

PATHWAY PLANNING

Panelists 2026



**AMATULLAH
MANSURWALA**
HYDRAULICS ENGINEER



COLIN KELLY
PRINCIPAL SYSTEMS
ENGINEER



DAVID GROCKE
NETWORKING AND
SECURITY ARCHITECT



KAREN DARBY
EXTENDED CARE
PARAMEDIC



SONYA CONGDON
CLINICAL NURSE
GENERAL MANAGER
EVERARD PARK
CARE COMMUNITY



MATT SWINBURNE
OPERATIONS MANAGER
AT TONKIN SCHUTZ
DESIGN & BUILD



RYAN BEAMES
QUALIFIED CARPENTER
PROPERTY SERVICES
SUPERVISOR
SUNRISE CHRISTIAN
SCHOOLS

All panelists will be speaking at 4:30pm, 5:30pm and 6:30pm

TUESDAY 28 JULY 2026
LOCATED IN THE MUSIC SUITE

MEET THE PANELISTS



**AMATULLAH
MANSURWALA**

Amatullah is a Hydraulics Engineer at Lucid Consulting Australia. She studied Environmental Engineering and Applied Mathematics at the University of Adelaide. During university, worked part-time as an undergraduate engineer, which helped her gain real industry experience while completing her degree. Today, she helps design water and drainage systems for a variety of projects.

She is excited to show students some of the many pathways available in STEM.



COLIN KELLY

Colin started a Bachelor of Arts degree before moving to a Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic & Electrical). Partway through his degree, he left to run his own home theatre business, then returned later to finish his degree while raising a family. During this time, he completed the Flinders University Venture Dorm startup program, placing second and winning a business education trip to the USA.

Colin has worked across tech startups, mining, manufacturing, and defence. His work has included developing algorithms for a smartwatch app, creating a new type of lego building block, building hardware for mining vehicles across Australia and more. Now a Principal Systems Engineer, Colin leads two engineering teams at the Defence Science & Technology Group (DSTG) and continues to develop his own ideas.



DAVID GROCKE

After graduating from Emmaus, David has worked in Information Technology (IT) for over two decades. He is currently a Networking and Security Architect at Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE). David holds a Bachelor of Computer Science from the University of South Australia, however, is one of the few in his team that holds an IT degree.

As part of his IT roles, David has worked under geologists and mining specialists, alongside retail store agents and car mechanics, recognising the IT community is made up of honest and ethical individuals with a shared passion for both IT and serving others.

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KAREN DARBY

Karen has over 24 years of experience as a Paramedic, starting as a Student Paramedic (on-road training and through Flinders University), completing 3 years of training before working full-time at Marion Station.

She later trained as an Intensive Care Paramedic, enabling her to expand her scope of practice. In 2013, Karen completed internal training to be accredited as an Extended Care Paramedic. Now based at Parkside in the Emergency Operations Centre, her role is diverse, challenging, and rewarding.

Today, most paramedics enter the profession through university study.



SONYA CONGDON

Sonya began her career as a mature-age student, studying nursing at Flinders University while raising three young children. After becoming a Registered Nurse, she quickly moved into leadership roles, including Clinical Nurse, Clinical Nurse Coordinator, and Regional Clinical Manager with Programmed Care.

With over 14 years of experience, Sonya is now the General Manager of Everard Park Care Community.



MATT SWINBURNE

Matthew is the Operations Manager at TSDB (Tonkin Schutz Design & Build), a Registered Architect, and Building Supervisor with 30 years of experience across architecture, design management, and construction delivery.

After completing a double degree in Architecture at the University of Adelaide, Matthew gained experience in mechanical services, architectural practice, and construction management before spending six years with Adelaide's largest builder in Balderstone, including serving as Senior Design Manager for South Australia and leading major projects such as the Adelaide Oval Redevelopment.

At TSDB, Matthew oversees business operations while remaining actively involved in design, construction management, and strategic project delivery. He has a particular passion for partnering with churches and Christian schools, providing practical design and construct solutions that align with their long-term vision and mission.

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RYAN BEAMES

Ryan began his career as a qualified Carpenter before establishing and operating his own business, Beames Carpentry, for 20 years. During this time, he specialised in first-fix house framing across a range of projects, from project homes to architectural custom builds. Ryan demonstrated a strong commitment to workforce development, successfully training over 15 apprentices, many of whom have since gone on to establish their own successful businesses.

Three years ago, Ryan transitioned into the role of Property Services Supervisor at Sunrise Christian School, helping maintain multiple campuses across Adelaide and regional South Australia.

YOUR PANEL HOST



JESS WORLEY

DIRECTOR OF TEACHING
AND LEARNING (7-12)