



Leadership Experience

PROFILE

A proven Executive and Operational Leader, Motivational Interviewing Trainer and Leadership Coach with experience in a broad range of complex human service environments, including government and justice settings.

- Recognised expertise and delivery of strategic leadership, evidence-based practice, organisational change and building high-performing teams.
- Highly skilled people manager with a reputation for developing strong leaders and delivering innovative improvements to workforce culture and psychological safety.
- Passionate about supporting positive community outcomes by building partnerships and designing and delivering practical and sustainable service improvements.
- Skilled at building collaboration with a strong track record of empowering communities, service users and frontline teams to have a voice in strategic, policy and practice decisions.
- Focused on supporting human services leader through coaching, training and co-design and implementation of improvements to workforce culture and service outcomes.

CAREER SUMMARY

Leadership Coach and Collaborator, Taryn Escreet 2024 - Current

Executive Director, Department of Justice and Community Safety, Victoria 2020 – 2026

Led and managed a diverse portfolio of Justice Services in the North-West Metro Area of Victoria, providing strategic direction, overseeing regional resources, managing complex risks and delivering outcomes aligned with government and departmental priorities.

Director, Department of Justice and Community Safety, Victoria 2019 – 2020

Provided strategic, corporate and people management leadership of the metro-based prisons and transition centre and operational leadership of Justice Services in the North-West Metro Area.

Operational leadership roles, Corrections Victoria 2002 – 2019

- General Manager, Operations Manager, Supervisor, Squad Manager
- Project Manager for Women's System Reform, Project Manager Motivational Interviewing Implementation and Manager of Case Management.

Lieutenant – Australian Army Ready Reserves Program 1995 - 2000

CREDENTIALS AND RECOGNITION

- **Professional Certified Coach** - International Coaching Academy (ICA) - Individual and Teams - 2025
- **Trainer - Motivational Interviewing** - Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) - 2024
- **Top 50 Established Leader**, IPPA Top 50 Women in the Public Sector - 2024
- **Australian Corrections Medal**, Queens birthday honours - 2018