceremonies –



10:00am Wednesday, 13 March 2024

Talking points

OPENING OF PROCEEDINGS

- Good morning, everyone and welcome to this special event to celebrate International Women's Day.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

- I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today:
 - the Wurundjeri [wah-rund-jerry] people of the Kulin [koo-lin] nation in Melbourne,
 - the Ngunnawal [nunna-wall] people of the Ngunnawal nation in Canberra, and
 - the Gadigal [gad-ee-gal] people of the Eora [ee-or-ah] nation in Sydney.
- I pay my respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to any of our First Nations colleagues and guests joining us today.
- The ACMA respects and celebrates First Nations peoples as the original storytellers and content creators of the lands on which we work and honours the enduring strength and commitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the land, waters and their communities.

HOUSEKEEPING

- Before we commence, may I ask those of you online to mute your microphones, but feel free to ask questions using the chat function.

REFLECTION – TALKING POINTS

- Today we are continuing to celebrate International Women's Day which was on Friday 8 March.
- International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.
- The theme for International Women's Day this year is 'Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress.'
- International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress, to call for change and to celebrate the courage and determination of the women who changed history, and those who will advance gender equality into the future.
- International Women's Day is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilise for meaningful change.

INTRODUCE GUEST SPEAKER

- I am delighted to introduce our guest speaker today, Shalailah Medhora.
- Shalailah is a cross-platform political journalist with experience in online, television and radio journalism.
- Shalailah has worked for The Guardian, SBS and ABC News and is currently a journalist for triple j's current affairs program Hack.
- In keeping with the International Women's Day Theme, *Count Her In*, Shalailah will speak to us today about what happens when women get a seat at table, and the impact to workplaces and industries when they don't.
- Please join me in welcoming Shalailah.

(SHALIALAH'S SPEECH)

Q&A Session

- Thank you very much, Shalailah. That was wonderful!
- I'd now like to open the floor to questions. We'll start with the Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne offices and then take questions from employees joining us via Teams. Please send your questions using the chat function and they will be read out in Canberra.
- We will now start with questions from the Canberra office. If you have a question for Shalailah, please raise your hand.

(Take questions from Canberra)

- Next we'll take questions from the Sydney office.

(Take questions from Sydney)

- Now we'll take questions from the Melbourne office.

(Take questions from Melbourne)

- We will now take some questions we've received via Teams.

(Canberra office will read out questions submitted via Teams)

(Cut questions off at 10:40am)

- Unfortunately, I need to end questions there as we have run out of time.

CLOSING OF PROCEEDINGS

- Thank you very much, Shalailah. It was a privilege to hear from you today.
- Let's give one last round of applause for Shalailah.
- Thank you to everyone for joining us today to celebrate International Women's Day.