

Launch of the Australian Leadership Index

It is time to have a conversation. That time is now.

We live in uncertain and volatile times. The world around us can be confusing and complex.

There is a general sense among Australians – ascertained by the Australian Leadership Index - that we are not well-served by our leaders and institutions. That leadership is truly lacking and it's been lacking for some point in time.

this effort that is really showing the kind of community leadership that we need and we are all capable of.

We need to speak.

Steve Graham, with your support and the work of the researchers and the team here at Swinburne, we now can have this conversation and, as you said, use this as a mechanism to open up the conversation and force that conversation.

But, we have to be heard and we have to make sure that we continue to keep the Index high on people's agenda.

What I love about this project is that the data is being made freely available, and it is being available so that people can explore it. Let's encourage people to do that. If every person goes away from here and encourages others to get involved in this Index, and make it a living, breathing part of the way in which we think, then we are more likely to get the kind of traction we need to bring about genuine change.

I for one am fed up with the lack of leadership in Australia. We want to be counted. We, as a country, long to be counted on the world stage.

We do need to start to provoke, to prod and to force the kind of conversations that we're talking about. There is no doubt in my mind that one of the great problems with leadership is that everybody thinks they understand it but very few people are practicing it.

So, where do we look to try and develop that kind of leadership?

I am an optimist. I look at my family. I look at their friends. They are young adults