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### **Louise Adams**

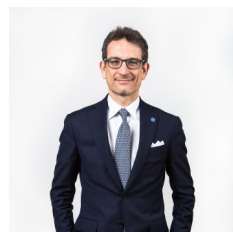
*Group Chief Operating Officer, Aurecon; CEO of the Year, CEO Magazine*

Louise has recently been appointed as Aurecon's Group Chief Operating Officer reporting directly into the Group CEO. She is responsible for driving the financial, operational and people performance across all areas of the business to achieve the Group's strategic business goals.

Prior to her current role, Louise was the Chief Executive for Australia and New Zealand, and in November 2020 was named the Australian 2020 CEO of the Year, which is part of the CEO Magazine Executive of the Year awards.

Louise became the first female Executive Director on Aurecon's Global Board in 2013 and is Aurecon's global spokesperson for Women in Leadership. She is a member of Australia's Chief Executive Women's Group and was most recently appointed to the National Advisory Board of Infrastructure Partnerships Australia. Louise is also the Chair to Consult Australia's Champions of Change.

As a Chartered Civil Engineer, Louise has over 20 years' experience managing and designing works in both civil and multi-disciplinary projects and has led major projects from the United Kingdom, Ireland, Iran, India, Asia, Guyana, North America, Pakistan, and across the Middle East.



### **Salvatore Bernabei**

*CEO, Enel Green Power; Head of the Global Power Generation Division and Head of Africa, Asia and Oceania, Enel*

Bernabei began working at Enel in 1999 as Logistics Manager for Enel Distribuzione and, later, as Supply Chain Manager, Project Manager and Contract Manager for geothermal and wind power projects in Italy. Later he covered various management roles at Enel Green Power in Engineering and Construction as well as Safety and Environment in Iberia, Latin America and Europe. After an interlude as Head of Operations and Maintenance of Renewables in Iberia, he was appointed Country Manager of Chile and Andean Countries for Enel Green Power and, successively, Head of Renewable Energies Latin America. From May 2017 to September 2020 he was the Group's Head of Global Procurement.

Mr. Bernabei graduated from the University of Rome Tor Vergata in Engineering Management and wrote his final thesis at the Polytechnic University of Catalonia. He completed a master's degree in Net Business Administration at the Polytechnic University of Milan and participated in the INSEAD International Executive Programme in Singapore and Paris, as well as in the Leadership for Energy Management Programme at the SDA Bocconi School of Management (Milan) and the IESE Business School in Barcelona.

Bernabei is married and has two daughters. He is a triathlete, a fan of the A.S. Roma football team, and a rugby enthusiast. He likes reading books on history, economics and geopolitics.



### **Linda Brown**

*President and CEO, Torrens University Australia; CEO, Strategic Education Australia and New Zealand*

Linda Brown is a distinguished and passionate leader within education. She is a staunch believer in challenging the status quo and ensuring all students have access to education that fits their needs and gives them a choice.

In 2014, Linda helped found Torrens University Australia, the first new university in Australia in 20 years. In her current role as CEO of SEI Australia and New Zealand and President of Torrens University Australia, she has overseen substantial growth, consistently high student retention levels and a focus on return-on-investment for students and the employers that employ those students. Under her guidance, Torrens University Australia is now Australia's fastest growing university, home to over 20,000 students from 115 different countries. Linda's role as CEO extends far beyond Australia and New Zealand, leading SEI's work towards creating a global university. She also currently oversees Think Education in Australia and the Media Design School in New Zealand.

Prior to joining Torrens University, Linda was Deputy Vice Chancellor and Director of TAFE at Swinburne University, Melbourne where she was responsible for maximising the dual sector advantage, driving the sustainability and social inclusion strategies across the University, and managing the TAFE Division. Her global business and educational experience include Corporate CEO, Futures Stockbroker, Managing Director and Director of Stoke-on-Trent FE College. She was also part of the UK Government's rapid response team for the Further Education Funding Council – utilised to turn around failing colleges – and was part of a UK think tank on education as a global business. Linda completed her Master of Science (Education Management) at Manchester Metropolitan University.

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### **Kate Carnell AO**

*Director, Beyond Blue; Board Member, Australian Made Campaign; Former Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman; Former Acting Member, Climate Change Authority*

Kate Carnell is a company director and small business advisor. Kate has extensive experience and knowledge in the business sector, having run her own small businesses for 15 years before becoming ACT Chief Minister in 1995 for a five year period. Kate completed her five year term as the inaugural Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (ASBFEO) in March 2021. Prior to her appointment as the inaugural ASBFEO, Kate held the position of CEO of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which represents more than 300,000 businesses across Australia. She has also served two years as CEO of Beyond Blue, four years as CEO of the Australian Food and Grocery Council, four years as CEO of the Australian General Practice Network and three years as CEO of the National Association of Forest Industries. A pharmacist by profession, Kate was the inaugural chair of the ACT Branch of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the first female to become the National Vice-President of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia. Kate was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2006 for her services to the community through contributions to economic development and support for the business sector, knowledge industries, the medical sector and medical technology advances.



### **Dr. David Cooke**

*Chair, Global Compact Network Australia*

Following 35 years in the tech sector where David integrated his philosophy of responsible business along with strong commercial outcomes, David started consulting through the vehicle of ESG Advisory. David was previously appointed as the first non-Japanese Managing Director of Konica Minolta in Australia in 2013, and prior to that held senior management positions with Canon and Xerox. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Managers and Leaders and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He is also Chair of UN Global Compact Network Australia and Chair of the Australian Institute for Human Rights Advisory Committee and non-executive director of Sustainalytics Australia, a Morningstar subsidiary. He is also an Adjunct Professor at UTS Business School.

He completed his doctorate in 2008. David's dissertation was titled "The Philanthropic Contract: Building Social Capital through Corporate Social Investment" which dealt with the role of profit-making corporations in furthering the work of the NGO sector. His work was awarded the Emerald Publishing Globally Responsible Leadership award for Social Impact in 2011 and in 2014 he was awarded the Top Alumnus of the last 20 years by the Southern Cross University Business School. In 2020 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by Edith Cowan University for his contribution to the promotion of responsible business.

David led Konica Minolta Australia through a process of significant cultural change including. This included creating the roles of Chief Sustainability Officer and of Ethical Sourcing Manager with particular focus on the elimination of modern slavery and human rights abuses in the company's supply chain. The company was awarded the Anti-Slavery Australia Business Award in 2017 and the Australian Human Rights Commission Business Award in 2018.



### **Zoe Daniel**

*Journalist*

Zoe Daniel has spent almost 3 decades on the front line of news and current events, in Australia and internationally, living and working in some of the most challenging environments in the world. She translated the election of Donald Trump for Australians and has brought insights from Southeast Asia, Africa and the Americas home, illuminating key global events. Zoe is a 3-time foreign correspondent and former ABC News United States Bureau chief. She was based in Washington DC from late 2015 until the end of 2019 and was one of the few journalists who saw the rise of Donald Trump coming. While in the United States, she travelled to 44 states and territories from Alaska to Puerto Rico. Zoe was the ABC's South East Asia correspondent from 2009 to 2013 and provided on-the-ground coverage of stories ranging from major political events to natural disasters including civil unrest and political protests in Bangkok, the reform process in Myanmar and the devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

Between 2005 and 2006, Zoe was the ABC's Africa correspondent. Zoe has reported on politics, conflict, famine, natural disasters, plane crashes, terror attacks, mass shootings, repression, economic collapse and poverty across the world in countries as diverse as the USA, Mexico, Venezuela, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, Burma, Vietnam and Vanuatu. She has met and interviewed displaced people, refugees, soldiers, voters, businesspeople, women and children and families, prime ministers and presidents.

Zoe grew up in Tasmania and began her career in journalism as a radio producer in South Australia. She then reported on rural issues in New South Wales, Tasmania and Victoria before becoming a business reporter and then a general reporter working across the spectrum of ABC News and Current Affairs programs. She is the author of 'Storyteller', which provides a personal insight into her life as a foreign correspondent while juggling a family, and 'Angel', a novel for young teens about Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Zoe's new book, 'Greetings from Trumpland', with colleague Roscoe Whalan was released in March 2021.

Zoe currently lives in Melbourne with her husband Rowan, children Arkie and Pearl and golden retriever Tully.

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### **Brooke Donnelly**

*CEO, Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO)*

Brooke Donnelly has spent her career working in product stewardship, collective impact, recycling and sustainability. In her current role as CEO of the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO), Brooke leads APCO's strategic direction to ensure effective collaboration between industry, government and consumers to drive significant positive environmental and circular economic activities for Australian communities.

APCO is tasked with the development of a circular economy for packaging in Australia. This includes facilitating the delivery of Australia's 2025 National Packaging Targets and the ANZPAC Plastics Pact by driving change in the packaging value chain to reduce and redesign packaging for recyclability or reuse, achieve higher collection rates and improve the quality of recycled material streams and demand for recycled content. Brooke has a Masters in Sustainable Business Management, is an alumni of the Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership, the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is also the co-founder of the Product Stewardship Alliance, a voluntary group working to accelerate Australia's journey to a circular economy through product stewardship.



### **Colleen Harris**

*Group Chief People Officer, Ramsay Health Care*

Mrs Colleen Harris commenced with Ramsay Health Care on 8 January 2018 in the role of Group Chief People Officer.

In this role, Colleen is responsible for the talent strategy for the Group including mapping of where key expertise will be needed in the future, talent development and succession planning for the most senior leaders across our organisation.

Colleen is a successful Human Resources (HR) executive with more than 20 years' experience across a variety of industries where she was responsible for designing and implementing talent, diversity, performance and reward programs linked to both individual and business performance outcomes. She has served in several senior executive HR positions reporting to the Group CEOs of National Australia Bank, Federation Centres and MyState Limited. She has also held senior HR positions at Crown Ltd and Yellow Pages.

She holds a Bachelor of Education (Science) from the University of Melbourne, is a Member of the AICD and a Fellow of the Australian Human Resources Institute.

In 2020 Colleen was appointed a Director of Ramsay Sime Darby Health Care, Ramsay Health Care's joint venture with Sime Darby.



### **Michelle Hutton**

*CEO, Edelman Australia; Vice Chair, Edelman Asia Pacific*

Michelle Hutton is the CEO of Edelman Australia and Vice Chair of Edelman Asia Pacific. Having recently returned to Australia, Michelle has taken on this dual role having previously held global leadership positions while based in London with Edelman as Managing Director, Global Client Strategy, COO of Europe and Chair of the agency's global consumer business.

Michelle was the President of the PR Jury at the 2019 Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity. She has served on other global creative and effectiveness juries including Eurobest and the Effies. Whilst abroad, Michelle has been advising global companies and brands on how to navigate the changes in media, emerging technologies and the increasing distrust of news and opinion. Her counsel is sought after by senior leaders in businesses building their company's brand and reputation in this time of 'crisis in trust' and fake news.

Michelle and her teams have been producing award-winning campaigns for some of the firm's largest relationships including GSK, Samsung, KFC, Unilever and HP. She also has an interest in exploring people's relationships with brands and business and she was responsible for the creation of Edelman's Earned Brand Series of research that is now launched each year in Cannes.

Prior to joining Edelman in 2010, Michelle led Hill and Knowlton Strategies in Australia and ran the agency's consumer marketing practice across Asia Pacific, where she particularly enjoyed driving campaigns taking a stand on cultural or societal issues. Before relocating to the UK with her husband and two children, Michelle ran Edelman's operations in Australia. Prior to Edelman, Michelle was the Chief Executive, Australasia of Hill and Knowlton Strategies and ran the agency's consumer marketing practice across Asia Pacific.

Earlier in her career she worked for independent communication agencies in Australia. She has a keen interest in supporting female leaders in the creative industry. Michelle is an active member of Edelman's Global Women in Leadership program was a founding Board Member of the Global Women in PR network and was previously a Board Director of The Communications Council in Australia serving on its Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

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### **Usman Iftikhar**

*CEO, Catalysr*

Usman Iftikhar is a systems entrepreneur with over 10 years' of diverse leadership experiences, passionate about utilising the power of entrepreneurship to collectively solve the global climate emergency and the global refugee crisis. He is the co-founder and CEO of Catalysr, a startup pre-accelerator in Australia, which empowers migrant and refugee entrepreneurs (aka migrapreneurs) to launch their own startups. In their first five years, Catalysr has supported 400 migrapreneurs launch 150 enterprises in Australia. Usman is currently also a Commercialisation Facilitator with the Australian Government's Entrepreneurs' Programme, and the Head of Growth and Partnerships in a NewSpace startup called SpaceBase headquartered in New Zealand, with a mission to democratise access to space.

Usman is a 2020 Stanford GSB alumnus, a 2019 Obama Leader, an EHF Fellow, WEF Global Shaper, 2019 Westpac Social Change Fellow, 2018 AMP Tomorrow Maker, Singularity University's GSP 2017 Fellow, and a Young Social Pioneer alumnus at FYA. For his work Usman was named the 2018 Commonwealth Young Person of the Year amongst 1.4 billion young people living in the 53 Commonwealth nations. He was also recently named a winner in the 'Entrepreneurship' category, for 40 under 40 Most Influential Asian-Australian Leadership Awards 2020.



### **Terence Jeyaretnam**

*Partner, Climate Change and Sustainability Services, EY*

Terence is a Partner with EY's Climate Change and Sustainability team based in Melbourne and EY Australia's Reconciliation Leader. Terence is an environmental engineer and an environmental and sustainability advisory and assurance specialist with over twenty-five years' experience in advising governments and corporations on sustainability issues. Until its acquisition by EY in 2014, Terence was Founder/Executive Director of Net Balance, Australia's largest standalone sustainability and climate change practice at the time, one of Australia's first B Corporations, twice-rated by Business Review Weekly as one of the 100 fastest-growing companies in Australia. Terence is a non-executive director of Global Citizen (Australia), Fairtrade Australia New Zealand, Food Frontier and Legal Sector Alliance and is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Southern Queensland. He acts as a Senior Advisor for the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board in Australia and is a member of the Technical Working Group of the Carbon Disclosure Standards Board. As a migrant to Australia under humanitarian status from Sri Lanka in the mid-80's, he is a passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion, leading EY Australia's reconciliation efforts and cultural diversity initiatives.



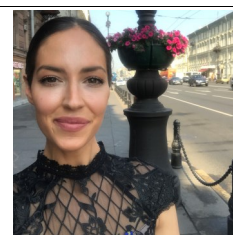
### **Dr Musimbi Kanyoro**

*Chair, UWC International; Former President and CEO, Global Fund for Women*

Dr Musimbi Kanyoro is an accomplished leader with extensive experience in international non-governmental organisations, global multilateral organisations and ecumenical agencies. Dr Kanyoro is a much sought-after speaker in international forums.

She is currently a member of the UN Global Compact Board and also serves as the Senior Advisor to *Together Gender Equality*, a program of UN Global Compact.

Dr Kanyoro is the immediate past President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women. She is a published author and editor of books, articles and inspirational speeches including a Ted Talk. Dr Kanyoro holds a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Texas in Austin and a Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. She was a visiting Scholar of Hebrew and Old Testament Studies at Harvard Divinity School. Dr Kanyoro has received numerous awards and recognitions internationally. She has served on advisory role on Gender issues with World Bank, UN Women, UNAIDS and various other organisations and initiatives. She currently chairs two international boards: the Women's Learning Partnerships and the United World Colleges. Additional, Dr Kanyoro is a member of the Council of London School of Economics, a Board member of Care International and a trustee of Homeward Bound.



### **Natalie Kyriacou OAM**

*Founder and CEO, My Green World; Board Advisor, Women Leaders Institute; Management Consultant, PwC*

Natalie Kyriacou OAM is the Founder and CEO of My Green World, the Creator of World of the Wild mobile game app, the former Australian Director of Sri Lankan-based NGO, Dogstar Foundation, as well as a Management Consultant at PwC. She is a Forbes 30 Under 30 honouree, a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia and a Finalist for the UNEP Young Champion of the Earth Prize.

Natalie is a recognised global emerging leader who has been endeavouring to drive positive change worldwide; her approach has been to spark curiosity among young people and elevate voices that are often silenced.

For over ten years, Natalie has been creating inclusive youth education programs and technologies that increase access to wildlife and environmental conservation and sciences as well as championing for great commitments to diversity and inclusion, social impact and the environment across public and private sectors.

Natalie has represented Australian on a global stage, and is particularly passionate about wildlife and environmental issues, ensuring access to education, increasing female participation in science, technology and leadership roles and empowering the next generation of young people to participate in issues of global concern.



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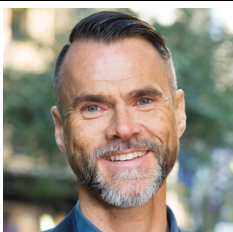


### **Ming Long AM**

*Chair, AMP Capital Funds Limited; Deputy Chair, Diversity Council Australia; Non-Executive Director*

Ming is a well-known and respected leader with non-executive experience in a broad range of industries including financial services, real estate, and member organisations. Ming has held senior executive and leadership positions, including CEO and CFO roles, in listed and unlisted companies through organisational restructure, mergers and acquisitions and was pivotal in leading Investa Property Group through the global financial crisis.

Ming is the first woman with an Asian heritage to lead a ASX-100 or 200 listed entity in Australia. She led the establishment of the Property Male Champions of Change in 2015, was named as a 100 Woman of Influence, was a finalist in the Telstra Business Women's Awards and in 2020 was named a Member of the Order of Australia for significant contribution to the financial and real estate sectors, and to diversity and inclusion. She is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, a Fellow of Finsia, a Graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors and a member of Chief Executive Women. She is currently Chair of AMP Capital Funds Management Limited, Deputy Chair of Diversity Council of Australia, and a non-executive director of QBE Insurance (Auspac), CEDA, Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand, and is an advisor on the University of Sydney Culture Council.



### **Robin Mellon**

*CEO, Better Sydney*

Robin Mellon is CEO of sustainability advisory Better Sydney, Project Manager for the Property Council's Modern Slavery Working Group and Supplier Platform, the NSW Program Advisor for Better Building Finance, a member of the International WELL Building Institute's Community Advisory, and was a member of the Australian Government's first Modern Slavery Advisory Committee.

Robin is the former CEO of Australia's Supply Chain Sustainability School, an industry collaboration providing free sustainability learning resources for companies around the property, construction and infrastructure sectors in order to improve their supply chains. Before that, Robin spent nine years with the Green Building Council of Australia driving the adoption of the Green Star rating system for buildings and communities, heading their advocacy and international work, and mentoring countries including Israel and Hong Kong through the process of establishing their own green building councils.



### **Ashleigh Morris**

*Co-Founder and CEO, Coreo*

Ashleigh is bold in her pursuit of systemic change. Acknowledged as a future leader, Ashleigh was recently presented with the Young Business Person of the Year Award by the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, recognised as a global Top 100 Corporate Social Responsibility Influential Leader, is a Prime Ministers Scholar, an Australian ASEAN Emerging Leader, an invitee to the 73rd United Nations General Assembly and an Ellen MacArthur Foundation Circular Economy Champion, a title granted to only a handful of people worldwide.

With recognition of her strategic foresight and experience, Ashleigh has met with Australian Prime Ministers, was invited on Government Trade Missions and represented Australia as a panelist and speaker at the World Circular Economy Forum in 2019.



### **Sandra Ojiambo**

*CEO and Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact*

Sandra Ojiambo is the Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact. Launched in July 2000, the United Nations Global Compact is the Secretary General's strategic policy and advocacy initiative calling for the alignment of business operations and strategies with 10 universal principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. It also motivates companies to integrate the SDGs into their core business strategies and operations.

With more than 10,000 corporate participants and other stakeholders from over 160 countries engaged through 68 country networks, the Compact is the largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative in the world. Endorsed by chief executive officers, it is a practical framework for the development, implementation and disclosure of sustainability policies and practices, committing businesses to sustainability and shared responsibility for achieving a better world.

Ms Ojiambo, brings 20 years of experience to lead the UN Global Compact. She has served as Head of Sustainable Business and Social Impact Safaricom Plc, Kenya since 2010. Ms Ojiambo was also the Senior Manager of Safaricom, and MPESA Foundations, Kenya from 2008 to 2010, during which she led the implementation of several public-private partnership initiatives between Safaricom and UN organisations.

Throughout her career, she has cultivated and managed relationships with key business entities and civil society organisations, including her capacity development work in Somalia with UNDP and CARE International.

Ms Ojiambo holds a Master of Arts in Public Policy from the University of Minnesota, USA, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and International Development from McGill University, Canada.

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### Rodrigo Pizarro

*Managing Director, L'Oréal Australia*

Rodrigo Pizarro is an experienced senior executive with a proven track record of achievement within the L'Oréal Group.

Since joining L'Oréal Portugal as a Product Manager at the very start of his business career, Rodrigo's drive for commercial excellence and flawless execution led to him to being appointed many high profile assignments in Portugal, France and Brazil.

Rodrigo has extensive marketing, sales and general management experience, with particular strength in gaining acceptance in new organisations. His strategic, yet hands on management style creates an environment where employees embrace change and seek opportunities to grow.

His adaptability and drive saw him appointed as Country Manager of L'Oréal Australia and New Zealand in August 2014. During this time, Rodrigo has instilled a cultural shift in the Australian and New Zealand organisation through digital transformation. This includes the acceleration of the integrated CRM program, embedding the use of tracking tools to clearly monitor and measure share of social media buzz, and driving the development of the local L'Oréal Ecommerce business.

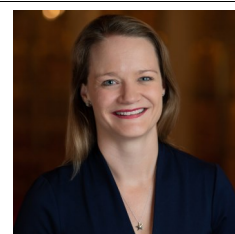
As a strong believer in his employees and leadership development, Rodrigo has a passion for shaping a work environment that is inclusive, diverse, collaborative that ultimately leads to brilliant results.



### Paul Polman

*Co-Founder and Chair, IMAGINE*

Paul Polman is Co-founder and Chair of IMAGINE, a social venture which mobilises business leaders around tackling climate change and global inequality. Paul is the Honorary Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce, Chair of The B Team and Saïd Business School and Vice-Chair of the UN Global Compact. A leading proponent that business should be a force for good, he has been described by the Financial Times as "a standout CEO of the past decade". As CEO of Unilever (2009-2019), he demonstrated that a long-term, multi-stakeholder model goes hand-in-hand with excellent financial performance. Paul was a member of the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel which developed the Sustainable Development Goals, and as an active SDG Advocate he continues to work with global organisations and across industry to push the 2030 development agenda.



### Kylie Porter

*Executive Director, Global Compact Network Australia*

Kylie Porter is the Executive Director of the Global Compact Network Australia (GCNA); the Australian Local Network of the UN Global Compact. Kylie is a sustainability expert and business leader holding particular expertise in delivering and implementing responsible business and corporate responsibility strategies and policies and guiding businesses on reputation risk management for ESG issues.

Kylie leads a team of experts across the fields of business and human rights, the transition to net zero, the SDGs and bribery prevention. During her tenure, membership of the GCNA has doubled, and over A\$1.5 million of funding has been secured. Previously, Kylie spent most of her career in the financial services sector in Australia, the UK and Singapore.

Kylie is a member of the Australian Government's Modern Slavery Expert Advisory Group and is the Chair-alternate for the UN Global Compact's Regional Network Council (Asia-Oceania). She holds a Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Social Science (International Development). Kylie is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

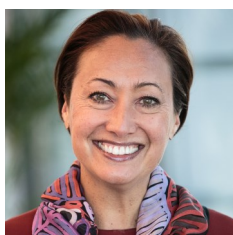


### Chris Reed

*Managing Director, Neometals*

Chris has over 25 years' experience in the resource industry including more than 15 years in corporate administration and management. Chris co-founded Reed Resources (now Neometals Ltd) in 2001 and is Managing Director/CEO. Chris holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Notre Dame and a Graduate Certificate in Mineral Economics from WA School of Mines. He is a Member of the AusIMM and is a past Vice-President of AMEC.

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### **Shelley Reys AO**

*Djirribul woman; CEO, Arrilla Indigenous Consulting; Partner, KPMG*

Shelley Reys is an Indigenous woman of the Djirribul people and a respected Indigenous specialist, strategist and service provider. Her reputation is one of collaboration and vision.

She is CEO of Arrilla, a majority Indigenous-owned firm that delivers broad consulting services and has been the leading provider in Indigenous cultural competency services for the Australian workforce for nearly three decades. In 2016, Shelley became the first Indigenous Partner of KPMG Australia.

She brings nearly 30 years' experience in the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and reconciliation sectors to the table, and has built a formidable reputation for helping organisations across Australia to navigate their way in the Indigenous space with skill and absolute confidence. She is known to inspire new, courageous conversations of national importance. This includes her leadership role with The Australian of the Year Awards and Australia Day, Parliament's apology to 'the stolen generations' and the national reconciliation movement in which she played a formal role spanning 20 years including her appointment as inaugural Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia.

The Australian Financial Review named Shelley as their '100 Women of Influence' and in June 2012, Shelley was awarded the Order of Australia (AO). The award recognized "distinguished service to the Indigenous community, to reconciliation and social inclusion, and as an advocate for improved educational, health and employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people".

Her vision is "to create a culturally competent Australia."



### **Sanaka Samarasinha**

*Resident Coordinator, United Nations, Fiji MCO responsible for 10 countries in the Pacific*

On 1 September 2018, Mr Sanaka Samarasinha commenced his appointment as the United Nations Resident Coordinator for the Republic of Fiji, with multi-country coverage of nine other Pacific Island Countries.

Mr Samarasinha served in Minsk as the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative and UNFPA Representative in Belarus (2013-2018). Before this appointment, Mr Samarasinha has served in various offices of the UN including as Director a.i., Global Centre for Public Service Excellence, Singapore; Senior Advisor to the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Iran; Officer in Charge, Maldives; Director a.i., Kosovo; and Officer in Charge of UNDP Samoa, Niue, Tokelau and the Cook Islands. Mr Samarasinha was also Deputy Resident Representative in Myanmar and Deputy Country Director, Sri Lanka. Prior to that he served in Bangkok as the Regional Rule of Law Advisor covering 26 countries in Asia and the Pacific. Before joining the UN, Mr Samarasinha worked in the legal profession and in journalism, with government, civil society and the private sector in several different countries including the USA, South Africa and India.



### **Murray Saylor**

*Managing Director, Tagai Management Consultants*

Murray Saylor is a Torres Strait Islander with tribal connections to Erub (Darnley Island) and Mer (Murray Island) in the Torres Strait. Murray's passion and drive are focused on Indigenous cultural, ecological and economic sustainability. Murray has over 20 years of diverse experience in the fields of Government, Defence, Community Development, Indigenous affairs and Resource sectors. In 2020, Murray was appointed by the Federal Government Minister for Indigenous Affairs on the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies governing Council.

Murray is the founder/Managing Director of Tagai Management Consultants, an award-winning company driven to work respectfully with clients across Australia and within the Asia/Pacific region to deliver market leading procurement/supply chain management, business advisory, community development and advanced futures services. In 2019, Tagai Management Consultants was presented with the Innovation in Business award by the Ipswich Business Chamber, and in 2018 was selected as one of 100 faces of Small business in Queensland. Tagai Management Consultants has been Supply Nation Certified Supplier since 2014.

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### **Kathryn Sforcina**

*Head of Global Strategy, IV.AI; Non-Executive Director, Farmbot; Author, Digitalizing Sustainability (Nov 21 Launch); Senior Expert, UNEP, UNFCCC, UN IGF and UNDRR*

Kathryn has almost 20 years experience as a serial entrepreneur, c-level executive and advisor having previously founded four of her own ventures, in as many different industries; 3 of which grew into almost all global regions.

Kathryn has then spent the past 5 years exploring the intersection of global grand challenges and emergent technologies. Understanding the role and applications of emergent tech in making a more conscious, sustainable planet is now at the core of her portfolio career.

Kathryn is presently the Head of Strategy (Global) at IV.AI where one of her main focusses is on aligning the company's direction and offering with sustainability outcomes. This shift has seen their organisation begin applying their leading edge AI/NLP social engineering technologies to support enterprise business in communicating to consumers their sustainability value proposition and progress towards their ESG goals as well as measuring the true impact of their sustainability initiatives with respect to changes in consumer behaviour and social sentiment. IV have also begun bridging the gap on measuring how the individual and collective actions / outcomes of such organisations relates back to the progress toward, and impact upon, the broader global challenges we face and the SDGs.

Kathryn is also a non-executive director and board member at Farmbot Monitoring Solutions, a remote sensor/SaaS agtech company that is committed to supporting sustainable outcomes for the agriculture industry by help farmers and ranchers manage and monitor their water resources.

Kathryn is a co-Chair for the Robotics Australia Automation and Robotics Policy Framework for Risk Mitigation and Response, a Global Faculty Member of Singularity University and serves as a Senior Expert on a number of initiatives for various UN agencies including UNFCCC, UNEP, UN IGF and UNDRR. Recently, she has also stepped into the role as a co-facilitator for the Best Practices Work-stream for the Governance of Environmental Data - an initiative under the UN Internet Governance Framework (IGF) Policy Network for Environment and Digital (PNE).

Kathryn is also in the process of writing a book titled: Digitalizing Sustainability, with her co-author, David Jensen (Head of Digital Transformation Taskforce at UNEP). The book is due for release in November 2021 through Routledge Publishing Group.

In her spare time, Kathryn can be found exploring the connection between the journey of self, soul and indigenous culture through tribal ritual and council experience as well as what it truly means to 'be on country'.



### **Gary Smith**

*CEO, BioPak*

Gary started BioPak with business partner Richard Fine in 2006. Their mission was to reduce the environmental impact of single-use foodservice disposables by producing packaging from rapidly renewable sourced compostable materials instead of using plastics derived from finite fossil resources. BioPak is the most recognized and trusted supplier of compostable single-use foodservice disposable packaging in Australia and New Zealand.

In the span of a decade, BioPak has disrupted the industry and continues to lead by developing innovative packaging solutions based on the principles of a circular economy. As a serial entrepreneur, with experience in logistics and information technology, Gary has been instrumental for the rapid growth of BioPak from a startup into a lean and efficient operation that continues to lead the industry.



### **Ciara Sterling**

*CEO, Thriving Communities Partnership*

As Founding CEO for the Thriving Communities Partnership, Ciara Sterling convenes over 250 organisations, together with people with lived experience, to forge deeper understanding of vulnerability and drive ecosystem change through social design innovation. Ciara is also a Non-Executive Director on the Board of Consumer Action Law Centre and is a founding member of the Economic Abuse Reference Group.

Ciara is a leader who believes in the power of cross-sector collaboration to make real change for people experiencing vulnerability and exclusion. She is motivated by her passion for human rights and her belief that everyone deserves an equitable system, adequate living standards, and to live free from discrimination, and is committed to supporting the Sustainable Development Goals.

She has over 20 years' experience collaborating across corporate, government and community sectors to address the root causes of hardship and inequality. She spent over 10 years in leadership roles at Yarra Valley Water, including as Head of Community Inclusion. She pioneered approaches to supporting customers experiencing vulnerability, hardship and family violence, and worked with the Essential Services Commission to help lead the water industry's response to the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence.



## Speaker Bios



### Amanda Sturgeon

*Head of Regenerative Design Strategy, Mott MacDonald*

Amanda Sturgeon, FAIA is the Head of Regenerative Design at global consultancy firm Mott MacDonald and is based in Sydney. As the former CEO of the International Living Future Institute, she spent a decade creating regenerative frameworks such as the Living Building and Community Challenge programs, scaled the organization globally and created a global movement around Biophilic Design. Amanda is an award-winning architect, author of 'Creating Biophilic Buildings', a TED Speaker on 'Bringing Biophilic Design to Life' and has an essay in the recently released anthology 'All We Can Save: Truth, Courage and Solutions to Climate Change' (September 2020).



### Katherine Teh

*Managing Director, Futureye*

Katherine Teh is the founder of Futureye the world's leading social licence consultancy. Over the past 19 years Futureye has developed innovative solutions to drive sustainable development for its clients such as the world's first carbon neutral fisheries product, the world first climate position for a resources company and the world's first solution to petrol sniffing. Each of the disruptions that Futureye has brought to market has delivered commercially, for the environment and for society.

Futureye advises companies and governments on understanding societal expectations, the gaps and the solutions including transformation of leadership, internal culture, risk systems, building capacity to handle the challenges of reputation and social licence in a fast-changing world where community expectations, rather than technical risks, play an ever more potent role in political and regulatory risk.

Katherine is committed to community. She is the Chair of Monash University's Castan Centre for Human Rights Law and is on the advisory committee of the Research Unit in Public Cultures at the University of Melbourne. She is Women's Honour Role Ambassador for the Victorian Government for her work on women's rights.

Katherine has played a number of roles as an adviser at a Ministerial level. She is currently member of the Federal government's Forest Industry Advisory Council. She is formerly a member of the Victorian Minister for Minerals and Energy's advisory board. She has also been an adviser on entrepreneurship and gender.



### James Thornton

*CEO, Intrepid Group*

Hailing from the UK, James began his career in asset management before making a career change to join Intrepid Travel's UK office as Sales and Marketing Coordinator. Over the past 16 years James has held a variety of senior roles, including EMEA Regional Director, General Manager Global Sales, and Managing Director. Appointed CEO in March 2017, James has been instrumental in Intrepid's growth, focusing on the dual objectives of growing the market for sustainable experience-rich travel and operating a company that balances purpose and profit. Under his leadership, Intrepid achieved B Corporation certification in 2018 and recorded four years of record top and bottom line growth from 2016-2020. In 2018 James was named Hospitality and Tourism Executive of the Year in the CEO Magazine Awards. He is a member of the Young Presidents' Organisation and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



### Sasha Titchkosky

*CEO, Koskela; AFR Woman of Influence*

Sasha Titchkosky is the co-founder and CEO of Koskela, one of Australia's most innovative and well-respected furniture and homewares design businesses. A certified B Corp, Koskela designs and supplies furniture for workplace, education and residential environments. Sasha's prior experience in the corporate world fuelled her passion for the creation of a business with a unique purpose-driven culture.

Sasha, in conjunction with co-founder Russel Koskela, has for close to 21 years championed a commitment to local manufacturing, environmental awareness and a decade long Impact program. Sasha was the originator of Koskela's Impact activities which focus on using Koskela's design skills to create income-earning opportunities for Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. To date this work has created over \$1 million dollars' worth of income for the artists and art centres via these opportunities. Koskela is also proudly a member of Supply Nation.

Sasha was responsible for driving Koskela's certification as a B Corp, the first Australian furniture company to attain this recognition and is a passionate campaigner for Climate Action. As of 2020, Koskela became a Climate Active Carbon Neutral organisation. Sasha is also the inaugural chair of the Australia New Zealand B Corp Climate Collective and an ambassador for Better Futures Australia.

Highly respected in both the design and business communities, Sasha has spoken at Soul Safari at VIVID Ideas and was the winner of the *InStyle* Women of Style Awards, Architecture and Design and was selected as a member of the Australian Financial Review *100 Women of Influence* Program. Koskela has also been shortlisted for the AFR Best Places to Work Awards for 2021.

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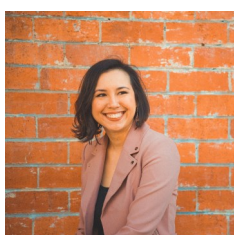
### **Ted Tolfree**

*CEO, Crisp and Macedon Ranges Produce*

Ted started his small business journey when he co-founded Crisp in 2013. Crisp is a chain of salad bars in Melbourne CBD facilitating healthy eating for city workers. Crisp won the 'Best Start Up' category in the 2014 Telstra Business Awards and featured in BRW's Fast Starters List in 2015 and 2016.

Like many businesses, Crisp was significantly impacted by the pandemic and all stores closed for 10 months during 2020. During this time, Ted founded Macedon Ranges Produce – a home delivery service of local produce from the Macedon Ranges.

Prior to starting to his own businesses, Ted worked as an economic consultant at KPMG for over 10 years in their London, Sydney and New York offices. This included three years within the Climate Change and Sustainability team.



### **Sophia Hamblin Wang**

*Chief Operating Officer, Mineral Carbonation International*

Sophia Hamblin Wang is a carbon technologist, circular economy expert, speaker, university lecturer and diversity advocate.

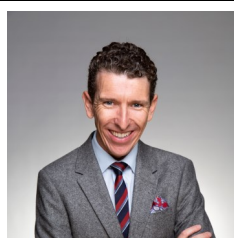
She is the Chief Operating Officer of Mineral Carbonation International, a technology platform that transforms CO<sub>2</sub> into building materials and other valuable industrial products.

Sophia grew up in Far North Queensland and completed a Bachelor of International Business with First Class Honours at the ANU College of Business and Economics.

Ms Hamblin Wang is a Founding Director of CO<sub>2</sub> Value Australia, a member of the Australian Capital Territory Climate Change Council and a board member of the Climate Ready Initiative. Sophia is also a Lecturer at the University of Sydney Business School and was awarded Resource Innovator of the Year at the New Materials Summit in Berlin in 2018.

Sophia has been featured in ABC TV's Q&A, *The New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, *TEDx*, *The Australian Newspaper's The Deal Magazine* and was a delegate at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2020 and the UN Youth Climate Summit in New York 2019. Sophia was also an Australian Delegate to the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in India in 2017.

Sophia is Global Shaper, has a long-service medal with the Australian Red Cross and was awarded an Order of Australia Student Citizenship Award for work in aged care, sustainability, diversity and inclusion.



### **Daniel Ziffer**

*Reporter, The Business and ABC News*

Daniel Ziffer has worked at the intersection of journalism and public debate for nearly two decades. He covers business issues for ABC News and presents Finance on Friday night's 7PM ABC News bulletin in what he calls the 'Shabbat slot'. In 2019 his book 'A Wunch of Bankers: A year in the Hayne Royal Commission' was critically lauded and a best-seller. Daniel was the long-time senior producer of Mornings with Jon Faine, ABC Radio Melbourne, and has worked on air and in production at Macquarie Radio, as a freelance foreign correspondent based in New York City, journalist at The Age and a magazine editor. You can follow his work on Twitter @danziffer.