

Salli Cohen: The Reckoning

A keynote speech about courage, responsibility and what it takes for policy to truly serve.



Salli Cohen is a strategist, storyteller and a quiet force re-imagining what policy should be. She's a policy expert, author and speaker with over 30 years' experience working with leaders across governments, First Nations organisations, for-purpose and private sectors. Salli knows deeply how policy lives in people and in change - and why this matters for all of us.

Join us

For a special ACCO and NGO free 1-hour event.

When: Thursday 19 February 2026

Time: 8:45am for a 9am start

Where: Anglicare-NT's ground floor meeting room

60 Winnellie Rd, Winnellie

Entry: Free

RSVP: By Monday 16 February 2026

BOOK YOUR SEAT NOW!

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What They Say

Salli has a rare gift: she brings policy to life with clarity, courage and practical insight. Whether you're new to the field or decades in, she'll leave you inspired - and better equipped to make a difference.

Dr Ben Scambary
CEO Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

Salli brings sharp insight and deep integrity to every conversation. She doesn't just talk policy - she's lived it, led it, and shaped it where it matters most.

Craig Kelly
CEO, Anglicare NT

Salli's impact on how we train policy professionals in the North has been profound. She's honest, wise, and fiercely committed to making policy better and fairer.

Prof. Ruth Wallace
Pro-Vice Chancellor, Charles Darwin University

A Unique Perspective

Salli is leading a quiet revolution, a policy reckoning. Drawing on lived experience, she offers a rare mix of strategic insight, emotional resonance, and practical clarity. Her work is grounded in real-world challenges of leadership and policy - courageous, evidence-informed, and deeply people-centred.

With fearless honesty and empathy, Salli is reshaping how we do policy, and why it matters. She takes audiences inside the engine room of decision-making. There she reveals the demands of leadership - the reckoning with harm, and the possibility of repair - through the power of integrity driven by purpose.

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