



JEFF WHALAN
LEARNING GROUP
GROWING EXCEPTIONAL LEADERS



Catherine Wall

After 18 years working as a health professional specialising in child and family health, Catherine entered the Australian Public Service on the graduate recruitment program. Over the next 17 years she worked on a range of Commonwealth social policy reforms in the areas of health, education and early childhood.

Much of Catherine's public sector work involved bilateral and multilateral intergovernmental negotiations. In 2008 she coordinated the activities of the Productivity Agenda Working Group that developed a new COAG agenda in the areas of early childhood, schooling and vocational education. In 2010 she led the implementation of the \$16 billion Building the Education Revolution Program, which was a major element of the Government's economic stimulus package. In 2011 she led preparatory work to support the Government's response to the Gonski review of school funding.

While working as a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Catherine was a member of an Executive Learning Group. As a result, she appreciates the short and long-term benefits of taking time out to connect with peers, consider alternative perspectives and examine 'big picture' issues.

At the age of 53 Catherine decided to leave her public sector position to explore new opportunities. That transition led her to reflect deeply on the relationship between the personal and professional aspects of one's identity, and the important role that our values and priorities play in our career decisions.

As a Group facilitator Catherine supports members to focus on their personal well-being in the belief that leaders need to 'be well' to 'lead well'. She also assists members to consider the capacity they have as leaders to create positive, innovative and productive work environments for others.

Catherine lives in Melbourne. She was appointed as a Member (part-time) of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal from 2012 -2017, and has facilitated Executive Learning Groups as part of the Jeff Whalan Learning Group since 2013.

Catherine holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Graduate Diploma in Administrative Law, both from the Australian National University. She is an accredited executive coach with qualifications from the Institute of Executive Coaching.

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