

**SEA BUSINESS MANAGERS' MEETING
THURSDAY 11TH MAY, 2017**

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**Willunga Waldorf School
1 Jay Drive, Willunga SA**

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1.30 to 2.00pm	Registration	
2.00 to 2.30pm	Acknowledgement of Country Verse Introductions	Greig Scott SEA Board
2.30 to 3.30	  <p>Nigel Bartlett Manager of Funding and Accountability at Independent Schools Victoria (ISV)</p> <p>'We're Special and Different': The Business of Education</p> <p>At some point in their tenure, most school Business Managers will hear the phrase that schools are 'special' and 'different'. Schools are, indeed, special places to work, and they do operate differently to other industries. This is the case for Steiner schools as much as any other school. However, such phrases are sometimes associated with visions or strategic plans for the school that, while they may have strong teaching and learning benefits, have, at best, a tenuous link to prudent financial and operational management. This can create challenges for Business Managers, particularly those with a technical, financial background.</p> <p>The role of the school Business Manager is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to understand the school's vision, educational goals and strategic plan - to facilitate the accomplishment of these visions, goals and plans, given the constraints that the school faces. <p>This balancing act requires a level of understanding of a wide range of factors that impact on a school's operations, not just the school's finances. It also requires communication and collaboration with many stakeholders – many of whom will not have a detailed understanding of the financial and regulatory environment in which the school operates.</p> <p>This session will act as a conversation about some of the things that Business Managers can consider to ensure that the you are</p>	

	<p>seen as an integral part of the school's decision-making processes, rather than establishing an adversarial relationship between finance and teaching and learning. It will also include a discussion of some of the tools and supports available to Business Managers, both an individual people, and as vital members of the school leadership team.</p> <p>Presenter: Mr Nigel Bartlett, Independent Schools Victoria</p> <p><i>Nigel is the Manager of Funding and Accountability at Independent Schools Victoria (ISV). During his eighteen years at ISV, he has worked extensively with school Boards, Principals, Business Managers and teachers in Victorian Independent schools across a broad range of issues that impact on school operations. In his current role, his main focus is on supporting schools regarding finances and government regulation.</i></p> <p><i>Nigel is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and he is one of the presenters and co-developers of the New Business Managers' Program, a joint initiative of ISV and the Victorian Chapter of the Association of School Business Administrators.</i></p> <p><i>If attendees at the session promise to behave, Nigel promises not to talk about the minutiae of government funding arrangements, or the politics that underlies these arrangements.</i></p>	
3.30 to 4.00pm	Discussion from Nigel's workshop	
4.00 to 4.30	Afternoon Tea	
4.30 to 5.30	Discussion Groups	Greig Scott
	Topics determined from registration requests	
Social evening – Dinner at local restaurant		