

## INVITATION TO A CONVERSATION WITH DR SUSAN MITCHELL

*If you are a woman who is over 50, or 60 or more, we need your help. Or rather, your life stories about your experience of employment or unemployment.*

We are sick and tired of women of maturity being treated as if they are invisible, especially when it comes to **employment**.

So, the SA government, the Office for the Ageing and COTA SA, and the new Ambassador for Mature Women, Dr Susan Mitchell, think it's time to tackle this form of discrimination.

Susan wants to have conversations with women over 50 in order to find out about their experiences with employment and/or unemployment. She wants to learn from your lives and your maturity, and tell your stories.

COTA SA is setting up a series of conversations with Susan during April and May. We hope that you can join us to share your story.

**Please indicate your interest in talking to Susan by contacting Nicola Thurston at COTA SA on 08 8224 5510 or [nthurston@cotasa.org.au](mailto:nthurston@cotasa.org.au) by Monday 10 April 2017.**

Please join us and let us help each other.

### **Brief Biography of Dr Susan Mitchell**

*Dr Susan Mitchell broke new ground when she wrote her first book *Tall Poppies*, intimate portraits of successful Australian women. In her following fourteen best-selling and highly acclaimed books she has continued to document and celebrate the vital and dynamic lives of Australian women in sport, politics, the arts, business and many other aspects of Australian life.*

*Susan has a BA from Adelaide University, an MA in Drama and Film from Flinders University and a PhD in Creative Arts at the University of Western Sydney. She is a former senior lecturer in Communications and Creative Writing at The University of South Australia. She is an Emeritus Professor at Flinders University where was recently a Writer-in-Residence and gave the prestigious Elford Lecture on 'The Essential Australian Voice'.*

*Susan is an accomplished radio broadcaster, having presented the morning program on the ABC in Adelaide (where she won The Better Hearing Award for clear speech) and the morning program in Brisbane, the early evening and the midnight to dawn program on 2GB in Sydney and the morning program with Maggie Tabberer on 2UE in Sydney. She was the first television critic on television in Australia on the ABC's Program Today at One and has hosted her own series of interview programs including *Tall Poppies* and *In Conversation with Susan Mitchell* on the ABC and *Vote 1 for Women* on Foxtel. She has also been a cocktail waitress at the Hindhead Country Club in Surrey and a film extra in *Crocodile Dundee*.*