

## Leigh Russell - Biography

An accomplished leader, Leigh's professional reputation is built equally on excellence as it is on diversity - as a CEO, board director, consultant, author, leadership & culture lecturer, and coach.

Leigh is the former CEO of Swimming Australia and Netball Victoria and over a 20-year career in sport, held several executive-level roles across the sport industry, working in high performance with teams and individuals in often complex, high-pressure environments. Leigh has held numerous board positions as is currently the Chair of the Women's Football Council, Football Australia.

She has authored two books - 'Game On' and 'Every Girl Needs a Plan' published by Hardie Grant and appeared as the Mind Coach on Foxtel's award-winning TV show *The Recruit*.

Currently, Leigh operates her own consultancy, specialising in organisational change, strategy development, leadership, and people & culture initiatives working across many industries. She has qualifications in education, counselling, and business. Leigh is also a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) and a member of Chief Executive Women.