David GONSKI AC (Chairman)
BCom, LLB (UNSW), FAICD (Life), FCPA, Hon. LLD (UOW)

David Gonski is Chancellor of the University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney).

David is also Chairman of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd and President of the Art Gallery of NSW Trust. He is also a member of the ASIC External Advisory Panel and the board of the Lowy Institute for International Policy, a Patron of the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and Raise Foundation and a Founding Panel Member of Adara Partners. He is currently Chair of the Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools for the Commonwealth Government of Australia.

He was previously a member of the Takeovers Panel, Director of Singapore Airlines Limited, the Westfield Group and Singapore Telecommunications Limited, Chairman of Coca-Cola Amatil Ltd, the Australian Securities Exchange Ltd, the Sydney Theatre Company, the Guardians of the Future Fund, the Australia Council for the Arts, the Board of Trustees of Sydney Grammar School and Investec Bank (Australia) Ltd.

Richard ALCOCK AO
BCom, LLB (UNSW)

Richard Alcock is Vice Chairman, Global Banking & Markets, Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Richard also is the Chairman of Western Sydney Local Health District and a member of the Board of Art Exhibitions Australia.

Richard was previously the Deputy Chairman of Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network (Randwick and Westmead), the Chairman of UNSW Law Faculty Advisory Board and the Australia-Indonesia Institute, among other roles.

Prior to joining Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Richard was a Senior Partner and Chairman of the Ethics Committee of Allens Arthur Robinson, lawyers.

Richard holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Bachelor of Laws, both from UNSW.
Bob is the founder of Centennial Coal Company Limited and previous Chairman (Non-Executive Director) until 1 April 2017, as well as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer until 30 June 2011.

Bob’s other roles include Chairman of County International Limited, Pacific Smiles Group and Hunter Valley Training Company Limited. He is a Trustee of the Museum of Applied Arts.

Bob is a member of the Deans Industrial Steering Committee for the UNSW Faculty of Engineering and Chairman of the Minerals Industry Advisory Council for the School of Mining Engineering at UNSW.

Mark is Managing Director and Head of Corporate Finance & Capital Markets in Australia & New Zealand for CITIC CLSA Capital Markets, the largest Asian-headquartered investment bank by market capitalisation.

Mark’s previous roles include as an Executive Director of Macquarie and CEO of Southern Cross Austereo (then known as Macquarie Media Group) an ASX 200 listed media group comprising subscription television, free-to-air television, commercial radio and print media across Australia, Greater China and the United States with revenues of $594Mln, 2,900 staff, 31,500 advertising clients and over 10 million listeners, viewers and readers.

Prior to Macquarie, Mark was Managing Director and Head of Equity Capital Markets for Australia & New Zealand at N.M. Rothschild & Sons where (amongst other things) he was project leader for the landmark $14.3bn and $16bn privatisations of Telstra 1 and 2 respectively by the Commonwealth Government of Australia, Telstra 1 alone being the largest initial public offering ever conducted in Australia.

Mark is a former Director of House With No Steps (and Chair of its Asset Management Review Committee) and currently Vice Chairman of the Australia Taiwan Business Council.
Dr Holly FORSYTH
BA (UQ), PhD (UNSW)

Dr Holly Kerr Forsyth has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Queensland, graduated from the Ryde College of Horticulture, Sydney, and has a PhD in History from the University of New South Wales. As well as writing for a range of mainstream and academic publications, until May 2016 her writing on gardens, landscape, environment and social geography was found each Saturday in The Weekend Australian. Holly’s doctoral thesis – titled 'From the British Pastoral to the Australian Arcadia: Women, Transferred Vision and the Reconstruction of Landscape' - addresses the ways in which colonial and post colonial women in European-settled Australia reconstructed the landscape they found into their vision of an English Arcadia.

The author of eleven books on gardens and gardening, Holly is in demand for speaking engagements around Australia, and overseas, presenting illustrated lectures on her books and on garden history. Prior to her writing she had founded and run her own PR agency for some 20 years.

Dr Daniel GAUCHAT
BCom (UNSW), MBA (INSEAD), HonDUniv (UNSW), AICD

Daniel Gauchat is a Founding Partner of The Adelante Group, which provides CEO and Senior Executive leadership development mentoring services.

Until the end of 2006 he was a Senior Client Partner and Head of Global Consumer/Life Sciences Markets, Australasia in the Sydney office of Korn/Ferry International. Mr Gauchat joined the firm in 1999, previously having been an Equity Partner with another major search firm AMROP International. In 1995, Mr Gauchat became Vice-Chairman of the company’s international Board and Executive Committee and in 1997, was appointed Chairman for a two-year period.

Prior to his career in the executive search industry, Mr Gauchat held a number of senior management positions for Société Generale de Surveillance (SGS), including Senior Vice President and Director of the SGS Group in Switzerland, Chief Executive Officer of SGS Spain, SGS Thailand and SGS Indonesia, as well as General Manager of SGS in Japan. Before joining SGS, Mr Gauchat worked for Grace Industrial Chemicals in Europe and as Operations Manager for the Coca-Cola Export Corporation in Australia.

Mr Gauchat has an MBA from INSEAD and holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Merit) from UNSW, and has an AICD Diploma (Merit). He has been awarded a Doctor (hc) of the University of New South Wales for services to the community and UNSW.

Mr Gauchat was the President of the Australasian Advisory Council of INSEAD for 10 years and is a company member of Winifred West Schools. He was the founding Chairman of the UNSW Medicine Advisory Council and is a member of the Dean’s Circle. He is also a member of the UNSW Risk Committee.
Nicholas Gray has been CEO of The Australian since 2013. He leads the commercial development of the masthead and has been responsible for top and bottom line improvements fuelled by digital subscription growth, an expanded focus on digital products, business and lifestyle coverage and successful marketing campaigns including The Australian's 50th, The Australian Business Review and Influential Australians.

Before joining News Corp Australia Nicholas was GM and Publisher of Business Spectator and before that CFO / Strategy Director and then National Sales Director at ninemsn. Prior to this, Nicholas worked on corporate strategy at Lion Nathan and was an investment banker at Citigroup in London and Tokyo and Macquarie in Sydney.

Nicholas has also previously held non-executive director positions at the Interactive Advertising Bureau (IAB), iSelect and 3P Learning (Mathletics).

Nicholas graduated from UNSW in 1997 with a BCom / LLB, and remains involved with the University as a Business School Alumni Leader.

Catherine Harris is the Chair of Australia’s largest independent produce retailer, Harris Farm Markets Pty Ltd. She is on the Board of The Australian Rugby League Commission, The Australian Ballet, Sport Australia Hall of Fame and Tyro Payments Ltd.

Previous roles have included Trustee of the SCG, Deputy Chancellor UNSW, Director of Affirmative Action and on the Board of the Australian Defence Force Academy, The National Gallery of Australia, The MCA, and the Australia Japan Foundation.

Catherine is an Officer in the Order of Australia and was awarded the Australian Public Service Medal, The Centenary Medal and has an Honorary Doctorate in Business from UNSW.

Professor Ian Jacobs is a doctor, researcher, charity worker, business entrepreneur and academic leader with an interest in bringing together people from diverse backgrounds to have a positive impact on society.

He has been President and Vice-Chancellor of UNSW Australia since February 2015. UNSW located in Sydney is a member of the Australian Group of 8 universities, in the world top 100 universities, with over 50,000 students. Since taking up his post Professor Jacobs has led the development of an ambitious ‘UNSW 2025 Strategy’ combining academic excellence in research and education, with equal priorities in social engagement, equality, diversity, thought leadership, knowledge transfer and global impact.

Prior to his role at UNSW he was Dean of the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences at UCL from 2009-11, Director of the Comprehensive Biomedical Research Centre at UCLH/UCL (2006-10), Research Director UCL Partners Academic Health Science System (2009-11) and Director of the UCL Institute for Women’s Health from 2004-9. He moved to be Vice President of the University of Manchester, Dean of the Faculty of Medical/Human Sciences and Director of MAHSC (Manchester Academic Health Science Centre) from 2011-15 before commencing his post at UNSW in Sydney.
Alongside his leadership roles, he directs a laboratory and clinical research team focused on genetics, proteomics, imaging and biomarkers in detection and screening for gynaecological cancers and has held research awards in the UK of >£30m from Medical Research Council, Cancer Research UK and the National Institute of Health Research. As a researcher he has led several large multicentre clinical trials including the UK Collaborative Trial of Ovarian Cancer Screening (UKCTOCS) involving 202,000 participants in 13 collaborating UK centres and the UK Familial Ovarian Cancer Screening Study (UKFOCSS). He is co-inventor of the patented Risk of Ovarian Cancer Algorithm (ROCA) for ovarian cancer screening. He has an H-Index of 70, over 200 journal publications and over 400 publications in total, which have been cited 19,878 times overall and 9416 times in the last 5 years.

He qualified at Cambridge University and the Middlesex Hospital, obtained accreditation in obstetrics and gynaecology working at the Royal London and Rosie Maternity Cambridge and specialist accreditation as a surgical gynaecological oncologist at Bart’s and The Royal Marsden. He completed an MD Thesis at Queen Mary College, University of London, the Cancer Research UK McElwain Fellowship at Cambridge University and a Medical Research Council Travelling Fellowship at Duke University, North Carolina. Ian was head of Department of Gynaecological Oncology and then Obstetrics and Gynaecology at QMUL from 1996 to 2004 and set up and directed the UCL Institute for Women’s Health between 2004 and 2009.

Since joining UNSW in February 2015 Professor Jacobs has been made an Honorary Senior Principal Research Fellow of the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, a Director of Research Australia, the Chair of the Australian Conservation Foundation’s Leadership Forum for Energy Transition, a member of the Australian Research Council Impact and Engagement Steering Committee, Chair of the Sydney Partnership for Health Education, Research and Enterprise, he is currently Lead Universities Australia Vice-Chancellor on Equity and Diversity and Deputy Chair of the Group of 8 universities.

Grant King has extensive experience in the Australian energy industry. Grant was Managing Director of Origin Energy Limited from February 2000 until October 2016. Prior to Origin, Grant served as Managing Director of Boral Energy from 1994 to February 2000.

Prior to joining Boral, Grant was General Manager AGL Gas Companies, where he held a number of management positions over a 17-year period.

He is a Fellow of Australian Institute of Company Directors and President of the Business Council of Australia (BCA) and previously served as Chair of the BCA Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee. He is former Director of Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association Limited (APPEA), Envestra Limited, former Chairman of Energy Supply Association of Australia (ESAA) and former Chairman of Oil Company of Australia. Grant is also former Chairman of Contact Energy Limited.

Grant has a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the University of New South Wales and a Master of Management from the University of Wollongong.

He completed the Advanced Management Program at Administrative Staff College, Mt Eliza (now the University of Melbourne Business School) in 1988.

Grant is married to Jennifer and has two sons and one daughter.
Dr Wal KING AO (Deputy Chair)  
BE, MengSc, Hon DSc (UNSW), Hon FIEAust, CPEng, FAICD, FIML, FAIM, FAIB, FTSE  

Former Chief Executive Officer, Leighton Holdings Limited. Chairman, TerraCom Limited and Built Holdings Pty Ltd. Director, Kimberley Foundation Australia Limited and Director, Coca-Cola Amatil Limited to 16 May 2017. Council Member, University of New South Wales (2006-2012).  

Mr King has worked in the construction industry for over 40 years and was Chief Executive Officer of Leighton Holdings Limited, a company with substantial operations in Australia, Asia and the Middle East, from 1987 until his retirement on 31 December 2010.

Christine Margaret McNAMEE LIDDY AO  
BA (UNSW), FAICD  

Christine McNamee Liddy is a former Board Member and Past President of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (South Eastern Section) and a Former National Vice-President of the RFDS. She is Board member of the Australasian Gastro-Intestinal Trials Group (GI Cancer Institute) and is also on the Board of the Gastro-Intestinal Cancer Institute of New Zealand. She is a Board Member of the Dame Pattie Menzies Foundation. Christine was the Founder of All Purpose Indoor Plant Hire, which she owned and ran for thirty seven years before selling to a multinational in 2010. She remains a Partner in Australian Plantscapes. She is also a Council Member of the Friends of the Sydney International Piano Competition and an Advisory Board Member of the Mosman Art Gallery and Cultural Centre and a former member of the Capital Campaign Committee of the State Library of NSW. She is a member of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia Capital Campaign Committee (Friends of the RFDS) and a member of the UNSW Arts and Social Sciences Advisory Council.  

Christine’s former roles include, Board Member Frontline Defence Services for the Australian Army and Air Force, Council Member of the Art Gallery Society of NSW (for twenty two years including an eight year period as the Honorary Secretary), Council Member of the Foundation for Classical Archaeology Sydney University, a member of the Aircraft Replacement Committee (Royal Flying Doctor Service). Christine is a former Chairman of St John’s College within the University of Sydney and she is a fellow of SJC and remains a member of Council.
Bruce MORGAN
BCom (UNSW), FCA, FAICD

Bruce Morgan is Chairman of Sydney Water and Reduite. He is a Director of Caltex Australia Ltd, Origin Energy Ltd and the European Australian Business Council.

Bruce’s career was in professional services, having been a partner with the leading global firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) for over 25 years. Bruce served as Chairman of the Australian PwC Board and as a member on the PwC International Board.

He previously held roles as Managing Partner of the PwC’s Sydney and Brisbane offices. Bruce practised as an audit partner focused on the financial services, energy and mining sectors. He retired as a partner of PwC in October 2012.

Bruce holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Finance) from UNSW. A Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

Tim OLSSEN
BEd (UNSW)

Tim Olsen is one of Australia’s most recognised and respected art identities and successful gallery owners. Son of Australia’s national living treasure, artist Dr John Olsen, A.O. O.B.E., Olsen was born into a life of modern and contemporary art, and through fortitude and adversity has forged his own path, successful career and has become a highly recognised Australian over the past three decades.

Tim Olsen has also worked in and managed many leading Art Galleries including Rex Irwin Art Gallery, Woollahra; Australian Galleries, Collingwood and Paddington; and Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Paddington. He established his own Gallery in 1993, which has rapidly expanded over 25 years to become one of Sydney’s leading galleries today. He has also represented Australian art in countless art fairs around the world.

In 2017 Olsen launched Olsen Gruin Gallery in the Lower East Side of New York City alongside its two existing spaces in Sydney. Olsen not only has supported the careers of many of Australia’s leading established artists but also has nurtured the creative lives of many emerging artists who can presently include themselves as being very much part of the eminent art establishment today. He has published books and produced short films to further the careers and understandings of artists.

Representing over 30 artists, Olsen has established himself as a leader in Modern and Contemporary Art, with a client base extending throughout Australia and internationally. He has been a foundation member of the AGNSW and on the board of UNSW Art & Design for over 15 years, representative of his broad interest and care for the University as a whole.

Tim Olsen is a major donor and benefactor to the MCA and is regularly invited as a guest speaker or judge for events that foster art education and creativity amongst the community. He has been a patron of the King’s School Art Prize for over 20 years and for over 12 years sponsored the annual Tim Olsen Drawing Prize at UNSW Art & Design. Tim has been strongly associated with many charities directly and is constantly donating the gallery itself for fundraising events that include the Royal Randwick Children’s Hospital, the St Vincent’s Hospital Curran Foundation through to Oxfam, Barnardos Australia and the Australian Opera to name a few.
As a creative business visionary, he was part of EO (Entrepreneurs Organisation) a selected forum of leading entrepreneurs. He also listed under the Tourism Australia 'Friends of Australia' campaign and was invited to be its ambassador to the arts. Tim has always believed that his further education was crucial and enabled him to succeed in his chosen field. He sees his involvement with the foundation as a means of gratitude and ensuring the future of ongoing students.

Simon Poidevin is Managing Director – Corporate Stockbroking at Bell Potter Securities Limited, a leading Australian full service broking and financial advisory firm.

Prior to joining Bell Potter, Simon was an executive director at Bizzell Capital Partners, and before that an executive director at Pengana Capital, an Australian based Absolute Return funds management company.

Simon has worked in Global Financial Markets for over 33 years, spending 14 years with Citigroup, culminating in heading the firm’s Corporate Equity Broking division in Australia.

Simon represented Australia in Rugby Union from 1980 to 1991, captaining the Wallabies in 1986 and 1987 and becoming the first Wallaby to play 50 test matches. In total he played 59 test matches including 21 against the New Zealand All Blacks; a record for an Australian forward. In 1991 Simon was a member of the first Wallaby team to win the Rugby World Cup.

Simon is currently the President of the Classic Wallabies, the living heritage of Australian Rugby and encompasses all players who have been selected to play for the Wallabies.

Simon was awarded an OAM in 1988 and awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003. He was inducted into the Australian Hall of Fame in 1991 and into the Australian Rugby Hall of Fame in 2014. Simon is also an emeritus member of the Ben Lexcen Sports Scholarship Committee and co-founded the establishment of the “Lexcen Scholarships” in 1988. The “Ben Lexcen Sports Scholarships” program has supported over 220 UNSW Elite Athletes since its creation.

He holds a Blue in Rugby Union from the University of New South Wales, and is a member of both the UNSW Sporting Hall of Fame and the UNSW Faculty of Science Hall of Fame. He received the UNSW Alumni Award in 1990 for his captaincy of the Australian Rugby team in 1986 and 1987, his Chairmanship of the University’s Establishment Committee of the Sports Scholarship Scheme, and his Presidency of the Ben Lexcen Scholarship Board.
Laura Poole-Warren is the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research Training) & Dean of Graduate Research at UNSW Australia. She is also a Professor of Biomedical Engineering and leads a research group in the field of biomaterials and tissue engineering. Laura is the UNSW Gender Champion and Chairs the Athena SWAN Self-Assessment Team at UNSW. She was also elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering in 2017.

Laura has extensive experience with Government through her decade-long membership of the Australian Commonwealth Statutory Advisory Committee on Medical Devices up to 2013. In this role she advised the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration on safety of medical devices. Laura has also worked in the biomedical industry, spending 2 years as a preclinical scientist in the USA from 1999 to 2001 in a start-up focussed on development of implantable devices including wound dressings and embolic agents for cancer treatment.

Laura is an Associate Editor of the journal Biomaterials and an advisory board member of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate Systems Science. She is also Secretary for the Biomaterials Science and Engineering College of Fellows and Vice-Chair of the International Federation of Medical and Biological Engineering Women in BME Committee. Laura also sits on the executive of the Group of Eight Deans of Graduate Research and is immediate past Convenor of the Australian Council of Graduate Research.

Laura holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons) and a PhD degree from UNSW.

Julian Reynolds is a founder and Director of Reynolds Securities Pty Ltd - a member firm of the Morgans Stockbroking and Financial Planning Group. He has been actively involved in the Australian securities industry for the past 49 years and specialises in private client investment advice. During this time Julian has served on the Boards of both Public Companies and Charitable organisations.

Julian has been a UNSW Business School Alumni Leader at UNSW since 2005. He was previously a Governor on the UNSW Alumni Association Board 2000-2010.
Jillian Segal was appointed Deputy Chancellor of UNSW Australia in January 2010. She has been a member of the University’s Council since 2006. She is a professional company director with a legal and regulatory background. Currently, she is Chairman of the General Sir John Monash Foundation, on the board of the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Chairman of the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce (NSW), Chairman of the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) and a Director of the Grattan Institute. She is also a trustee of the Sydney Opera House.

Jillian is a former Non-Executive Director of ASX and the National Australia Bank, a former member of the Remuneration Tribunal and the Sydney Advisory Council of the Centre for Social Impact. Jillian was a Commissioner and Deputy Chair at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) from 1997 to 2002.

Prior to her time at ASIC, Jillian practised as a corporate and environmental partner at Allen Allen & Hemsley (now Allens Linklaters) and also worked for Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York.

Jillian graduated BA. LLB with the University Medal for law from UNSW and has an LLM from Harvard University. Jillian was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2003 for services to society through business leadership, in 2005 appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for services to business law, and received a UNSW Alumni Achievement Award.

Emery Severin has recently retired as CEO and Executive Director of Nuplex Industries, a leading global manufacturer of polymer resins used in paints, coatings and structural materials following its sale in late 2016.

Emery has over 25 years’ experience in senior management roles in the steel, building and construction and chemicals industries. During his career Emery has managed businesses globally and has been located in Australia, SE Asia and the USA. In his early career he was an Officer in the Australian Army and is a graduate of the Royal Military College Duntroon. While completing his undergraduate studies at Duntroon through UNSW, Emery was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship from South Australia and went onto study physical chemistry at Oxford University.

Emery has a passion for science and innovation and has previously served as Chairman of the CRC for Asthma Research and a member of the Science Foundation for Physics at the University of Sydney.
Shane SIMPSON AM
LLB (Hons) (Auckland), MJur (Auckland)

Shane Simpson is Chairman of the Bundanon Trust, Studio A (a supported studio for artists with intellectual disability), the Advisory Council of the Faculty of Art and Design, UNSW and an independent director on several private foundations.

He was formerly chair of the NSW Film and Television Office and Museums and Galleries NSW and a non-executive director on numerous boards in the cultural industries including the Australian Maritime Museum the New Zealand Film Commission, the Australian National Academy of Music, the National Association for the Visual Arts, the Crafts Council of Australia, the Music Council of Australia and the Copyright Agency.

He was the founder of the Arts Law Centre of Australia and managing partner of Simpsons Solicitors.


He was appointed Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for “services to the law and to the arts through leading roles in intellectual property and entertainment law, and as a contributor to a range of cultural organisations.”

Emeritus Professor Alec TZANNES AM
BSc (Arch) BArch (Sydney),
MS Arch + UD (Hon) (Columbia),
AIA (Hon), MRAIC (Hon), FNZIA, FAIB, LFRAIA Architect 4174

Alec Tzannes is the founding Director of TZANNES, an Architecture and Urban Design practice. He has served as Dean of UNSW Built Environment, retiring from this role in February 2016 and is now an Emeritus Professor (Practice).

TZANNES has been honoured with more than 100 local, state, national and international architecture, urban design and industrial design awards.

In 2014 Alec was named a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his significant service to architecture, as a practitioner and educator, and through professional organisations. In 2017 The University of New South Wales bestowed the degree of Doctor of the University honoris causa in recognition of his contribution to architecture, academia and philanthropy.
Nicola WAKEFIELD EVANS  
Bjuris (UNSW)

Nicola Wakefield Evans is an experienced independent Non-Executive Director and is currently on the boards of the Lendlease Group, Macquarie Group, Macquarie Bank, BUPA Australia & New Zealand, Asialink, Asialink Business, the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Chief Executive Women. Ms Wakefield Evans was appointed by the Turnbull Government as a member of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC), and serves as a member of the Takeovers Panel and previously served as Director of the Toll Holdings Board.

Ms Wakefield Evans is a lawyer and spent nearly 30 years at King & Wood Mallesons where she was a partner for 20 years. She has extensive experience as an equity capital markets and M&A lawyer, has been involved in a number of significant and ground-breaking M&A transactions and has advised some of the largest companies in Australia, Asia and globally. Ms Wakefield Evans had several management roles at King & Wood Mallesons and is well known in Asia where she was the Managing Partner, International at King & Wood Mallesons, Hong Kong. In 2009, Nicola was selected as a member of Advance Asia 50 (a group of the most influential Australians living & working in Asia) and was selected in 2011 as a member of Advance Global 50 (a group of leading Australian women working outside Australia).

In October 2012, Ms Wakefield Evans was included in the Australian Financial Review and Westpac Group’s inaugural list of ‘Australia’s 100 Women of Influence.’ She is a member of Chief Executive Women.

Ms Wakefield Evans holds a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of New South Wales and is a qualified lawyer in Australia, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom.

Albert Yue-Ling WONG AM  
BCom (UNSW), FFin, MSDIA, FAICD

Born in Hong Kong, Mr Wong immigrated to Australia to pursue his collegiate studies in 1975. Educated at international schools from an early age, he also studied abroad in England and Australia. He graduated from the University of New South Wales in 1980 with a Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing, additionally completing a Diploma from the Securities Institute of Australia in 1986 (today known as FINSIA, the Financial Services Institute of Australasia).

Mr Wong has over 35 years of experience in the stockbroking and investment banking industry. He commenced his career with investment bank, Merrill Lynch in 1981 based in Sydney, with secondments to New York and Chicago. In 1988, he was admitted as a Member to the Australian Securities Exchange and was in partnership with Andrew Forrest (Founder of Fortescue Metals Group) at Intersuisse Securities between the years of 1988 until 1990, following which he became the principal, prior to selling out in 1995 to the current owner Phillip Capital of Singapore. Following this, Mr Wong established the Barton Capital group of companies including Barton Capital Holdings Limited and eStar Online Trading Limited (both listed on the ASX in 1997 and 2000 respectively).

Mr Wong was the business partner to the late former NSW Premier, The Hon. Neville Wran AC QC between 2004 - 2012 and was responsible for the successful listing of numerous companies on ASX over the years. He has served on many listed boards, including Founding Chairman (now Non-Executive Director) of ASX listed Kyckr Limited. Mr Wong is the principal of boutique corporate advisory services company Boomerang Capital. He has been a senior adviser to the Nanshan Group in relation to its activities in...
Albert Yue-Ling WONG AM - continued
BCom (UNSW), FFin, MSDIA, FAICD

Australia and was pivotal in its acquisition of its 20% stake in Virgin Australia from Air New Zealand in June 2016. Mr Wong is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Fellow of FINSIA.

Mr Wong’s businesses and expertise over the years, have taken him all over Asia and Japan, the US and Europe.

Apart from his corporate activities, Mr Wong’s philanthropic endeavours include serving on the UNSW Foundation Board of Directors. He also served as President for the University of Sydney’s Physics Foundation (2013-2017) having previously been appointed an Honorary Life Governor of the Foundation in September 2004. Established in 1954, the Physics Foundation (originally known as the Nuclear Research Foundation) has a long and rich history, it was the first foundation established within the British Commonwealth. Mr Wong also serves on the Boards of the Australian Museum Foundation, Children’s Medical Research Institute at Westmead and its CMRI Building Foundation. Previously, Mr Wong served as a Director of Ian Thorpe’s Fountain for Youth Foundation which was financially seeded by one of his companies in December 2000. Mr Wong and his wife have been supporters of the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra, the Sydney Children’s Hospital at Randwick and NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia).

On 26 January 2017, Mr Wong was made a Member of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours.