



Are you a member of a workplace leadership team?

Illness, death and bereavement can be an uncomfortable space where we do not know what to say and do.

How our workplace community responds when times are difficult can radically shift a person's relationship to their workplace. Research has shown that compassionate workplace cultures can make a positive contribution by increasing morale, supporting employee retention, reducing absences and increasing productivity.

Join us in exploring how we can build compassionate workplaces across the South West of Western Australia.

July 17 , 2023
11 am - 2.45pm

Bunbury Geographe Chamber of
Commerce and Industry
15 Stirling St, BUNBURY

Facilitated by **Professor Samar Aoun**, 2023 WA Australian of the Year and Chair of the South West Compassionate Communities Network

To register

<https://comcomnetworksw.com/registration-compassionate-workplaces/>



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Program

11am **Welcome**

Mellisa Teede - CEO, South West Development Commission

11.10am **Compassionate Communities: What is it and why it matters?** *Prof Samar Aoun* - 2023 WA West Australian of the Year and Chair, South West Compassionate Communities Network (SWCCN)

11.40pm **Compassionate Workplace Framework**

Dr Julieanne Hilbers - Project Lead, SWCCN

- Small group reflection activities
- Identify area(s) of innovation and pledge to take action

1pm **Lunch**

1.30pm **You Can't Ask That? Caring, Dying & Grieving in the Workplace**

Panel members:

Jeffrey Williams - CEO, St John of God Bunbury Hospital

Mal Osborne - CEO, City of Bunbury

Dr Byron Scott - Palliative Care Physician, WA Country Health Service

Joanne Eggleston - Organisational consultant

2.15pm

Final remarks and invitation to the launch of the Compassionate Bunbury Charter (August 4)

Mellisa Teede and *Mal Osborne*

2.20-2.45pm

Evaluation & vox pop exit interviews