



Australia- India Skills Mission Delegates 10-11 April 2017

David Ablett



David Ablett is the Skills for Inclusive Growth Program (S4IG) Team Leader in Sri Lanka. This Program is an Australian Government funded program aimed at demonstrating how an integrated approach to skills development can support inclusive economic growth opportunities along the tourism value chain in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka.

David has over 26 years of professional experience in the development and implementation of vocational education projects. David was a Senior Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Adviser to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for five years. Prior to joining ADB, he managed several major projects for donors in the education and skills development. David was also involved in the restructuring of the Australian Automotive industry where he chaired the Industry Training Board for several years and served on several government committees responsible for educational accreditation and governance.

Petr Adámek



Petr Adámek is Acting CEO of the Canberra Innovation Network and a business growth expert with over 20 years of international experience helping companies innovate and grow. He founded KILN Incubator as part of Canberra Innovation Network, co-designed several practical tools for startup founders and runs Lean Startup workshops for entrepreneurs, researchers and innovators.

Petr's background is in artificial intelligence (MSc, 1991) and business (MBA, 1998). He has worked with over 100 start-up companies in several leading accelerator and incubator programs in Europe, New Zealand and Australia as a mentor and business growth advisor.

Prabhakar Agraja



Prabhakar Agraja is a qualified lead auditor in Quality Management Systems and an experienced executive with leadership skills specialising in the Vocational and Education and Training (VET) sector in Australia. He has managed RTOs since his entry to the VET sector in 2004, providing advice and guidance to dozens of RTOs throughout Australia and has a proven track record in all aspects of Vocational Education and Training.

Prabhakar Agraja's goal is to coach and empower clients to achieve a business culture of continuous improvement and professional development and the ongoing viability and sustained growth of its customers are foremost in his business philosophy. He is currently a mentor for Victoria's young entrepreneurs and a committee member of Victoria's Wyndham City Council's Learning City Portfolio Committee.

Prior to this, Prabhakar Agraja was a judging panel member of Australian Institute of Management Awards 2016 (Victoria state) and a state finalist award holder (Manager of the year 2015) from Australian Institute of Management and MIBC (Melbourne Indian Business Club) (Aug 2013) Business Excellence Award holder - for business contribution in Victoria (one of 51 people in Victoria).

Jeanette Allen



Jeanette is a World Skills Australia Board member and was CEO of Service Skills Australia from 2004-2014 with responsibility for the management of the skills and workforce development activities of the Skills Council. She took a leadership role in the development of international recognition of a range of vocational qualifications

internationally and has achieved international benchmarking of National Qualifications.

Jeanette commenced her career as a hairdresser then became a teacher in QLD, completing a B. Ed and M. Ed during this time. She moved to the private sector in 1998 following her appointment as Executive Director of the Wholesale Retail and Personal Services Industry Training Council. In 2011, she was the Inaugural Winner of the Australian Training Awards 'Leadership in Quality' award.

Jen Bahen (Tyrell)

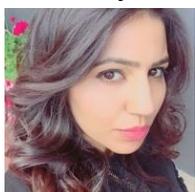


Jen Bahen is the Director for International Education for TAFE Directors Australia (TDA), a role she started in June 2016. Jen has extensive experience in the education policy sector, having worked at Senior Director Level in the public and private sector in Australia for many years. Jen has also spent considerable time working offshore in education in Beijing, Bangkok and Shanghai.

Jen is passionate about enabling Australian TAFEs to have the best possible international engagement and ensuring that Australia's policy settings support this, as well as undertaking business development to reveal opportunities for TAFEs. Jen is also keen to see as many TAFEs as possible engage in global student mobility for domestic students.

Jen completed a Bachelor of Arts/Science with Honours at the University of Melbourne.

Jasleen Bajwa



Jasleen Bajwa is teaching courses in business management including the Diploma of Business and the Advanced Diploma of Business. She is also handling the internship of professional year students by communicating and consulting with the host companies.

Jasleen's technical skills include designing of learning material, assessment methods and instruments; and analysing existing learning materials along with the

implementation of training processes to enhance the skill set of individuals from a variety of diverse backgrounds.

Jasleen holds a Bachelor of Arts, Diploma of Business, Advanced Diploma of Business, Certificate IV in Small Business Management, Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, and Certificate III in Printing and Graphic Arts.

Dr Karen Barker



Dr Karen Barker has worked in international higher education for the past ten years and is currently Manager for Operations at the Australia India Institute at the University of Melbourne. Previous roles include Senior International Relations Advisor at the University of Melbourne and Senior Solicitor at the Australian Government Solicitor's Office.

Dr Rohitas Batta



Rohitas is the Director of Global Connections (Australia) Pty Ltd and is affiliated with a number of business, social and community organizations.

Rohitas has a very strong background and more than 35 years of experience in education partnerships, trade relations and philanthropy in Australia and overseas. Rohitas has a Doctorate Degree and has published two books and about 50 papers in various journals and magazines, and has been a guest speaker at various Universities and International platforms.

Rohitas, as an active leader of the community in Australia, has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the Indian Australian Community and also wider Australian Communities.

Kate Baxter



Kate Baxter is the Regional General Manager, TAFE NSW. She is a trained social worker and for ten years she worked in a variety of roles with the health sector as well as the non-government welfare sector.

She joined TAFE as the first full-time welfare teacher in Western NSW, providing community services training across western NSW. She has held a variety of management positions across TAFE NSW and in 2010 Kate became Institute Director of TAFE Western, a regional TAFE Institute servicing some of the most remote and disadvantaged communities in NSW. In March 2017, as part of the modernisation of TAFE NSW, Kate commenced in her current role, servicing the western and New England regions of NSW.

Raminderjot Bedi

Raminderjot is the Managerial Agent for The Health Arts College Pty Ltd, Victoria, Australia.

Tom Calder



Tom Calder, Trade Commissioner at the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) in Mumbai, leads Austrade's Education and Training team across South Asia (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka). The team's key focus is on working with institutions, corporates, peak bodies and government networks to identify and develop transnational education opportunities across industries for Australian providers. Tom's previous position was with Austrade in New Delhi.

He supports the activities of AFL India, building opportunities for disadvantaged young Indians to participate in organised sport using Australian Football as the vehicle. Tom is a graduate of the University of Western Australia with qualifications in Commerce and Asian Studies.

Brendan Carlson



After six years in the Australian Defence Force, Brendan Carlson focused on an electrical trade. Twelve months valuable industry experience with an electrical company as a fly-in fly-out trades' assistant led to an Electrical Instrumentation Apprenticeship with Chevron through Apprenticeships Australia.

In 2016 Brendan was a Finalist for Australian Apprentice of the Year at the 2016 Australian Training Awards. He continues to undertake qualifications to enhance his understanding and strengthen his technical skills. Brendan values the strong guidance he received during his Australian Apprenticeship and provides similar support to young people as a mentor for Leading Youth Forward, a community charity providing positive experiences and role models for at-risk teens.

Shane Dealy



18 months into an Engineering degree, Shane Dealy switched to his first love, carpentry. He was named the Australian Apprentice of the Year in the 2016 Australian Training Awards for being outstanding in all aspects of his trade.

Shane gained his apprenticeship while working for his father's firm, Algoa Holdings, and studying at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT). While doing his Certificate III and his apprenticeship, Shane also engaged in other studies which saw him working full time, studying one day a week for the apprenticeship and sometimes three evenings a week for additional qualifications in building and construction.

Michael de Souza



After owning several successful businesses in Canberra, Mike accepted senior management roles with Virgin and United Customer Management Solutions in Sydney and spent seven years in Europe as CEO of a private French equity group dealing in the hospitality, tourism, retail and logistics sectors.

Mike has been CEO of the Australian 3D Manufacturing Association since its inception four years ago, advising business and governments on the impacts of this latest industrial revolution. He has sat on and advised panels including the PM's Australian Competitiveness Agenda and chairs the 3D Manufacturing Industry Advisory Council that coordinates the voice of the emerging 3D Manufacturing Industry.

Gurdeep Dhillon



Gurdeep Dhillon has been a member of the National Board of Directors of ACPET and the Chair of the International Education Committee; he has been on various consultative committees of ACPET with various Government Agencies. Gurdeep was part of the consultative committee of the Australian Government Productivity Commission on Vocational Education and Training Workforce.

Since 2011, Gurdeep has been the driving force in establishing another Educational Institute in Auckland, New Zealand - the New Zealand Institute of Technical Training. Gurdeep is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and an Executive member of the Victoria Chapter.

Gurdeep studied at the University of Canberra for his Masters and studied towards his PhD at Victoria University. He also holds a Cert IV in Training and Assessment, a Diploma in VET Registration and Management, and a Diploma of Management.

Kuldeep Dhillon



Kuldeep Dhillon has had the responsibility for the international collaboration and marketing activities of the Australian Education Academy since March 2015.. In addition to strategic business development efforts, he directs media relations, branding, advertising and website development. He manages and oversees sponsorships, events, charitable contributions, marketing and training. He was instrumental in recruiting a large number of Education Agents from overseas and many international students.

Kuldeep has more than 18 years experience in the education industry within Australia and overseas (India, New Zealand, Canada, Singapore and the UK). Prior to joining the RTO, he was a marketing director of a mid-sized educational company, AUSCANUS Consultants Pty Ltd. Kuldeep is well versed with ASQA's regulatory framework and the ESOS framework for international students.

Sandra Diethelm



Sandra is the Trade and Investment (Queensland) Commissioner for India. She is based in TIQ's Bangalore office. Sandra holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Electric/Electronics) from Switzerland and migrated to Australia in 2001. She has worked in senior roles across public and private organisations in Switzerland, Australia and India.

Sandra managed complex projects for the Queensland electric utilities Ergon Energy and Energex before moving to Bangalore in 2012 where she established her own company focussed on providing outsourced services to Australian utility companies.

Dylan Di Martino



Not only has Dylan been a high-achiever in his plumbing career, as a teenager he was selected to join the Australian Institute of Sport to compete on the Australian Team for Men's Gymnastics. On completion of Year 12, he was offered a scholarship to study Systems Engineering at university before following his true passion for plumbing.

In 2015, Dylan represented Australia at the 43rd WorldSkills International Competition in São Paulo, Brazil. Dylan's exceptional skills saw him awarded a bronze medal for Australia in Plumbing & Heating.

Andrew Downs



Andrew Downs began his working life as an apprentice electrician. In 1994 he started his own company, SAGE Automation, from the family backyard shed. Today, as Managing Director, he has overseen the growth of SAGE to become Australia's largest independent industrial control system integrator with offices nationally and in India, employing more than 250 staff and with revenue of AUD \$65 million.

Passionate about leadership and strategy, Andrew recently completed the Owner President Management course at Harvard Business School. He loves his role as an ambassador for SAGE and is on the Board of a number of privately owned technology companies. Andrew is also a member of the national executive of the Australian Industry Group and was named *Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year (Central Region – Technology)* in 2004.

Mary Faraone



Mary Faraone commenced as Chief Executive of Holmesglen Institute in October 2013 following extensive experience in the VET sector, working with industry, RTOs and TAFE in various roles prior to joining Holmesglen Institute in 2003. She has been particularly instrumental in leading the Institute's teaching and learning, securing a number of significant national and international projects and the introduction of higher education.

Mary is currently a member of the Victorian Roundtable for International Education with the Minister for Industry and in October 2016 was appointed for a three year period as Chair of the TAFE Directors Australia Board.

Professor Andrew Flitman



Professor Andrew Flitman is Vice President Academic of the Surapaneni Education Group, and a current Honorary Professorial Fellow of the LH Martin Institute and the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, both of the University of Melbourne. Andrew's other roles include being a Member of the Victorian Institute of Technology Council.

At Swinburne University of Technology, Andrew was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) from 2007 to 2012. Since 2012, he has been principal consultant for iMORSE, a higher education consultancy. He is also an Associate of Nous and a lead Subject Matter Expert for Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Brigid Freeman



Brigid Freeman is a researcher with the Australia India Institute at the University of Melbourne, undertaking research regarding skills development, higher education in India and internationalisation. Her previous research includes internationalisation research for an Australian Academy of the Humanities project, a Securing Australia's Future (SAF) policy borrowing project, and consultancies for another SAF project.

Brigid has consulted to UNESCO on international comparative approaches to university admission systems, and delivers training on university governance, institutional policy and policymaking. She was a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley and has a Masters of Education Policy (International) and is completing a PhD exploring policy in Australian universities.

Sam Freeman



Sam Freeman graduated Griffith University with a Bachelor of Business, Majoring in Marketing. His strong Business Development background was gained through working in IT, Education and Fitness, and as a consultant, and he is currently working in India building sustainable business models for international standard vocational education.

Sam has been an active participant in the Indian Skill Development Industry since 2012 and led the implementation of projects across 15 states of India. He is one of five Training Partner representatives on the ILO/NSDC Industry Advisory Group for the creation of 5 National Occupational Standards Qualification Packs for Trainers and Assessors in India.

Sue Freeman



Sue Freeman is currently a Director of four companies - First Impressions Resources (FIR); The Australian Retail College India; First Impressions Resources India and Swift eLearning.

Sue leads the Australian side of the Queensland Skills and Education Consortium , a collaboration of private and public vocational education providers working together to meet the skilling challenges in India. Sue actively contributes to a range of Vocational Education boards and committees and has recently been appointed to the Australian Government’s Council for International Education, and is a member of the Queensland International Education and Training Advisory Group.

Hema Govindaraj



Hema Govindaraj has been with Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ), India for the past eight years, holding the position of Principal Business Development Manager since

July 2015. With over 15 years’ experience, she is skilled in managing multiple client visits and trade missions and managed the mission led by the Deputy Premier of Queensland in November 2015.

Hema also held the position of Office Manager for the India office. Her career has spanned work in the building, construction, clean technologies, telecommunication, and information technology sectors industries. She has held positions with the National Health Services in London and private companies in India.

Hema has a Master’s in Business Administration.

Praveen Goyal



Praveen is the CEO of McKKr’s Pty Ltd

Anuradha Gupta



Anuradha Gupta is the Head of Partner Engagement at Macquarie International, Macquarie University, Sydney. She is responsible for managing the University’s collaborations in India.

She has been associated with the education industry for a decade and has previously worked for the British Council, British High Commission in India. She holds a postgraduate degree in Public Administration from the University of Madras.

Monica Gupta



Monica is the Head of Business Development for Genix Education Solutions India Private Limited.

Brian Hayes



Brian Hayes QC is a prominent South Australian lawyer who specializes in public and administrative law. He was appointed as South Australia's strategic adviser to India in 2008 and has held related roles in subsequent years. He is an Adjunct Professor in the School of Natural and Built Environments at the University of South Australia and has acted as a consultant to federal, state and local governments. Hayes represented the Conservation Council of South Australia in an appeal against a proposal to intensively farm southern bluefin tuna in Louth Bay. The case became South Australia's longest environmental trial and was ultimately successful and enshrined the precautionary principle in law.

He is a former National Chair of the Australia India Business Council, and established its South Australian chapter in 2004. Hayes first acted as a consultant advising the Government of South Australia on the state's relations with India in 2008. Since his appointment, his work in the role has included leading trade and business delegations to India. Hayes is also a Distinguished Fellow of the Australia India Institute, Australia's only national centre for research and analysis on India.

Phillip Honeywood



The Hon. Phil Honeywood is CEO of the International Education Association of Australia (IEAA). He was a Member of the Victorian State Parliament, Australia, for 18 years (1988–2006). During this period Phil served as the Victorian Minister for Tertiary Education, Training and Multicultural Affairs and was Deputy Leader of the Opposition 2002–2006.

From 2006, Phil was Marketing Director and CEO at Stott's Business College and Cambridge International College, Melbourne. He also served on the Governing Council of Swinburne University of Technology.

Phil is a member of the Higher Education Standards Panel, New Colombo Plan Steering Committee, Education Visa

Consultative Committee and the inaugural Council for International Education.

Ken Howell



Ken Howell is the Director of Business Development and Industry Engagement at South West Institute of TAFE (SWTAFE), Warrnambool, Victoria, Australia. This role involves meeting with industry, undertaking skills analysis, and developing solutions for their training needs. A key aspect of his role is to oversee the running of 40 events a year that connect industry partners with teaching staff at SWTAFE. Ken is also in charge of managing international programs at SWTAFE and overseeing the delivery of programs and study tours in China.

Prior to working at SWTAFE Ken worked in a variety of industries such as the military, aquaculture, horticulture, education, the university sector and in local government.

Rajesh Jagadale



Rajesh Jagadale is the Managing Director of SAGE Automation (SAGE) India. He began his career with SAGE in 2006 as an Electrical Engineer based in Adelaide. During his time in Australia, he saw the opportunity for the Indian market to benefit from the advanced technologies that SAGE implements for industrial clients across Australia.

In 2011, Rajesh developed and implemented the entry of SAGE into India. Identifying that the advanced training SAGE delivers in Australia would meet the high demand for skilled engineers in India, Rajesh adapted the training developed by SAGE in Australia and created a 'finishing school' for Indian Engineering graduates, which includes job placement after graduation. Since 2012, more than 500 Engineers have undertaken this training and been placed in roles such as engineering, estimation, design, programming and project execution.

Professor Craig Jeffrey



Professor Craig Jeffrey is Director and CEO of the Australia India Institute, a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, and former Full Professor at the University of Oxford. A world-leading thinker on India and youth, he has written over fifty articles in top peer-reviewed academic journals, and eight books including the widely acclaimed *Timepass: Youth, Class and the Politics of Waiting in India* (Stanford University Press 2010) and *India: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press 2017).

Professor Jeffrey has advised over forty PhD and post-doctoral researchers in Edinburgh, Seattle, Oxford, and Melbourne, and in 2012 won the University of Oxford Teaching Excellence Award.

Paula Johnston



Paula is International Engagement Manager for the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET). Established in 1992, ACPET is a national industry association for private providers of education and training. Over 1200 members deliver higher education, vocational education and English language courses across Australia and internationally.

Prior to this role, Paula was an independent consultant working on national and international skills projects, including in India. She has previously held senior roles at ACPET, TVET Australia, TAFE NSW, the Australian National Training Authority and various roles within the Queensland Government.

Kireet Joshi



Kireet Joshi is the General Manager of Quality and Operations for Australis Parramatta, overseeing the overall management (non-academic as well as academic

operations) through a start-up environment of the school. He has experience of leading high performance teams, and has successfully discharged Profit and Loss responsibilities, facilities and vendor management and successfully increased efficiency and productivity whilst reducing costs and inefficiencies.

Kireet is a member of Certified Public Accountant Australia; Institute of Chartered Accountants, Australia; the National Institute of Accountants; Institute of Public Accountants; Association of Accounting Technicians; Financial Services Accountants Association Australia; the Financial Planning Association of Australia; the Taxation Institute of Australia; and Financial Management Association Australia.

Brett Judd



Brett Judd, CEO of WorldSkills Australia, has over 20 years of executive management experience in Australia, Asia and the Middle East. He has worked with a number of government and non-government clients to deliver more than 250 events including major international sporting events, live theatre, concerts, community activities, education programs, exhibitions and conferences.

In mid-2016, Brett joined WorldSkills Australia. Looking forward, Brett plans to continue to ensure WorldSkills Australia inspires excellence and is developing tomorrow's skill leaders by ensuring that WorldSkills Australia aligns with industry and workplace demands while continuing to work with parents and their children to help them discover the benefits of skills training and apprenticeships.

Rohini Kappadath



Rohini is currently a Senior Adviser to the India Business Practice at KPMG, where she brings 28 years' experience in working with businesses in Australia, ASEAN, India, China, Japan and New Zealand, to clients interested in accessing Asian markets or investing in Australia. She has a seventeen year senior executive background in the technology industry.

Deepak Khadka



Deepak Khadka was born and grew up in a remote village of Nepal. He graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering (B SC) from Adamson University in the Philippines in 1986 under the Helvetas scholarship from the Swiss Government.

From 2007 Deepak has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Crown Institute of Business and Technology (CIBT) in North Sydney. CIBT is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) with CRICOS, delivering courses since 2008. It currently has more than 750 students. CIBT plans to commence offshore delivery of its various courses in Nepal and India in late 2017.

Deepak has been involved in community and social activities as Chairman of the Nepalese Community Centre since 2014. He is a Founding member of the Non Nepalese Resident Association and since 2009 holds the title of Honorary Consul-General Consulate General of Nepal, NSW (Hon.).

Suchindra Kumar



Suchindra Kumar, as a Director with Ernst & Young (EY), leads the Education Sector Advisory Practice. He has worked in the Education sector in School, Higher and Vocational education areas and Edu Tech companies and on Education and Skilling policy at a national and state level. He has also worked on Institute design and implementation projects for multiple government and private sector clients.

An alumnus of the India Institute of Management, Bangalore and Delhi College of Engineering, Suchindra has spearheaded EY thought-leadership around “Implementing higher Education Vision 2030 across Indian states” and “Future of jobs and the Imperatives for Education”.

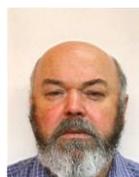
Philip Le Feuvre



Philip is Head of Engagement at PricewaterhouseCooper’s (PwC) Skills for Australia and a Senior Manager in PwC’s consulting business. He is responsible for the organisation’s interaction with the wide range of stakeholders who are needed to inform and shape training package development, including employers, industry peak bodies, subject matter experts, and Government and training providers.

Philip specialises in education policy reform and stakeholder management, having worked on a number of high profile, large-scale initiatives for government, both in Australia and internationally.

Paul Lennard



Paul holds a Diploma of Teaching – Technical and Further Education, Bachelor of Education, Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management, and a Graduate Diploma of Management. He is a Fellow of the International Specialised Skills Institute, an inaugural Tsuneichi Fuji Fellow, and a current Committee Member of the Australian Culinary Federation.

Paul has extensive experience across the skills sector, with a particular focus in Hospitality and Tourism. He has also managed areas of Electro-technology, Automotive, Primary Industry, IT, Business, and Creative Industries. Internationally, Paul has delivered skills training across a number of Australian states, Malaysia, China, and Kuwait.

Megan Lilly



Megan Lilly is the Head of Workforce Development for The Australian Industry Group (Ai Group), Chief Executive of the Australian Industry Group Training Services (AiGTS) and the AiGroup Graduate Employment Services.

She is also Chair of Manufacturing Skills Australia and a member of the Australia India Education Council as well as Co-Chair Skills Working Group, and the Australian College of Educators. Megan has presented at international conferences and has a Masters in Educational Policy and Administration.

Judith McDonald



Judith McDonald was Facilitator of VET at St Clare's College from 2003 to 2008, before becoming the college's VET and Careers Coordinator. Since then, an increasing number of students at the college have been awarded vocational certificates. With an expansive knowledge of local industry and employer links, she works closely with employers to ensure positive outcomes for all St Clare's students and is a passionate advocate of education pathways for students, including those at risk.

Judith's willingness to support students in their studies has led to many successes at the ACT Training Excellence Awards and in 2014 she was the ACT 2014 VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year.

Zoe McKenzie



Zoe McKenzie is Principal of Trade and Investment Advisory, a firm which advises Australian and international entities on their market expansion into Australia or into one of Australia's current or future free trade agreement (FTA) partners. In this capacity, she is a senior strategic adviser to the Australia India Institute.

Prior to this role, Zoe was Chief of Staff to the Hon Andrew Robb AO, former Trade and Investment Minister.

Before working in Government, Zoe practiced as a commercial lawyer in one of Australia's largest law firms, and was an adviser to the CEO of a major professional services firm.

Jay Miedlar



Jay Miedlar National Compliance Manager of REACH for Training PTY LTD He has led the facilitation of the International Training and Assessment Courses (ITAC) and Train the Trainer course in India for more than 500 international students with very successful learning outcomes.

Jay Miedlar is a firm believer in the value of life-long learning and is completely committed towards continuous development. He lived in a number of countries throughout Europe, Canada, South America and the Asia-Pacific which helped him develop effective communication skills, including the ability to relate to people from diverse backgrounds, cutting across cultural and language barriers.

Jay holds a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, Diploma of Vocational Education and Training as well as Diploma of Training Design and Development.

Jayne Miller



Jayne's experience and positions within Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) cover the breadth of vocational education and training, relationship building and strategic partnerships; locally, nationally and internationally.

As Director of Business Development at CIT, Jayne develops relationships to drive forward the development of sustainable VET partnerships which will grow the sector and create opportunities for people to upskill into meaningful employment.

Jayne now uses these skills to support clients in building relationships to create training solutions across the CIT Strategic growth areas, including cyber security, renewable energy and health.

Philip Murphy



Philip was appointed Executive Director of the Kangan Institute (KI) in 2015 and prior to that was the General Manager of the Technical Group after previous executive roles in Business and Automotive.

As part of the KI Executive Team, Philip has strategic responsibility for User Choice - Apprentices and Trainees across the Institute. He is also a key member of a number of Institute Committees, including the leading role in overseeing the successful development and implementation of the Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) at Melbourne Docklands.

Philip has a Bachelor of Science, Graduate Diploma in Education, Graduate Diploma in Computing, a Master of Education and a Graduate Certificate in Management (Training and Development).

John Norfolk



John has progressed from teaching into school administration and then system leadership in a range of locations across Queensland from remote communities to regional and coastal areas as well as in the urban centres of South East Queensland.

He is passionate about providing high quality education for students regardless of their life circumstances and locality. In his new role as Regional Director, South East Region, John has a pivotal role in shaping the future of one of Australia’s fastest growing locations in conjunction with communities, education providers, government and business leaders. John is a lifelong learner - always seeking to improve his knowledge and skills to improve his contribution to education and training.

Suresh Padmanabhan



Suresh Padmanabhan is the CEO of REACH for Training, an RTO based in Sydney. He holds degrees in Mathematics, Computer Science and an MBA from the University of Technology, Sydney.

Suresh has expanded REACH for Training within Australia, to the ACT, WA and Queensland in addition to providing Transnational Education and extended the success of Australian VET in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. This enables the students to study the Australian Vocational Education Qualifications in their own countries.

Suresh is a “VET Champion” and transforms many people’s lives through skills and knowledge.

Ajit Patel



Ajit is a Senior Project Manager and Trainer with Zero Risk International, Australia. He has managed projects in India and is presently working on some projects in Bangladesh. His experience includes general police duties with the Metropolitan Police Service in London and Royal security with Scotland Yard Police. Ajit has undertaken courses in leadership and security, including training and assessment.

Roshen Paul



Roshen is the Business Development Manager, Australian Trade and Investment Commission (AUSTRADE), in Kochi, India. He has extensive executive experience in both government and private organisations in the areas of corporate services, financial services and management. Roshen consistently demonstrates strong strategic thinking and leadership in Business Development and Sales roles across different industry verticals. Roshen is passionate about VET and Skills Development.

Apart from working closely with Agri business initiatives and Education sector development with Austrade in India since 2010, Roshen has had successful stints with the Tata Group and ICICI Bank in India and close to 3 years in the UAE in different roles predominantly in the Sales and Marketing functions.

Belinda Pritchard



Belinda Pritchard is Associate Director, Industry Engagement UQ Business School Executive Education. She is a registered Organisational Psychologist and learning and development specialist. In her role at UQ Business School Executive Education, Belinda has been building strong partnerships in the Middle East, US and New Zealand; working with the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority in Bahrain, and the Wharton Business School in the US and Auckland University of Technology.

With over fifteen years of experience in human resources, learning and development and organisational development, Belinda’s absolute passion is supporting workplaces to engage, encourage and develop capability in their people. For ten years Belinda was Director of her own consultancy and was exposed to the practices of a vast range of companies and industries. Clients included Philip Morris, KPMG, and Crown Entertainment.

Jamal Qureshi



Jamal Qureshi is the South Asia Regional Marketing Manager for Study Perth, which is strongly supported by the Government of Western Australia through the Department of State Development and the Department of Education Services. Jamal has been working with StudyPerth for ten years in the South Asia region which covers India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives.

StudyPerth is the first point of contact for anyone wishing to obtain information on education opportunities in Perth, Western Australia. Jamal has played an active role in

building synergies between institutions from Western Australia and South Asia. These partnerships cover delivery of vocational programs to articulation in higher education and joint research partnerships.

Ashutosh (Ash) Raina



Ashutosh (Ash) Raina has been responsible for growing business for corporations and building relationships in Australia and Malaysia. He has vast experience across the region in Education and Media Entertainment; Energy and Utilities; Manufacturing and Automobiles; federal and state government; Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI).

With a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science from the prestigious Pune University (India), Ash has worked with clients in different regions like US, Europe, ASEAN and ANZ and brings his expertise in growing business and managing regions with diverse cultures.

Sriganesh Rao



Sriganesh Rao holds a Master of Technology in Electronics Engineering from NITK-India and a Master of Business Administration in Technology Management from Deakin University, Australia, with a Major in International Telecommunication Management. He is also currently pursuing a PhD with a focus on 5G Technologies. He is actively involved as a member of the National Working Group of the Department of Telecom and is a member of the Australia India Business Council.

Sriganesh has a deep insight into the culture and business of both the countries and he aspires to foster good bilateral relationships between the two countries.

Stuart Roberts



Stuart is Founder and Chief Executive of the Australian College of Sport [ACS]. Stuart holds a Bachelor Degree in Commerce [Human Resource Management] from Deakin University. He is an active contributor to the education and training landscape in Australia and overseas, with projects and business interests in Australia and India.

Stuart has fifteen years of senior management experience in corporate roles within Australia and overseas, including large profit centre management in Hong Kong, London, Sydney and Adelaide with senior consultancy roles advising both public and private sector management at executive and political levels on matters concerning governance, organisation risk, training and development, remuneration strategy, executive recruitment and performance management.

David Saunders



David Saunders is Holmesglen Institute's Executive Director of International Education and Business Development. The role encompasses the recruitment and preparation of international students for study in Melbourne and in-country delivery of accredited and non-accredited programs through academic and industry partnerships.

In addition, David is responsible for the delivery of business to business training and development solutions to public and private sector organisations in Australia.

Trevor Schwenke



Trevor is Chief Executive Officer Bendigo Kangan Institute (BKI). He has more than 22 years' experience in key leadership roles in the vocational education and training, higher education, school and corporate sectors

BKI supports workforce participation and productivity through education, employability and skills assessment services. Trevor works with government representatives, business and community leaders to grow the organisation

with the primary focus on meeting and exceeding the needs of students, employers, industry and the community.

A Masters of Education (Leadership) and a post graduate certificate in open and distance learning has allowed Trevor to further his career in the field of educational leadership and management and to pursue a special interest in blended and flexible delivery.

Brad Seaman



Brad Seaman, CEO and Managing Director of IKON Institute of Australia, has broad experience in leadership, management and training in both the public and private sectors. Brad's experience includes the development and accreditation of training and delivery of higher education, vocational, professional development and personal leadership training to a range of audiences.

Since 2008 Brad has led IKON Institute of Australia through significant growth and change, both internally and in the sector. Starting with 32 students and growing the training organisation to 800 students across 20 courses in five states. In 2016 IKON Institute of Australia achieved Higher Education registration, and developed and launched two Bachelor courses in three states.

Dr Nik Senapati



Dr Nik Senapati is Honorary Advisor to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Australia, an Advisor to Dua Associates and Consulting in New Delhi and President of the Australia India Business Council in Queensland.

A geologist, Nik has spent over 35 years in the mining industry in exploration, operations, strategy, and external relations. He was country head (MD) of Rio Tinto in India for almost 10 years, chaired the mining committee of the Confederation of Indian Industry, was instrumental in establishing the Sustainable Mining Initiative for the Indian

mining industry and initiated the Skills Council in the Mining Sector.

Nik was educated in India, Australia and as a Rhodes Scholar in the UK.

Anurag Sharma



Anurag Sharma is a seasoned professional with more than 15 years of industry experience with a technical background. He has worked at different levels, domains and countries in his professional career.

As CEO and Director in his previous engagement, Anurag was responsible for advising companies on ways to achieve established mission and business plans. Ensuring motivated teams, happy clients, positive cash flow, rich business pipelines and structural approach was vital in all companies.

Rajlakshmi Sharma



Rajlakshmi is the Director of Team Excellence. She started her career as an Administrative Secretary with Dharamasi Morarji Chemical Company in Udaipur and worked her way up as a Business Development Manager at HRH Group of Hotels. In 2013 she joined her husband Ravi and contributed to establishing a wholly owned subsidiary in India for Perth based RTO – AAMC Training Group Pty Ltd, operates in India as a Skill Knowledge Provider.

Rajlakshmi recently established a start-up company registered in the State of Gujarat in India in the name of 'SUBAL TEAM EXCELLENCE SKILL TRAINING ACADEMY PRIVATE LIMITED' and is leading a consortium of ten reputed South Australia based Skill Training Providers in the sectors of healthcare, hospitality, teachers training, training and assessment, agriculture and security.

Aashna Singh



As the Business Head for Rural Prosperity at UDAY (a social enterprise involved in empowering disadvantaged youth, women and farmers in India), Aashna is passionate about making youth self-sustainable, women independent and farmers progressive. She brings in the global outlook gained through studying and living in multicultural environments such as London and Australia.

Aashna completed her post-graduate studies with 'Distinction' from the London School of Economics and a double degree from the University of Sydney Business School in Masters in Management.

Parampreet Singh



Parampreet Singh is a compassionate leader with an urge to see shared prosperity in the developing world. When he sold his first business to an ASX listed company in Australia (2015), he invested half of the sales proceeds and his family wealth in UDAY, a social enterprise he founded to empower disadvantaged youth, rural women and farmers in India.

Since inception UDAY has enhanced the lives of over 7500 youth. Parampreet contributes more than 50% of his earnings or time for the benefit of humanity. Parampreet's career highlights include: winning the Australian young entrepreneur of the year award, being a distinguished alumnus of the Central Queensland University, and receiving the Directors award for Academic leadership.

Noel Stone



Noel is the Managing Director - Australian Safety and Learning Systems (ASLS), with over 35 years hands on experience as a Health, Safety and Training Professional. Noel is also experienced with Government, Schools and

Colleges, Transport and Logistics and is partnered with Healthy Business Training Academy and Asetc Pty Ltd trading as Australian Safety and Learning Systems (ASLS) a business that has been established for over 25 years.

In 1993, the Western Australian State Mining Engineer endorsed Noel's Safety Management Training Courses for use in the Mining Industry, and in 1987 Noel was commissioned by Nightingale Productions of Melbourne to develop a Safety Video about Cyanide use in the Gold Mining Industry.

Arjun Surapaneni



Arjun Surapaneni has extensive education, technology and commercial experience with over 25 years' experience in senior executive and Chief Executive Officer roles. He has coordinated IT project implementation and training with organisations such as: Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Covansys, IBM Global Services, Ernst & Young, Computer Science Corporation, WA Police Services, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Telstra, Health for Aged (Australian Federal Government) & Dresdner Bank (UK) and BHP Australia.

Arjun has been the Founding Director and Chief Executive Officer at the Victorian Institute of Technology Pty Ltd since 1998. Arjun is setting up a Greenfield 10,000 tonne Almond Processing plant in Euston, New South Wales to be in the forefront of Australian Agricultural export industry.

He was appointed as a Member of the Multicultural Business Ministerial Council (MBMC) in Victoria from October 2011 to October 2013 and was further extended until 23 October 2015 by the Napthine Government.

Ratna Tewari



Ratna is a Member of the Australia India Business Council, Engineers Australia and the Australian Steel Institute. She is also a Registered Migration Agent, and a Committee Member of the Migration Institute of Australia.

Prior to entering immigration practice in Australia, Ratna had over 20 years in a diverse range of industries including, Civil, Structural and Architectural Engineering, Project and Engineering Management and many others.

Ratna is competent and results-oriented with over 22 years of rich global experience in developed and developing markets, spanning Australia, Middle East, India and North America in both Private and Public sectors.

Alice Tsou



Alice Tsou is the Industry Engagement Manager at UQ Business School Executive Education. An expert in client and stakeholder relationship management and global business, Alice focuses on international engagement and business development.

Alice is a UQ business school MBA alumnus. She is currently completing a Master of Research in the area of Digital Marketing around electronic Word-of-Mouth, focusing on how it impacts Australian businesses, particularly in relation to the tourism and hospitality industry. Alice is a published author of travel book "Best Memo of Queensland" released in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Malaysia. Alice is also an AMAMI Certified Practising Marketer CPM.

Sean Tuhakaraina



Sean Tuhakaraina began in the education sector in 1995 and has worked within Universities and the Polytechnic Sector and with private providers. He is currently a WA state board member for the Australian Council for Private Education and Training.

Sean is an owner and Managing Director of the West Australian Institute of Further Studies Pty Ltd in Perth (WAIFS) Australia. WAIFS is a Registered Training Organisation engaged in the delivery of Nationally Recognised (Australian Qualifications Framework) training to domestic and international students.

Prior to this, Sean held other roles within the sector including; Principal Executive Officer - Australian Academy

of Hospitality Management Retail; and Marketing Manager (Campus Services) – University of Waikato.

Jim Varghese AM



Jim Varghese AM is the National Vice-Chair of the Australia Business Council and part time executive director for business development at the Australia India Institute. His 30-year public sector career included experience as a Chief Executive in leading government agencies covering Transport, Main Roads, Education, Training, Employment and Primary Industries in both the Victorian and Queensland public sector.

Jim's current roles include Director of the Springfield Land Corporation, member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the board of EIDOS, Deputy Chair of the Puuya Foundation and a director of the Qld Mental Health Foundation.

Jim is an accomplished author and contributor of articles on crisis management, change and organisational transformation. He has a Bachelor of Arts (with honours) and Bachelor of Divinity from the University of Queensland and holds a Master of Business Administration and a Diploma in Education from the University of Melbourne

Jim was awarded the Centenary Medal and the Order of Australia for services to the public sector and community and in 2014 was awarded Honorary Research Fellow of the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Suzanne Wauchope



Since commencing in 2015 as Deputy Director- General, Training and Skills, in the Queensland Department of Education and Training, Suzanne has provided strategic leadership for the training and skills area of the department, including working to identify investment priorities and increasing the quality of training in Queensland.

As Head of Internal Audit in early 2015, Suzanne led the planning and delivery of departmental audit activities. This included a cyclical review of school operations, a risk-based review and assessment of department operations and performance.

Prior to joining the department, Suzanne gained 25 years' experience in risk evaluation and management, governance, business development and improvement, operational effectiveness and stakeholder engagement, and management in both the private and public sectors.

Joanna Wood



Joanna Wood is Director International Skills Cooperation: South & West Asia, Americas and Pacific in the Department of Education and Training. The team has responsibility for the bilateral skills relationship with South Asia including key countries such as India and Sri Lanka.

Joanna has worked for 15 years in the Australian Government in the areas of climate change, employment policy and programs and International Education. Joanna has over 15 years private sector experience in business development and the finance industry.

Joanna has worked at the Australian High Commission in India, supporting high level Ministerial meetings and the Australia India Education Council (AIEC) and represents the Department on the Australia India Education Council Skills Working Group. Joanna's team has responsibility for the Australian Government's International Skills Training courses initiative, including the International Training and Assessment courses for vocational trainers and assessors.

Joanna has lived and worked in India, UK and the Middle East.

Joanna holds a Master of Public Policy, specialising in International Policy, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment from Canberra Institute of Technology.

