

## Biographies of the Asialink Leaders Program participants

### 2017 Melbourne Leaders



**Nigel Aldons**

**Senior Investment Manager**

**Invest Victoria**

I am currently working at Invest Victoria focussing on attracting airlines and other sectors' investment into the state. I have over 17 years' investment, marketing and aviation experience working in global markets. Prior to Invest Victoria, I held a number of marketing, investment and aviation roles within Tourism Victoria. Prior to joining Tourism Victoria, I was International Marketing Manager for Sovereign Hill.

I have a keen interest in Asia, especially China, having spent time studying and regularly visiting and engaging with businesses in the region for many years. Over the years I developed long-term relationships with many people throughout the region.

My formal qualifications include an Executive MBA and a Master of Tourism from Monash University and a Bachelor of Arts (Chinese)/Commerce (Marketing) from Deakin University. I have been fortunate to have received a Prime Minister's Endeavour Asia Scholarship and a Victorian Government Hamer Scholarship.

Outside of work I love to travel with my fiancé, watch the Saints and play golf and tennis with my mates.



**Nicole Andrews**

**Regional Specialist - North East Asia**

**Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources  
Victorian Government**

Nicole Andrews is the Regional Specialist for Japan and Korea, within the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources at the Victorian Government.

Nicole has been with the Victorian Government for eight years working in various trade and investment roles focussed on building engagement with a number of markets including the Middle East, Europe and India as well as Japan and Korea.

In addition to her time with the Victorian Government, Nicole spent many years in the private sector working in the wine industry in various marketing and business development roles at both Brown Brothers and Mitchelton wineries. As Export Manager for Brown Brothers, and earlier Mitchelton, she travelled extensively in Asia, Europe and America developing each of the company's distributor networks and overseas offices.

Nicole's international experience also includes overseas postings to Japan and Thailand while with the Department of Foreign Affairs. Nicole has a Bachelor of Arts and Graduate Diploma of Business Studies.

Her interests include contemporary literature, travel and nature photography.



**Ruth Atkinson**

**Regional Manager Business Development - Employer**

**CPA Australia**

My role at CPA Australia is Regional Manager Acquisition and Young Professional Engagement. I am responsible for leading a team of Business Development Managers who engage and partner with organisations from all sectors across Oceania and Asia. CPA Australia is one of the world's largest professional accounting and finance bodies, representing more than 155,000 members and business professionals from around the globe.

I joined CPA Australia in 2011. Prior to this, I worked in Senior Business Development positions both in the UK and Australia for over 10 years. This included working in the Financial Services and Learning & Development industries which provided a good background for my role at CPA Australia.

I have a strong interest in supporting and mentoring Young Professionals from Oceania and Asia in the development of their career. I was recently chosen as a mentor in PwC's 21st Century Minds (21CM) Accelerator Program. I have a BA (Honours) Business Studies degree from the UK and am a member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. My hobbies include international travel and playing the piano.



**Jennifer Burdick**

**Executive Officer, Students and International**

**The University of Melbourne**

As Executive Officer to the Deputy Provost & the Deputy Vice Chancellor (International) Jennifer works across the University of Melbourne's academic and international portfolios. In her role Jennifer mainly focusses on providing policy advice and support on international strategy and policy. Jennifer has a strong background in international education policy and over six years of Asia-related experience.

Prior to joining the University of Melbourne, Jennifer worked for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 2010-2016. After completing the DFAT Graduate Program (2010-2011), Jennifer served in a number of roles both in Canberra and overseas including: a diplomatic posting to Singapore (2012-2014), working as member of the Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement negotiating team (2011-2012) and as a member of the New Colombo Plan Secretariat (2014-2016).

Jennifer holds a Bachelor Arts (First Class Honours) and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Tasmania. Outside of work Jennifer is a passionate AFL and NFL fan, loves travel, pop culture and cooking. She also co-hosts the Rezidentura podcast recapping the FX Television series, the Americans.



**Jane Burton**

**Director, Coal Resources Victoria**

**Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources  
Victorian Government**

As Director, Coal Resources Victoria (CRV) Jane is responsible for exploring future opportunities for brown coal utilisation. Jane works closely with interested industry proponents, researchers and technology developers both within Australia and internationally, interested in accessing the resource.

Jane also leads a multidisciplinary team responsible for developing a Regional Rehabilitation Strategy for the Latrobe Valley's three brown coal mine voids. The four year, multi-million dollar project seeks to set a safe, stable, and sustainable landform for the Latrobe Valley mine voids and is a key element of the Government's response to the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry recommendations.

Jane has worked in private and public sector roles for the last 25 years including seven years working for the Japanese Consortium - Brown Coal Liquefaction Victoria, based at their Morwell Pilot Plant finishing as Chief Chemist. As an industrial chemist with a Master's Degree in Chemistry, Jane is able to converse across a wide range of technical, social and planning matters.. Jane is a member of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute, a fellow of the Australian Institute of Energy, a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Director on the Quantum Support Services Board.



**Jennifer Coster**

**Deputy Director, English**

**Monash College**

Jennifer Coster is the Deputy Director of English at Monash College where she is responsible for the development and delivery of English language and academic skills programs which prepares 5000 international students a year for their university degrees in Melbourne and the Asia region.

Jennifer is an active member of English Australia, the national peak body for the English language sector of international education in Australia, and regularly presents at their annual conference. She is passionate about teaching quality and is a member of English Australia's professional development advisory committee and played a key role in developing their Continuing Professional Development Framework.

Jennifer has been working in international education for seventeen years, starting her career in Hungary followed by a period in South Korea. She has a Master of Education (TESOL), Graduate Certificate in TESOL and a Trinity Certificate in TESOL. Jennifer feels strongly that every child should have equal access to education and the necessary support to keep them engaged in their studies. She is an executive member of the Australian African Foundation for Retention and Opportunity (AAFRO) and has supported the building and development of a school in the South of Senegal which currently has 200 children enrolled.



**Rosita Dalla Rosa**

**Manager, International Engagement, International Coordination Office, Trade Victoria**

**Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources  
Victorian Government**

Rosita is Manager of International Engagement within the Victorian Government's International Coordination Office of Trade Victoria. In this role Rosita oversees: Victoria's approach to strategic international engagement; the delivery of Asia capability building programs; and International Chamber House. As part of this role Rosita designs and implements policy, strategy and program initiatives to enhance the public value of existing activities and generates new innovative and collaborative international engagement activities in the pursuit of Victoria's Trade and Investment agenda.

In previous roles Rosita held senior positions within the Victorian Government's Investor, Business and Skilled Migration Program contributing to Program policy and strategy design and managing the development and delivery of projects, products and services to enhance Program outcomes. Prior to joining the Victorian Government Rosita also had a long and successful career in Advertising working in numerous Advertising Agencies and a media outlet. Rosita holds a Bachelor of Business with specialisations in Strategic Management and Marketing from Monash University and recently completed the Executive Masters of Public Administration at the University of Melbourne including a work based project investigating the gender diversity of Australia's Ambassador applicant pool for sponsor agency Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



**Honnie Donders**

**General Manager, VIC/TAS/SA/NT**

**Bupa Australia**

Honnie Donders, General Manager VIC, TAS, SA, NT, is an accomplished senior leader with 20 years+ experience at Bupa Australia in strategy and operations. Honnie serves as the Regional General Manager leading over 180 team members across 30 + Retail sites; spanning Victoria, South Australia, Northern Territory and Tasmania. Honnie has proven abilities to inspire people and deliver strong employee engagement, implement transformational and organisational change, as well as delivering excellent customer satisfaction and revenue growth.

Among significant positions, Honnie was Head of Transformation and Customer Experience manager for Sales and Growth. Honnie has been involved in a number of highly regarded initiatives, most notably, setting the direction, design and delivery for the Customer Experience Net Promoter System across multiple sales and services channels and developing and implementing several multicultural strategies and development programs for Bupa Australia.

Outside of work, Honnie enjoys cycling, travelling and spending time with her partner and two children.



**Maya Donevska**

**Head of Asset and Function Communication**

**BHP Billiton**

Maya is a communications professional with nearly 20 years of experience, mostly in the manufacturing and mining industries.

She has worked across a range of corporate affairs disciplines including media relations, corporate communications, public policy, issues management and most recently, employee communications. She is currently Head of Asset and Function communication at BHP Billiton in Melbourne and prior to her current role she spent 11 years in roles with General Motors in Australia and Asia.

Maya has a Bachelor of Communications from Macquarie University, Sydney and a Masters in Communication Management from the University of Technology, Sydney.

She lives in Melbourne with her husband and two children, Mila and Bernie. She enjoys reading, travel, raising her chickens and good red wine.



**Kelly Farrow**

**Advisor, Policy and Government Relations**

**The University of Melbourne**

Kelly Farrow is a lawyer and adviser in Policy & Government Relations at The University of Melbourne, having joined the University's Chancellery in late 2015. She formerly worked as Director of the Effective Government Program at the Centre for Policy Development and in Canberra as senior policy adviser to Senator Sarah Hanson-Young and former Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown. Kelly started her career at Victoria Legal Aid as solicitor-advocate practicing in criminal law, and has worked diversely in the public sector (Victorian and Commonwealth). Her expertise and professional interests include policy development, advocacy, collaboration, social justice and sustainability.

Kelly has honours qualifications in Public Policy, Law and Political Science from The University of Cambridge, Australian National University and The University of Melbourne. She volunteers in the legal clinic at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and worked in Brussels in 2014 at the European Council on Refugees and Exiles. Kelly loves the arts and was recently appointed as a Board Director for Melbourne's Snuff Puppets. Throughout her twenties, Kelly ran an independent theatre company, White Whale Theatre, with regular shows in Melbourne and a tour to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. She likes going glamping with her partner Richard.



**Tim Glenton**

**Associate Director - Tax**

**ShineWing Australia**

11 years' experience servicing large family groups and corporate groups (both privately owned and publicly listed).

Particular expertise includes tax structuring and planning, foreign investment and repatriation of profit, tax losses, tax consolidation, family group tax planning.

Batchelor of Business & Commerce, Masters of Tax, Chartered Accountant, Chartered Tax Advisor



**Alessandra Guadagnuolo**

**Manager, Strategic Projects, NDIS and Health and Human Services Branch**

**Department of Premier and Cabinet**

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**Annie Hariharan**

**Manager**

**PwC**

Annie Hariharan studied Accounting and Taxation and is a Manager in PwC Advisory Services Australia. She started her career in education and then moved on to business consulting. She has 10 years of consulting experience in Australia, Malaysia and Indonesia, ranging from strategy consulting, operational improvement and project management.

Her current focus is on process automation for financial services and shared service centres in Australia and Asia where she identifies automation opportunities and tracks benefits for her clients.

Outside of work, Annie is often intrigued by linguistics and the study of human behaviour. She speaks fluent English, Indonesian, Malay and is conversant in Mandarin and Cantonese. In her free time, she writes for business and lifestyle publications, focusing on business trends in South East Asia, feminism and pop culture.



**Amelia Hartney**

**Associate Director, Management Consulting**

**KPMG**

Amelia is an Associate Director with KPMG Australia. Throughout her 9 years with the Firm Amelia has worked as a Consultant in Tax and Advisory groups. Currently she is part of the Management Consulting Group specialising in Supply Chain & Logistics and Market Access. Part of Amelia's current role sees her working with clients looking to develop market entry plans and understanding how to leveraging Free Trade Agreements. Previous to KPMG Amelia worked for Government and private industry, specialising in research, policy writing and project management.

Amelia has recently been awarded KPMG's National Chairman's Purpose Leadership Award, recognising her work embracing the Firm's purpose to inspire confidence and empower change through work with KPMG people and the community. Amelia manages a leadership program that supports KPMG leaders from across the Firm. The valuable program facilitated by the Juno Consulting Group, develops skilled mentors through engagement with disadvantaged community groups.

Amelia has a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Intelligence and National Security, Postgraduate and professional education in business and project management. Outside of work Amelia is an avid gardener, a part-time artist, she dreams of Italian gelato by Lago di Garda and longs to be back on the Murray rowing.



**Isaac Huang**

**Government Relations China**

**Swisse Wellness**

Mr Huang is a Chinese-Australian relationship specialist and leads Government Relations for China in Swisse Wellness. He is a highly experienced, versatile, strategic focused specialist, with China-focused capabilities underpinned by his deep understanding of the China-Australia industry and economic environment, Chinese and Australia Government policies and initiatives relating to international trade, investment and industry development.

Prior to Swisse, Isaac held a senior role in an international leading consulting firm with 8 years' experience specialising in Chinese outbound investment and strategy. Isaac has advised and assisted a number of Chinese businesses successfully investing in Australia.

Isaac was born and raised in Shanghai. He holds a Masters' degree in risk management from Monash University. Isaac has had a long-standing interest in public health and social entrepreneurship and is passionate about supporting community engagement. He is a Board member of not-for-profit organisations including Victoria AIDS Council.



**Rachel Kelly**

**Founder and CEO**

**The Retail Collective Pty Ltd**

I am a passionate retailer who has spent my life immersed in brands, customers, driving teams and creating value. As CEO and founder of the Retail Collective, my focus is on shaping and developing the next Generation of retail, working with and across the retail industry.

I started my early retail life as franchisee for Red Earth and then spent 10 years at The Just Group (Just Jeans, Smiggle, Peter Alexander, Portmans, etc) where I was Retail Director and Executive Director on the Just Group Board. During this time, I developed my deep commitment to creating customer journey's not a single customer journey and pursuing experiential retail to unlock value.

I joined T2 tea in 2013 initially as a consultant leading market expansion into UK and US and then in 2014 moved into the CEO role post acquisition by Unilever. The focus was on creating sustained infrastructure, systems and team to deliver growth during the transition of ownership. T2 is now operating in 5 countries, launched global e-commerce sites, tripled store portfolio and operates in Selfridges and Bloomingdales.

I love to travel any chance I get and to visit Art Galleries, markets and of course shopping centres.





**Liane Kirwan**

**International Sales and Brand Manager**

**Aspect Skincare International**

I have been with Advanced Skin Technology for ten years and in my current role for around three years. Prior to this position I was National Sales Manager for Australia and New Zealand and before that I was State Sales Manager for Queensland.

I've worked in the Beauty Industry around 18 years, mainly in a sales capacity but

I have held operational roles as Practice Manager and Beauty Therapist for Clinics and Spas. I hold a Diploma of Management, a Diploma of Practice Management, a Diploma of Beauty Therapy, a Speech and Drama Teachers Diploma (ATCL). I am also an Authorised Marriage Celebrant and Justice of the Peace (Qualified) and have a Certificate of Workplace Assessment and Training as well as a current First Aid Certificate.

As one of the top ten Marriage Celebrants in Queensland for a number of years, I have won several Australian Bridal Industry Awards of Excellence. I have a strong interest in international business and enjoy traveling.

In my spare time I love cooking, home renovating and spending time with my family and two dogs.



**Matthew McKean**

**Senior Investment Manager**

**Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources  
Victorian Government**

My name is Matthew McKean and I am employed by the Victorian Government as a Senior Investment Manager within the Department of Economic Development, Jobs Transport and Resources. In my position I manage a team of Investment Specialists whom develop and engage with a portfolio of economic significant clients. Our role is to identify and facilitate investment and export opportunities that support economic and job growth in Victoria.

I have worked in the finance sector for around 20 years, including 13.5 years within the Victorian Government. My major strengths within my role include my strong engagement, communication and financial analysis skills. I have a strong interest in business and regional and global economics.

In 2002 I was awarded a Victorian State Customer Service Achievement Award with the National Australia Bank for successful sales and referral activities. In 2015 after successfully composing a published economic strategy discussion paper I was awarded an Achievement Award with the Department of Economic Development Jobs Transport and Resources.



**Georgie Meagher**

**Director/CEO**

**Next Wave**

Georgie has worked in the arts for 10 years as an artist, writer, curator and producer in major multi-arts venues, independent spaces, producing organisations and a museum. She is currently Director and CEO of Next Wave, a leading organisation supporting new generations in Australian art. Next Wave produces a biennial festival and development programs for artists from across Australia. Under Georgie's leadership, the award-winning 2016 Festival received wide critical acclaim and saw box-office revenue increase by 30%. Cultural diversity was a hallmark of the Festival program, with a significant number of works by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

Georgie recently initiated a major project with Australian and Pacific Indigenous artists for the Asia Pacific Triennial of Performing Arts and travelled to Japan as part of a multi-arts delegation hosted by Asialink Arts. She is alumni of the Independent Curators International intensive program in New York, the recipient of a Cultural Leadership grant from Australia Council for the Arts, and holds a Masters in Creative Arts from the University of Wollongong. Independently, she has published critical texts about the future of artist self-organisation, curated exhibitions about economics, organised screenings about strange obsessions and given lectures about James Franco.



**Nick Oats**

**Manager, International Program**

**Local Government Victoria (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning)**

**Victorian Government**

As the inaugural Manager of Local Government Victoria's International Program, I'm responsible for developing and implementing our portfolio's international engagement approach. This includes our direct international activities, including public service capacity building support for Timor-Leste's decentralisation agenda and knowledge exchange with international audiences interested in Victoria's local government sector, as well as working with the sector to support effective international engagement by Victorian councils.

I also play a broader role in drawing together international activities across the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, helping to connect staff and initiatives across the organisation, provide a strategic lens to the range activities across our business units, and support effective executive oversight.

This role builds on over a decade of experience in a range of policy, program, and executive advisory roles in various Victorian government departments, across portfolios including major projects, state budget, sport & recreation, environment, and land-use planning.

I hold Bachelor degrees in Commerce and Arts, and a Masters' degree in International & Community Development. Outside of work, I take inordinate amounts of pleasure in making balloon animals to entertain my toddler, rolling around on my skateboard, and dabbling in creative writing.



**Emily O'Callaghan**

**Operations Manager**

**International Education Association of Australia (IEAA)**

Emily has worked in international education for over 10 years. In her current role as Operations Manager, IEAA, she oversees Association governance, finances and research and major projects.

Prior to IEAA, Emily was Regional Recruitment Manager Indian Sub-continent/Middle East at Victoria University. Emily also represented the university in South-East Asia, Europe and the Americas and has experience working in learning abroad, transnational education and international pathways and admissions. Emily has a business degree majoring in marketing.



**Carmel O'Keeffe**

**Editorial Manager Content**

**ABC International**

As one of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's most experienced editorial leaders, Carmel O'Keeffe is a champion of change in the way content is produced, distributed, and consumed by audiences.

Responsible for content and editorial standards for the ABC's international division, Carmel leads the Chinese, Indonesian, Tok Pisin and English teams producing radio, television, web, mobile and social media content for culturally and linguistically diverse audiences in Australia, Asia, and the Pacific. She also sits on the ABC's Editorial Policy Group and is a member of the ABC's Executive Leadership Forum.

A cross-media pioneer with a substantial background in journalism and broadcasting, Carmel has produced stories in print, radio, and television, and was the first online journalist hired for ABC International. She is passionate about learning, has developed and delivered editorial and digital skills training for the ABC in Australia and South East Asia, and her work and studies have taken her to China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore.

In 2010 Carmel was awarded Deakin University's Roslyn Lawry award for excellence for her Master of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies degree. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Philosophy.



**Nick Park**

**Manager Issues Management**

**BHP Billiton**

Nick was recently appointed to the role of Manager, Issues Management and Public Policy at BHP Billiton's head office in Melbourne, where he leads a team responsible for coordinating public policy participation in Australia and abroad, as well as managing external issues and identifying emerging risk.

Prior to this role Nick was the Brisbane based Government Relations Manager for BHP Billiton's Coal business, which includes international joint venture arrangements.

Having worked in the resource sector in both consulting and in house roles for the last 15 years, Nick has developed a deep understanding of Australia's trade and cultural relationship with Asia and is particularly interested in the policy settings that underpin international trade and investment.

Nick holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters of Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Queensland. He is married and has two young daughters.



**William Jun Peng**

**Manager, Confucius Institute, La Trobe International**

**La Trobe University**

I have been actively involved in transnational education and academic partnership for ten years. I am currently a manager at La Trobe University.

I am an experienced manager with high level interpersonal, influencing and communication skills and a proven track record of achievement. I have focused on the design, development and conduct of the "La Trobe China Health Alumni Association" Project since 2009. As a result, an extensive and active alumni network has been set up, facilitating new practices and collaboration and sharing innovative ideas for more than 2,000 senior healthcare managers who have graduated from the La Trobe China Health Program. The association not only actively contributes to the development of healthcare in China, it also promotes the state of Victoria's world-leading capabilities across a diverse healthcare and aged care spectrum.

I have successfully organised more than 30 international workshops, seminars and conferences. In 2010, as the chief event coordinator, I successfully organised the Sino-Australian Forum on Health Reform. This forum attracted nearly 1,000 participants, including senior government officials from the Chinese government and representatives from international agencies connected with China, such as the WHO, the Australian Embassy in China, AusAID, the World Bank, Australia-China Council.



**Yasmin Power**

**Senior Investment Manager, Food, Fibre and Retail**

**Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources  
Victorian Government**

As a Senior Investment Manager for Food and Retail in the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources I am responsible for the management of an extensive portfolio of food and retail clients with the aim of delivering jobs and investment into the State.

My role entails working with senior management of food and retail companies and liaising with overseas investors, primarily from China, but also other parts of Asia.

Having worked in the area of economic development for a period of 18 years I have had the opportunity to work on a diverse range of projects including inward buyer programs and numerous trade fairs and missions. I have covered a wide range of sectors and have spent significant time liaising with wineries targeting export opportunities.

On a personal level I have been involved with Big Brother, Big Sister and acted as a mentor with AMES Australia. I enjoy renovating properties.



**Danielle Salman**

**Sponsorships and Engagement**

**Monash University**

In my role at Monash, I am responsible for planning and delivering strategically aligned sponsorships and partnerships that enhance the Monash brand and align with our core values.

As a tertiary qualified, strategic marketing professional with 10+ years cross-sectoral Marketing experience, my strengths lie in idea generation, developing clear strategies that leverage market opportunities and executing value-laden campaigns. Storytelling (Content Development) is fundamental in extending reach and engagement, and I seek out ways to uncover, unpack and leverage those stories across multiple channels.

It's about consumer engagement, and focusing on driving marketing strategies that generate clear ROI while honouring brand integrity. Synced with exceptional project management skills and a creative outlook, my approach is underpinned with a spirit of collaboration, enthusiasm and accountability.



**James Sorahan**

**Director - Tax Policy**

**Minerals Council of Australia**

James is the Director of Tax at the Minerals Council of Australia (MCA) which represents small, medium and large firms engaged in the exploration, extraction and processing of minerals and energy resources. James is responsible for policy development and research related to minerals industry taxation.

Prior to joining the MCA in 2013, James was a policy adviser to federal ministers over a seven year period - the Hon Chris Bowen MP and to the Hon Martin Ferguson MP covering a range of policy areas including taxation, financial services, human services and tourism. James has also worked as a policy analyst in Treasury.

James holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and a Bachelor of Arts. James studied in Mexico as part of his degree and was a participant in the Australian National Internships Program.



**Craig Stevens**

**Director - Investment Grade Originations - Securitisation**

**National Australia Bank**

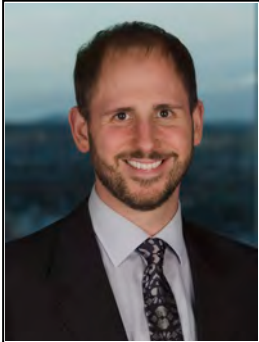
A seasoned business professional with extensive domestic and international expertise in debt capital markets and investment banking. Specialist in several disciplines with advanced knowledge of financial instruments; rating agency credit criteria, cash flow modelling; credit analysis; legal transaction document negotiation; structuring, origination and execution; and client management.

A confident leader focused on innovation and providing value-add client solutions and efficient outcomes throughout transaction life cycle. Extensive external client management experience at Treasurer, CFO and Board level and internal stakeholder management across departments/divisions and at Executive Credit Committee.

**Education & Qualifications**

- Masters of Applied Finance, Macquarie University (Sydney).
- Bachelor of Business, Economics & Accounting, RMIT University (Melbourne).
- RG146 Compliance GAP Training Programme.





**Tim Stitz**

**Creative Director & CEO**

**Chamber Made Opera**

Tim is a creative producer, theatre-maker and arts manager. He is currently Creative Director & CEO at Chamber Made Opera. Tim has worked professionally in the arts (as an actor, maker and manager since 2005) in various capacities including positions at the University of Melbourne, Arts Centre Melbourne, Pioneer Productions (TV-UK), Auspicious Arts Projects and with John Paxinos & Associates.

He was a member of La Mama Theatre's Committee of Management from 2006-2012 and a judge & panel chair for Melbourne's Green Room Awards Association between 2007-2012. Tim has performed and devised multiple performance projects nationally and internationally, and has won and been nominated for multiple Green Room Awards. Between 2007-2013 he was part of the Melbourne Playback ensemble. Tim has a BA (Hons) and BCom from the University of Melbourne and trained at Circle in the Square Theatre School, New York.

Tim is a peer assessor for the Australia Council for the Arts and undertook their Emerging Cultural Leaders Program in 2015. He has a passion for supporting creative endeavours, especially collaborative, multi-artform projects, and has a particular interest in Asian arts and artists.



**Timothy Watts MP**

**Member of Parliament**

**Commonwealth of Australia**

Prior to being elected in September 2013, Timothy was a Senior Manager at Telstra. He was also a corporate lawyer at Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Senior Advisor to former Victorian Premier John Brumby and Deputy Chief of Staff to Senator Stephen Conroy. He has a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from Bond University, Master of Public Policy from Monash University and Master of Politics and Communication from the London School of Economics.

In 2015, Timothy co-authored a book with Clare O'Neil MP, titled *Two Futures: Australia at a Critical Moment* which takes the long term view to policy-making and outlines creative ideas for tackling the policy challenges facing Australia over the next 20 years.

He lives in Footscray with his wife and two children.