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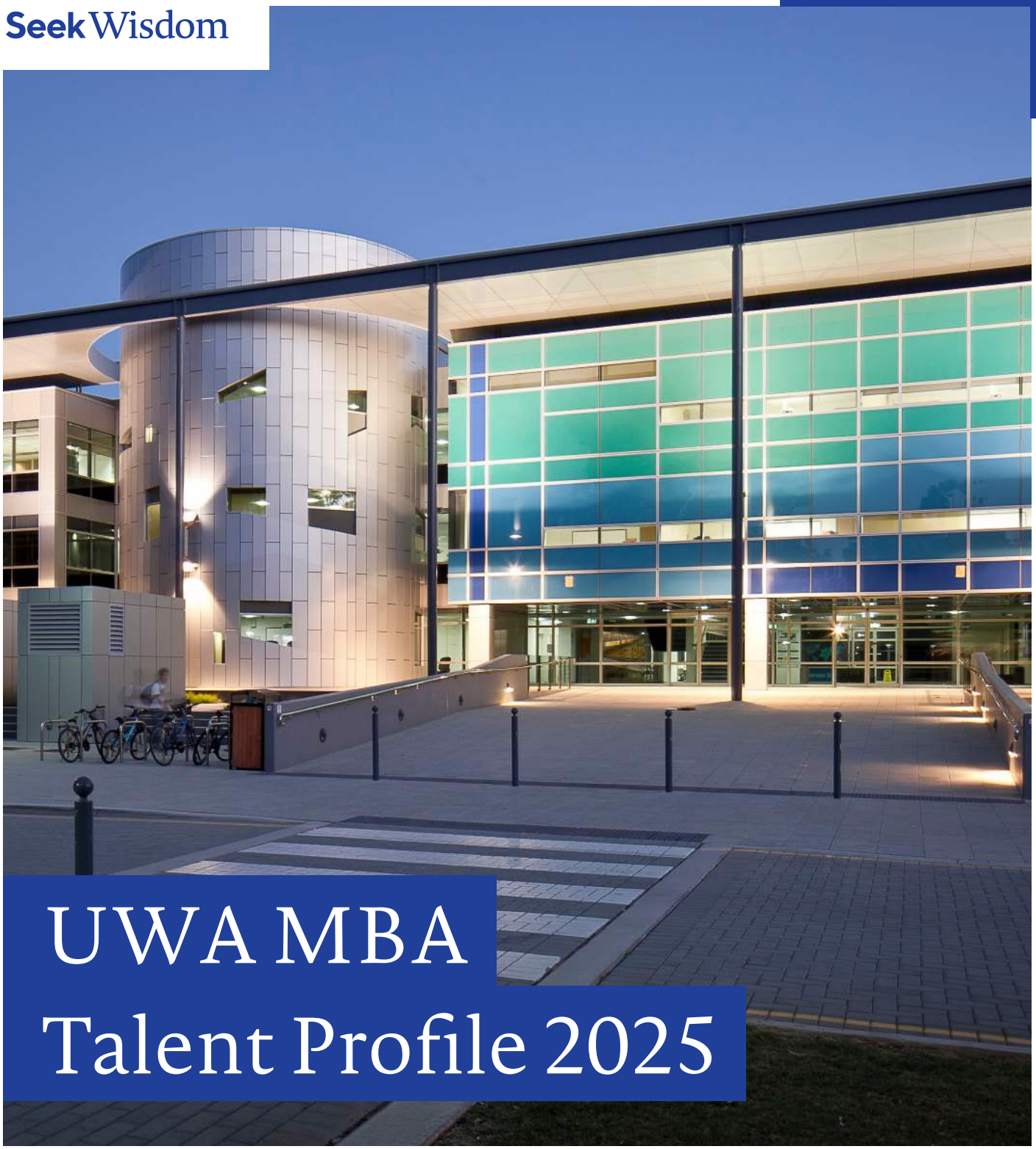

UWA MBA Talent Profile 2025

WA'S TOP MBA PROGRAM FOR 7 CONSECUTIVE YEARS
(QS GLOBAL MBA RANKINGS 2019 - 2025)

RANKED IN THE WORLD'S TOP 100 UNIVERSITIES
(77TH IN QS - 2026)

WA RANKING #1 BEST BUSINESS SCHOOL
(AFR BOSS BUSINESS SCHOOL 2024)

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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The University of Western Australia acknowledges that its campuses are situated on Noongar land and that Noongar people remain the spiritual and cultural custodians of their land, and continue to practise their values, languages, beliefs and knowledge.

A message from the Directors

We would like to introduce to you our impressive MBA students of 2025. Our talented students have followed 12 months of intensive and experiential learning, been involved in a personalised Authentic Leadership Program, and participated in one-on-one mentoring from a senior industry leader. They have also undertaken a strategy and consulting project to deepen their knowledge and skills in their chosen specialisation and to better meet employers' demands, enhancing their employment prospects.

This Talent Profile highlights the key achievements of the 2025 UWA MBA graduates and provides your organisation with the opportunity to engage directly with our students. The UWA Careers and Employability Centre can help you connect with our MBA students by participating in recruitment events, the MBA Mentoring Program, and industry presentations with direct networking opportunities.

> "Our program being QS ranked as WA's Top MBA Program in 2025 is a testament to the dedicated professional staff, the MBA's themselves and our fantastic alumni who remain engaged with the program and give back through guest lectures and participation in career-focused MBA events.
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> **PROFESSOR ALLAN TRENCH**



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MBA PROGRAM DIRECTOR



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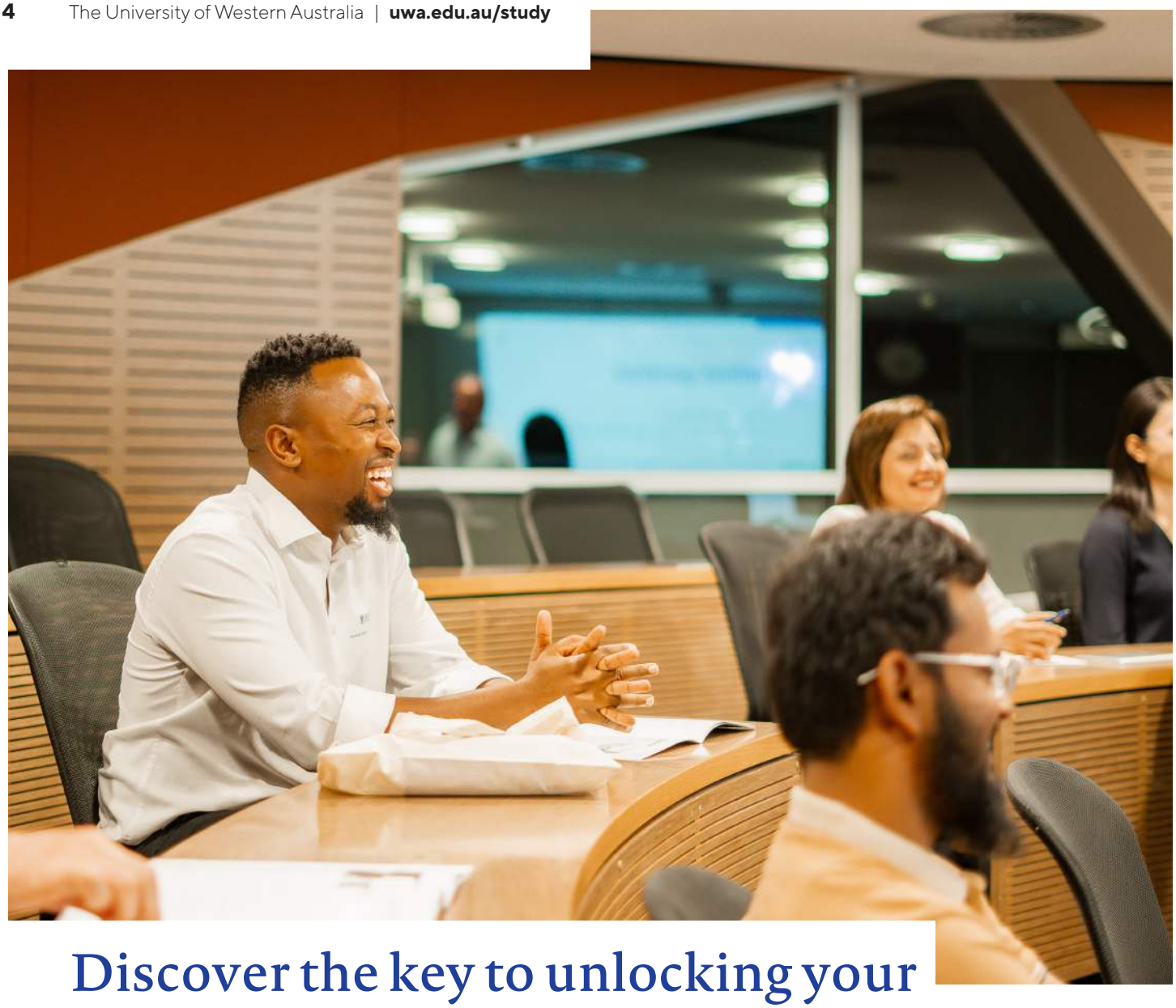

Discover the key to unlocking your business potential at our MBA and Graduate Certificate Information Evenings

Join us to explore how the UWA MBA program equips professionals with the skills and insights to drive real-world business success. Hear from MBA Directors, leading academics, accomplished alumni and industry leaders who are shaping the future of business. Events are scheduled throughout the year in April, July and November.

Register now
uwa.edu.au/schools/business/events/mba-and-graduate-certificate-information-session



UWA MBA Mentoring Program

This is a personalised mentoring program to connect MBA students with business and industry.

Embrace the unique opportunity to be part of the UWA MBA specifically designed one-to-one mentoring program, linking you directly with senior business executives and experienced business leaders.

This bespoke program assists MBA students to build stronger networks through the sharing of your mentor's knowledge, experiences and development of your career plans.

Our six-month program comprises a series of one-on-one meetings with a dedicated industry mentor. Our current mentors are CEOs and senior business leaders from a wide range of industries.

Learn more about our signature MBA experience at: **uwa.edu.au/study/courses-and-careers/pathways-to-mba**



Meet our 2025 cohort

An average of 12 years' experience in areas including:

- Accounting
- Advisory
- Consulting
- Engineering
- Finance
- Health
- Data Science
- Law
- Management



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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Arts, Economics | **University of Zambia**
Master of Professional Accounting | **Edith Cowan University**
Stock Broking and Investment Advisors Certificate

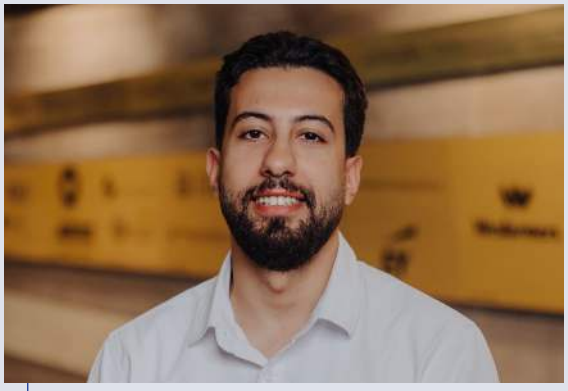
Lungowe is a purpose-driven professional with a passion for driving business growth and operational excellence. With experience in finance, operations, and relationship management across diverse sectors, she has built a reputation for strategic thinking, financial acumen, and strong leadership.

She has held key roles including Head of Deposit Mobilisation Unit in a microfinance institution, where she led deposit mobilisation strategies and drove portfolio growth and as Head of Operations and Finance for an Agro-business institution, responsible for overseeing operations and financial management, working to improve efficiency and support business growth.

Lungowe thrives in dynamic environments and excels at building lasting professional relationships. She values collaboration and is known for her integrity, thoughtful approach, resilience, and strong work ethic. She is adept at analyzing market trends, anticipating challenges, and crafting tailored solutions that create value.

She is committed to personal growth and lifelong learning, and enjoys supporting and mentoring others where she can. Currently pursuing an MBA, Lungowe is eager to consolidate her expertise and position herself for the next phase in her career. She aims to integrate her practical experience with advanced strategic management skills, positioning herself for a leadership role where she can contribute to sustainable growth and impactful business decisions.

Outside of work, Lungowe enjoys spending time with her family, seeing the world through her son's eyes, and traveling. She finds joy in learning about different cultures and draws inspiration from everyday moments to bring empathy and perspective into her professional life.



BASHIR AL HASSANY
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) | **Curtin University**

Bashir is a highly skilled and results-driven pharmacy leader with extensive experience in hospital pharmacy operations and clinical leadership. Currently serving as Pharmacist in Charge at Mount Hospital, he leads high-performing teams, ensures regulatory compliance, and drives continuous improvement initiatives—including national antimicrobial stewardship programs.

Bashir thrives at the intersection of clinical excellence and strategic leadership. He works closely with hospital executives and multidisciplinary teams to shape policy, streamline inventory systems, and implement forward-thinking solutions that elevate pharmacy services. Passionate about patient safety, innovation, and data-driven decision-making, he consistently delivers measurable improvements in both patient care and operational performance.

Now undertaking his MBA at the University of Western Australia, Bashir is expanding his leadership capabilities to drive broader transformation across the healthcare sector. He is particularly interested in health system strategy, digital innovation, and health policy development. With a strong foundation in clinical leadership and a vision for systemic impact, Bashir aims to play a leading role in shaping the future of healthcare.



WAYNE ASTON
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Science, Molecular Biology (Honours) | **Murdoch University**

Doctor of Philosophy, Biomedical Science | **The University of Western Australia**

Wayne is an experienced life sciences professional with a strong foundation in medical research and a proven track record in strategic thinking, business development and commercialisation over the last 12 years. With a PhD in Biomedical Science, Wayne began his career in academic research before transitioning into the biotechnology and healthcare sectors.

Wayne previously worked at a clinical services and biotechnology company, managing a portfolio of digital health and drug discovery programs where he played a key role in translating innovative research into real-world applications. Currently, Wayne is a Commercialisation Manager at the University of Western Australia, helping researchers identify, protect and develop intellectual property in the health and medical sciences sector. This role enables him to bridge the gap between ground-breaking research and commercial success, ensuring innovations have a tangible impact.

Possessing a strong analytical mindset and a natural ability to identify opportunities, Wayne is passionate about fostering collaboration between researchers, industry partners and investors to drive research translation. This collaborative approach enables him to build meaningful relationships and develop partnerships that drive success.

Wayne is a proactive leader with a keen eye for commercial potential, combining scientific and business expertise to create value. Adaptable and forward-thinking, he thrives in dynamic environments and continuously seeks opportunities to grow, lead and contribute to the advancement of healthcare and biotechnology. Now undertaking an MBA, he is further strengthening his leadership, financial and strategic capabilities to accelerate his impact in the life sciences industry.



JACOB BAILEY
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Education and credentials

Master of Professional Engineering, Mechanical Engineering | **The University of Western Australia**

Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science | **The University of Western Australia**

Project Management Finalist | **ADM 30 Under 30 Awards**

Jacob is a driven and versatile leader with over eight years of experience delivering complex engineering and technology projects across the defence, manufacturing, and mining sectors. Jacob's career has been defined by his ability to lead multidisciplinary teams, manage stakeholders, and deliver innovative, high-impact solutions.

In his current role Jacob serves as Implementation Manager in WesTrac's MineStar Technology team. He leads the implementation, deployment, and customer management function at WesTrac to deliver value-add autonomous solutions for mining operators. Jacob works with sales and engineering functions to deliver high-quality commercial tender, sales solutions and contract expertise.

Prior to WesTrac, Jacob held leadership roles at Austal Ships, managing project management, autonomy and organisational change projects for Commercial and Defence customers. His leadership approach combines technical leadership with a commitment to people development, empowering teams through clear communication, accountability, and a systems-thinking mindset.

Jacob is undertaking the MBA to elevate the trajectory of his career, deepen his understanding of the inner workings of organisations, and further develop his leadership and team building skills. Following the completion of his MBA, his goal is to leverage his learning to innovate in technology lead organisations that creates value for the organisation, customers and the wider community.

Beyond his professional endeavours, Jacob engages with the community with his passion for martial arts. He supports training at the local club and Jacob has gone on to represent Australia in an international kickboxing tournament.



ANYA BELKINA
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Education and credentials

Master of Information Systems | **The University of Melbourne**

Harvard Summer School - Data Mining for Business | **Harvard University**

Software Engineering | **She Codes Plus**

Anya is a technical analyst with over four years of experience in Woodside Energy's digital department. In her role, she excels in project coordination, stakeholder management, and process optimisation. A confident communicator with a natural ability to build meaningful relationships, Anya fosters a collaborative and trusting work environment. Her analytical mindset allows her to solve problems methodically and optimise processes effectively, ensuring continuous improvement.

Anya holds a Master's degree in Information Systems from the University of Melbourne and further broadened her academic perspective through an exchange program at Harvard University. She is an active member of Perth's tech community, serving on the committee of the Female Coders Collective, a non-profit organisation dedicated to creating a safe space for women in tech to connect, learn, and grow.

Her passion for technology led Anya to participate in the She Codes Plus program, where she learned the ""art"" of software engineering. She later returned to the program as a mentor, sharing her knowledge and inspiring the next generation of aspiring tech enthusiasts.

Anya's results-driven approach, combined with her openness to feedback, demonstrates her commitment to ongoing personal and professional development, always embracing new challenges as opportunities for growth. Outside of her professional life, Anya practises callisthenics, which has further enhanced her resilience and discipline. She also enjoys drawing and has a strong interest in science, continually exploring new avenues to expand her knowledge and creativity.



WILLIAM CHAN
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Engineering, Chemical | **The University of Melbourne**

Bachelor of Science, Pharmacology | **The University of Melbourne**

With over 14 years of experience as an engineering professional in the resources sector, William has built a career solving complex, high-impact challenges through effective collaboration and fit-for-purpose delivery.

Currently at Fortescue, William leads teams to pioneer disruptive technologies for decarbonising hard-to-abate industries such as iron and steelmaking. Prior to this at Woodside, he gained broad experience across operations, projects, and business performance whilst supporting world-class multi-billion dollar operating assets.

William is known for a strong focus on planning, communication, and stakeholder management, and excels at building and leading high-performing teams. He believes that developing people is key to organisational success and is committed to empowering others to take on new challenges for long-term growth. By championing agile methodologies, he fosters adaptability, efficiency, and continuous improvement, ensuring teams can pivot quickly in response to changing business needs.

Through his MBA, William aims to refine his strategic decision-making and understanding of sustainable business practices. He is drawn to challenging opportunities that leverage his ability to transform complexity into clarity and bring together diverse ideas and people to drive meaningful change. Balancing a young family has reinforced William's belief in the importance of emotional intelligence, experimentation, and prioritising what truly matters – all while remembering to find fun and humour amidst the chaos.



JOANNE ENDE
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Education and credentials

Board Member | **Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Centre**

Co-Chair | **Western Australian Network of Disability Advocacy**

Member (MAICD) | **Australian Institute of Company Directors**

Empowering Communities Leadership Program | **Australian Institute of Management WA**

Recipient | **Ray Young Scholarship, Disability Services Commission**

Bachelor of Science, Occupational Therapy | **Curtin University**

Registered Occupational Therapist | **Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency**

Joanne is a values-driven executive with seventeen years of leadership experience spanning the disability, health, community and public service sectors. Renowned for her authenticity, accountability, and determination, she is a people-focused leader who thrives with complexity, driving meaningful continuous improvement through clarity, collaboration, and purpose-led action.

Joanne has held a range of senior roles including Chief Executive Officer, Co-Chair, Board Member and Principal Allied Health Consultant. In these roles, she balanced vision with practicality—achieving positive social impact and driving sustainable organisational development, whilst maintaining the quality of services. As the CEO of a disability advocacy organisation for the past four years, Joanne established key strategic relationships, led significant organisational change and diversification, and strengthened sector collaboration within Western Australia.

With a proven track record of effectively leading teams and organisations through, Joanne is known for her ability to unite stakeholders under a shared purpose, navigating uncertainty with transparency, resilience and confidence. She brings a sharp analytical lens and systems-thinking to complex environments, identifying risks, trends, and opportunities, which facilitates informed strategic decision-making.



KATIE FENDICK
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Education and credentials

Graduate Certificate in Business | **The University of Western Australia**

Katie is a creative and strategic leader dedicated to solving complex challenges through innovation, collaboration, and purposeful action. Spanning operations, customer experience, business development and team culture, her cross-functional expertise brings a unique perspective to every program and team she leads.

For 14 years, Katie specialised in the strategic, risk and operational management of fine dining businesses in San Francisco and WA. As General Manager of a Michelin-starred venue, she elevated high-performing teams and financial performance, focusing on market positioning and customer engagement. In addition to leading established venues, she successfully launched two high-profile ventures before turning 30.

After moving to Perth in 2020, Katie applied her experience cultivating growth in dynamic environments to her role as Senior Events Officer at UWA. Through the lens of event project management, she shapes UWA's global reputation and drives business outcomes. Her stakeholder engagement is key to unlocking value and capturing competitive advantage.

Whether aligning others around shared goals, simplifying the complex, or discovering new ways to create impact, Katie approaches challenges with curiosity and a people-first mindset.

She deftly bridges vision and operational excellence, thriving where big-picture thinking meets real-world implementation. Guided by the belief that success follows culture, she firmly places people, purpose and connection at the centre of her work.



CARINA FU
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Education and credentials

Master of Accounting | **Australian National University**

Master of Finance | **Australian National University**

Chartered Accountant | **Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand**

Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors

A strategic and results-driven senior leader, Carina brings a diverse background spanning 20 years in public accounting practice and private girls' school leadership in Perth. With expertise in financial management, operational efficiency, and digital transformation, she has successfully led complex initiatives that drive long-term sustainability and growth.

Carina has a strong foundation in financial strategy, budgeting, internal assurance, and risk management. In her leadership roles, she has managed multi-million-dollar budgets, overseen major building projects, and implemented enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems to enhance operational efficiency.

Beyond finance, she has extensive experience in change management, corporate governance, stakeholder engagement, and business case development. Her ability to lead cross-functional teams and navigate organisational change has been instrumental in driving continuous improvement and innovation.

Passionate about digital transformation in education, Carina currently works at St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, where she continues to bring innovation, leadership, and strategic foresight to enhance financial and operational excellence. She is looking to pursue further professional growth through her interest in the MBA program at the UWA, focusing on leadership, strategy, and business innovation.



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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Physiotherapy | **The University Of Notre Dame Australia**

Australian Resuscitation Council | **Advanced Life Support Certificate**

Anthony Giovenco is a highly accomplished physiotherapy professional with over 12 years of clinical and leadership experience. Anthony has excelled in both clinical and management roles across a variety of healthcare settings. He currently serves as the Medical and Surgical Physiotherapy Specialist Coordinator at Ramsay Health Care Hollywood Private Hospital, where he plays a key role in overseeing resource allocation, managing key performance indicators, and driving quality improvement initiatives to ensure optimal patient outcomes and operational efficiency.

Throughout his career, Anthony has demonstrated exceptional leadership, fostering a positive work culture and developing high-performing teams. Known for his conscientious approach, creative thinking, and openness to change, he has consistently navigated challenges effectively and implemented innovative solutions. His ability to think critically and strategically has been instrumental in achieving both personal and organisational goals . Anthony has a strong track record of mentoring staff, managing complex clinical cases, and streamlining processes to improve patient care and hospital operations.

Having completed the Ramsay Health Care Core 4 Leadership Program and currently enrolled in the Empower Leadership Program, Anthony continually refines his skills in operational management, strategic decision-making, and leadership.

With a passion for evidence-based practice, operational excellence, and team development, Anthony is dedicated to driving positive outcomes and fostering sustainable growth in leadership roles. His ability to understand and resolve complex challenges, combined with his drive for continuous improvement, positions him as a valuable asset in any organisation.



FAHRETTIN HACZEYNI
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Science, Molecular Biology & Genetics | **Halic University**

Master of Science, Molecular Biology, Genetics & Biotechnology | **Istanbul Technical University**

Doctorate of Philosophy, Metabolism, Gastroenterology & Hepatology | **The Australian National University**

Gakushin Academy Research Fellow (JSPS), Metabolism, Gastroenterology & Cancer | **The University of Tokyo**

Dr. Fahrettin Haczeyni is a globally trained scientist, strategist, and emerging leader with a passion for transformation, whether in science, systems, or everyday life. He holds a PhD in biomedical and clinical studies of metabolism from the Australian National University (ANU), and has held postdoctoral and senior research positions at ANU, the University of Tokyo (Academy Fellow), and Weill Cornell Medicine in New York. Fahrettin's research spans metabolism, gastroenterology, and cancer, with a strong emphasis on lifestyle-related diseases. He has secured multiple international scholarships and grants, delivered numerous talks, and published in high-impact journals. His recognitions include awards from international and local medical and academic associations.

Now pursuing an MBA, he is pivoting toward innovation and leadership roles in biotech, medtech, and strategy. Known for his creative problem-solving and adaptive leadership, Fahrettin is as comfortable navigating through complex challenges as he is building bridges across disciplines and cultures. Outside of his professional pursuits, he is a marathon runner with a passion for travel and "culinary diplomacy"; yes, he loves to cook, and he is always on the hunt for the best almond croissant in town!



RACHEL HEALY
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Nursing | **The University of Notre Dame**

Rachel is a dedicated and transformational healthcare leader with nearly 15 years of experience in nursing, patient care and healthcare operations at the Child and Adolescent Healthcare Service. Her leadership is marked by determination, fairness, and a passion for innovation that drives meaningful change. Currently working in Safety & Quality and Project Management, Rachel leads initiatives to enhance patient care, implement risk mitigation strategies, and drive continuous improvement within healthcare. She collaborates with senior leaders to analyse clinical trends, optimise systems, and develop policies that promote safety and efficiency.

Rachel is passionate about mentoring and supporting others, fostering a positive and empowered workplace culture where people feel valued and equipped to succeed. Thriving in high-pressure, complex environments, Rachel applies strategic problem-solving and systems thinking to enhance team performance, improve processes, and drive quality outcomes. Known for her ability to remain calm under pressure, she approaches challenges with clarity, empathy, and integrity, always striving for excellence. Rachel is deeply involved in initiatives that promote mental health awareness, neurodiversity inclusion, and patient advocacy, aiming to ensure accessible, high-quality care for everyone.

Driven by her passion for creating positive change in dynamic environments, Rachel pursued an MBA at UWA, to deepen her business acumen, financial knowledge, and strategic leadership skills. Rachel hopes an MBA will equip her to make a greater impact within healthcare or transition into new industries. She looks forward to expanding her network and continuing to collaborate with professionals from diverse industries.



STEVEN HICKS
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Engineering, Petroleum Engineering (First Class Honours) | **Curtin University**

Certificate in Executive Management and Development | **Australian Graduate School of Management, The University of New South Wales**

Steven is a seasoned professional in the energy sector with over 10 years of experience in upstream reservoir and development engineering. Skilled in coordinating diverse, multidisciplinary teams, his expertise is instrumental in delivering development concepts and economic analyses that drive high-impact decisions in various business opportunities, including exploration, new ventures, M&A and technology.

As a strategic innovator and effective collaborator, Steven excels in transforming traditional methods into efficient, innovative processes. His focus extends beyond the immediate challenge, focusing on the broader picture which underscores his strategic approach. He uses his talent for breaking down complex concepts into simple terms, enabling him to gain the commitment and understanding of a diverse group of stakeholders. Maintaining a caring, supportive and respectful approach, Steven cultivates a positive and productive work environment. When faced with challenges, Steven's adaptability and resilience come to the fore, displaying his ability to bounce back from setbacks and seize opportunities.

Beyond his technical expertise, Steven has a commitment to professional growth, personal integrity and the pursuit of excellence. His ambition towards senior leadership, combined with his structured thinking and forward vision, underscores his potential, promising a future where he will drive decision-making, impact growth and steer strategic direction using his technical acumen and leadership skills.



ANNA JOHANSSON
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Education and credentials

Master in Biomedical Sciences | **University of Umea**

PhD on the topic of Cancer | **University of Umea**

Cert IV Training & Assessment | **Australian Adult Learning Institute**

Dr. Anna Johansson-Percival is an experienced medical scientist with over 20 years of expertise in the field of tumour biology. She has successfully collaborated with experts in immunology, vascular biology, and oncology, contributing to discoveries published in prestigious journals like Nature Immunology. Her ability to bridge disciplines has been key in delivering innovative solutions and advancing complex research projects. In addition to her scientific achievements, Anna has mentored numerous students, guiding them to produce high-quality research.

With an MBA in progress at the University of Western Australia and experience as a successful entrepreneur through a home-based business, Anna brings a strategic and results-driven approach to business. She thrives on building meaningful client relationships, identifying growth opportunities, and developing innovative solutions. Her ability to adapt to change and optimise operations makes her a dynamic force in any professional setting.

Passionate about working at the intersection of science and business, Anna aspires to work in project management or consultancy roles. Known for her accountability, honesty and kindness, Anna is committed to fostering positive relationships and understanding the unique strengths and challenges of those she works with. She excels at connecting with others, using her strong communication skills to build trust and create meaningful collaborations that drive success.

Beyond her professional commitments, Anna values time with her beloved family and golden retriever, maintaining a balanced lifestyle through her love of dancing, exploring culinary experiences, and appreciating fine wines.



ANSHUL KAPOOR
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Education and credentials

Certificate of Financial Management | **Cornell University**

Bachelor of Instrumentation and Control Engineering | **National Institute of Technology (Jalandhar)**

With nearly two decades of experience spanning oil and gas, and mining, Anshul Kapoor has built a reputation for leading where it matters most — in complex, high-stakes environments where decisions carry weight. From offshore rigs to national operations across Southeast Asia and Australia, he has consistently delivered results by keeping things calm, clear, and focused.

Anshul's strength lies in bringing structure to complexity. Whether leading frontline teams or overseeing performance at scale, he operates with quiet authority and a sharp instinct for what drives outcomes. His leadership is grounded in trust, accountability, and clarity — values shaped early in life and reinforced throughout his global career.

Currently pursuing his MBA at the University of Western Australia, Anshul is preparing to take on broader leadership roles involving P&L ownership, strategic decision-making, and business transformation. With a foundation in engineering and leadership roles at Baker Hughes, Halliburton, and Epiroc, he combines deep operational insight with a strong business mindset.

Known for staying composed under pressure and fostering a culture of ownership and professionalism, Anshul brings maturity, judgment, and a steady hand to every challenge — qualities that position him well for general management and advisory roles in the next phase of his career.



EDWARD KIMANI
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Arts, Politics & International Relations | **The University of Notre Dame**

Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice | **College of Law**

ANZIIF Professional Certificate in Insurance | **Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance**

Certificate IV in General Insurance | **Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance**

Water Corporation Leadership Program | **LEDA**
Admitted to the Supreme Court of Western Australia and the High Court of Australia

Edward is a Principal Lawyer at the Water Corporation, with over 11 years of experience across private practice and in-house legal roles. His career has spanned a broad spectrum of commercial and corporate matters, including contractual negotiations, corporate governance and property law. Known for navigating complex legal issues while supporting strategic business objectives, he recently led multi-million-dollar contract negotiations for the construction of water service infrastructure and long-term water supply to a green energy mining company— working closely with engineers, commercial leads, and external stakeholders to support this landmark project aligned with the State's sustainability goals.

Edward is undertaking an MBA to strengthen his business and financial acumen, deepen his understanding of organisational dynamics, and expand his leadership capability. His ambition is to step into a General Counsel role, where his legal and commercial insights can contribute at an executive level. He remains open to opportunities that broaden his impact across strategic advisory or executive roles.

Outside of his professional pursuits, Edward is passionate about the arts. He is a member of the Foundation Council of the Art Gallery of Western Australia and the Next Collective - a philanthropic initiative of young professionals that supports the growth of the State's art collection.

This blend of commercial acumen, legal experience, and cultural engagement reflects Edward's well-rounded perspective and ability to contribute meaningfully across sectors.



NICOLE LENDICH
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Commerce, Marketing and Public Relations | **Curtin University**

Marketing & Entrepreneurship Program | **University of California, Los Angeles**

WAIS Scholarship Holder/ National Team Player | **Netball (Western Australian Institute of Sport)**

Nicole is a purpose-driven consultant who helps organisations navigate complexity through thoughtful marketing and digital strategy. With experience spanning global consumer brands, professional services, and public sector organisations, she brings a unique blend of creativity, commercial acumen, and relational insight to every role she takes on.

Currently a Senior Digital and Marketing Advisor at Lenox Hill, Nicole works with multi-disciplinary teams to deliver innovative digital strategies across complex sectors including education, government, energy, and health. She is known for her ability to navigate ambiguity, align stakeholders, and build trusted partnerships that drive measurable impact. Earlier in her career, she held brand and marketing roles where she developed deep expertise in campaign strategy, influencer marketing, and cross-functional team leadership. Nicole holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing and Public Relations) from Curtin University, complemented by a study abroad program in Marketing and Entrepreneurship at UCLA.

A former competitive netballer and natural team player, Nicole thrives in fast-paced environments where collaboration and shared purpose lead to results. Whether guiding digital transformation or mentoring her team, she brings clarity, integrity, and a people-first mindset to everything she does.



DUSTIN LEWIS
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Business, Management and HR Management | **Griffith University**

Diploma in Project Management | **Australian Institute of Management**

Lean Six Sigma Certification | **Australian Institute of Management**

Dustin Lewis is a results-driven Project Manager with a strong background in maintenance, production, and operational excellence, particularly within the mining industry. With a career autonomous haulage systems and technical operations, Dustin specialises in optimising efficiency, fostering high-performing teams, and driving continuous improvement.

Academically, Dustin has demonstrated excellence throughout his studies, achieving a Griffith Award for Academic Excellence for ranking in the top 5% of his university. He holds a Bachelor of Business (Management & HR Management) from Griffith University and is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Western Australia. Additionally, his qualifications include a Diploma in Project Management and Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dustin is passionate about personal development, public speaking, and leadership. As the 2023 President of Toastmasters International Northern Gourmet Club, he has honed his communication and mentorship skills, empowering others to grow in confidence and effectiveness. He also embraces continuous learning, currently studying Japanese at a beginner level.

Grounded in integrity, respect, courage, and a commitment to growth, Dustin enjoys balancing his career with family, fitness, and ongoing self-improvement. His ability to navigate complex challenges, lead diverse teams, and implement strategic solutions makes him a dynamic and influential professional in his field.



MENNO LUITJENS
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering | **Swinburne University of Technology**

Member | **Engineers Australia**

Member | **International Council of Systems Engineers**

Menno Luitjens is a dynamic and highly skilled mechanical engineer whose career has been defined by technical expertise, leadership, and an entrepreneurial spirit. With over a decade of experience spanning mechanical systems, automation, and product development, Menno has built a reputation as an innovative problem-solver and a mentor to aspiring engineers.

Menno's commitment to continuous learning and strategic thinking is evident in every project he undertakes. His ability to bridge the gap between technical engineering and business acumen gives him a unique and valuable skill set.

Menno's leadership at Fortescue saw him successfully guide multidisciplinary teams in the development and deployment of cutting-edge systems for autonomous mining vehicles. His implementation of systems engineering practices and agile methodologies for product development streamlined cross-disciplinary collaboration, setting a new benchmark for efficiency and innovation. Now focusing on the green energy transition Menno leverages his broad international experience to explore alternative solutions to long-standing R&D challenges.

His entrepreneurial mindset, honed through his time owning and operating several small business ventures, has equipped him with a deep understanding of business operations, from financial management to contract negotiation.

Beyond his professional achievements, Menno is a dedicated mentor and an advocate for knowledge sharing. His ability to inspire and support young engineers underscores his passion for fostering the next generation of technical experts that will bring new technologies to life.



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Education and credentials

Graduate Certificate in Applied Law | **College of Laws**

Not for Profit Company Directors Course | **Australian Institute of Company Director**s

Admission to Legal Practice | **Supreme Court of Western Australia**

Admission as Legal Practitioner | **Australian High Court**

Diploma of Legal Practice | **College of Laws**

Bachelor of Laws | **The University of Notre Dame**

Isobel is a legal and governance professional with more than a decade of experience. Working in the mining sector, her current role focuses on stakeholder engagement and negotiations with native title parties to support the development of iron ore projects. Isobel provides detailed and strategic advice to the business and implements systems and processes.

Throughout her career, Isobel has taken on leadership responsibilities helping to improve processes and support decision-making. She has provided legal counsel on regulatory compliance, corporate governance, risk management and commercial agreements. Additionally, she has worked extensively on projects that integrate compliance with operational strategies, ensuring that organisations meet both legal obligations and internal governance standards whilst delivering outcomes.

Her further education has strengthened her understanding of regulatory and governance frameworks. Isobel is undertaking a Master of Business Administration, enhancing her expertise in leadership, strategy and governance.

Committed to making a positive impact on both legal and business outcomes, Isobel thrives in environments that require complex problem-solving, stakeholder management, and collaboration. She continues to develop her skills to meet the evolving needs of the industry and to adapt to changing regulatory landscapes, especially in the mining sector.

Isobel enjoys time with her young family and enjoys running and cycling.



TIM MITCHELL
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy & Psychology | **Massey University**

Tim is a highly motivated and accomplished professional with over two decades of experience in leadership, business management, and community-driven fundraising. His commitment to innovation, excellence, and making a positive impact has been a cornerstone of his career.

As a business owner and leader, Tim has consistently identified opportunities to modernise and expand operations, bringing fresh ideas and strategic solutions to the table. His innovative approaches have revolutionised fundraising practices, and his ability to engage with diverse community groups has enabled him to build strong, lasting relationships with stakeholders. This ensures that every initiative he leads creates lasting, positive change.

Tim's entrepreneurial spirit has driven him to establish and support a number of environmental charities, raising significant funds to support vital conservation efforts. His authentic leadership and collaborative approach have allowed him to contribute meaningfully to environmental causes across Western Australia and New Zealand. In addition to this work, Tim co-founded and successfully managed a backpackers' hostel in Germany. His creativity and problem-solving skills played a key role in driving operational success, profitability, and a positive guest experience.

Through his dedication to innovation, community engagement, and sustainable growth, Tim has proven himself as a dynamic and visionary leader with a unique ability to drive change and achieve outstanding results. His passion for making a difference continues to inspire those around him.



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Education and credentials

Certified Chartered Accountant | **Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, UK**

Diploma in International Financial Reporting | **Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, UK**

Bachelor's Degree, Accounting and Finance | **France**

Laetitia is a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) in the United Kingdom. She began her career as a graduate in the audit department of KPMG France. Over more than 15 years with KPMG, she gained invaluable experience across multiple countries and industries. Laetitia has worked in France, the Isle of Man, Canada, and Australia. Her industry expertise spans hedge funds, banking, manufacturing, oil & gas, mining, and healthcare.

She left KPMG as a Senior Audit Manager to join one of Western Australia's leading aged care providers, where she now serves as the Group Manager Finance. Laetitia's strengths lie in her analytical skills and her ability to simplify complex matters, enabling informed decision-making. Beyond her professional career, Laetitia is the mother of two young boys, one of whom has an intellectual disability. Her experience as the mother of a child with a disability has deepened her understanding of the importance of the care industry—particularly the disability sector—and has fuelled her passion for inclusion.

Laetitia is a keen learner who strongly believes in continuous development. She is currently pursuing an MBA to achieve that goal and become the best version of herself, both professionally and personally.



MY-HANH NGUYEN
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Education and credentials

Bachelor of Dental Science | **The University of Western Australia**

My-Hanh is a dedicated dental practitioner with over two decades of experience in the field. Her career, spanning from 2001-2023, reflects a deep commitment to patient care and professional excellence. She has served in both public and private dental clinics, providing general and comprehensive dental treatment to a diverse population across metropolitan and regional WA.

Her long tenure at Swan Dental Clinic saw her not only providing high-quality dental care to patients but also managing clinical operations and mentoring junior dentists. Her strong leadership and organisational skills are evident through her ability to balance hands-on dental work with management responsibilities during her position as Acting Head of Unit.

In early 2024, My-Hanh took on a new challenge, transitioning into sales and marketing at QN Designs, where she applies her interpersonal skills to connect and build good relationships with others. In this role, she manages customer interactions, leads enquiry, and design consultations, demonstrating her adaptability and keen interest to engage with people across industries.

Currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration at the University of Western Australia, she aims to expand her expertise beyond dentistry, combining healthcare knowledge and business acumen. With strong communication skills in both English and Vietnamese, My-Hanh continues to be a dynamic professional committed to growth, leadership and excellence.



DAVID PENDLEBURY
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Education and credentials

Master of Arts, Computer Science | **The University of Cambridge**

David is a successful finance and technology entrepreneur with nearly thirty years of business experience in the United Kingdom. He is a courageous, thoughtful and collaborative leader who thrives in challenging situations and is respected, trusted and internationally recognised. His domain knowledge and analytical skills together with his ability to understand complex problems and the needs of stakeholders allows him to deliver innovative and ambitious strategies and solutions to real-world business issues.

David started his career as a research scientist at Xerox EuroPARC in Cambridge, where he created innovative and patented mobile technology. He then co-founded Harmonic Capital Partners LLP, a UK based systematic hedge fund, where he designed and built sophisticated computer algorithms and data analytics to automatically trade global financial markets in real-time. Harmonic became one of the largest systematic hedge funds in Europe, managing USD $2bn of assets for global institutional investors.

David became CEO of Harmonic in 2010 with responsibility for all non-investment activities of the firm, overseeing a significant growth in assets under management, and coordinated a management buy-out of the firm in 2016. More recently David was invited to return to the University of Cambridge and lead the IT strategy and development of a core business system.

David has recently relocated to Perth with his family and has embarked on the MBA program as a complement to his commercial business skills. He looks forward to taking the next step in his career and making a meaningful contribution in the dynamic Australian market.



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Education and credentials

CPA Professional Level Accreditation, Accounting & Finance | **CPA Australia**

Master in Humanities, Graduate Certificate in Sustainability & Climate Change Policy |**Curtin University**

Master in Information Systems, Graduate Certificate in Logistics & Supply Chain Management | **Curtin University**

Bachelor of Commerce, Management & Marketing | **Curtin University,**

CAPM Accreditation, Project Management | **Project Manager Institute**

Mark is a seasoned finance professional with an impressive 15-year tenure at Coca-Cola Europacific Partners (CCEP). Over the years, he has honed his expertise across Finance and Supply Chain, demonstrating an ability to develop innovative solutions to complex financial and operational challenges. With a keen commercial acumen and a strategic mindset, Mark has consistently delivered results that drive efficiency and profitability.

Mark's extensive experience has most recently led him into project management within Financial Planning & Analysis, where he has played a pivotal role in aligning financial reporting and business transformations.

An advocate for continuous learning, Mark is currently pursuing an MBA at The University of Western Australia, further solidifying his expertise in strategic analysis, finance, and corporate value creation. With multiple postgraduate qualifications in CPA Accounting & Finance, Sustainability, Supply Chain, and Project Management, he embodies a forward-thinking approach to finance and business leadership.

As he looks to the future, Mark is setting his sights on where he believes his financial acumen and passion for sustainability can make a meaningful impact. His ability to navigate complex financial landscapes, coupled with his commitment to excellence, positions him as a transformative leader for any organisation.



FRANCESCA STEWART
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Education and credentials

Graduate Certificate of Business Psychology | **The University of Western Australia**

Bachelor of Arts | **The University of Western Australia**

Francesca is a strategic and purpose-driven senior leader specialising in People & Culture, with a distinguished track record of driving transformational change across the public and private sectors in Australia and the UK. A strategic change-maker currently serving in a capability and future-ready leadership role within state government, Francesca leverages her expertise to design and implement innovative workforce strategies that align with organisational goals and foster lasting success.

Renowned for her expertise in leadership development, workforce strategy, and diversity advancement, Francesca utilises a humanistic approach to successfully lead large-scale initiatives that create lasting business impact and strengthen workplace culture. Her ability to design and implement strategic frameworks, establish governance systems, and lead high-performing teams has consistently delivered measurable outcomes for organisations navigating change.

With a focus on delivering sustainable and impactful outcomes, Francesca combines her strategic foresight with an ability to navigate complexity and inspire others to embrace change. Her leadership style reflects a deep understanding of people, enabling her to build strong relationships and align diverse stakeholders around a compelling vision for the future.



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