

Board Director Nominations

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Mike Younger	Partner, PwC Australia

Jacob Anson

Title	Chief of Public Affairs and Sports Advocacy
Organisation	Australian Olympic Committee
Nominated by	Meredith Hartigan, Tract Paul Coory, COHA Group

Professional profile

Jacob Anson is the inaugural Chief of Public Affairs and Sports Advocacy at the Australian Olympic Committee, a role he has held since February 2025. He leads the organisation's engagement with federal, state and local governments, international Olympic bodies and key stakeholders. A central focus of his work is ensuring Brisbane 2032 delivers a lasting legacy, and he sits on several Games coordination bodies.

Prior to joining the Australian Olympic Committee, Jacob spent nine years with the Brisbane Lions, most recently as General Manager, Government, Venues and Major Projects, where he led planning and advocacy for the Victoria Park Stadium and redevelopment of the RNA Precinct. He has extensive experience leading complex infrastructure and planning projects and has built strong relationships across all levels of government and community stakeholders. He is a former PIA Queensland Young Planner of the Year.

Jacob currently serves as Deputy Chair of the Committee for Brisbane, having served on the Management Committee since 2023. He brings expertise in government relations and advocacy, major project and infrastructure planning, strategic communications, and collaboration across business, government and community sectors.

As a Director, Jacob would offer sound judgement, a collaborative and constructive approach, a commitment to good governance, and a deep understanding of the Brisbane 2032 Games delivery landscape, sport, major events, infrastructure and government. He is passionate about Brisbane and the opportunities ahead for the Brisbane city-region.

Motivation and contribution

Brisbane is at a defining point in its history. Over the next decade, the Brisbane city-region will host the 2032 Games, absorb significant population growth and deliver generational infrastructure. Jacob believes the decisions made in the coming years will shape Brisbane's liveability and prosperity for decades and wants to help achieve the best outcomes for members and residents.

He believes the Committee for Brisbane is uniquely positioned to improve those decisions through its independent voice and ability to convene business, government and community stakeholders. As Deputy Chair, he has witnessed the value the Committee delivers to members and has been actively involved in organisational improvements since 2023.

If elected, Jacob would bring:

- A Games perspective through his role at the Australian Olympic Committee.
- Relationships across all levels of government and a strong advocacy track record.
- Infrastructure and major project experience, particularly in sport and precinct development.
- Connections across Brisbane's sporting and community sectors.

He describes himself as collaborative, pragmatic and outcomes focused, with a commitment to good governance and respect for the diverse views of members. His primary motivation is helping Committee advocacy translate into a lasting legacy for Brisbane and ensuring the city remains a great place to live, work, visit and raise a family.

Paul Coory

Title	Managing Director
Organisation	COHA Group
Nominated by	Jacob Anson, Australian Olympic Committee Caroline Riot, Griffith University

Professional profile

Paul Coory is the Founder and Managing Director of COHA Group, a boutique client-side project management consultancy providing strategic advisory and project leadership services across sport, education, community, hospitality and civic infrastructure. He brings more than 30 years of executive and senior leadership experience across architecture, property development, construction, infrastructure and project management, including previous roles with Woods Bagot Architects, Lend Lease Development and Paynters.

Leading a boutique consultancy provides Paul with direct responsibility for corporate strategy, governance, financial performance, commercial management, risk, contractual obligations, people, culture and long-term sustainability. This experience also gives him practical insight into the opportunities and constraints facing small and medium-sized businesses.

His work extends beyond project management and construction into sport, education, community services, hospitality, not-for-profit and member-based organisations. He advises boards, executives and organisations on strategic planning, governance, procurement, risk and capital investment programs.

Since joining the Committee for Brisbane Management Committee and Board in 2023, Paul has contributed to strategic discussions and advocacy relating to Brisbane's economic development, infrastructure, liveability and global positioning, including opportunities arising from the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

He brings strategic judgement, commercial acumen, cross-sector experience and strong relationships across government, business, sport and the community. Having lived and worked internationally, he recognises the importance of strengthening Brisbane's global profile and attractiveness for investment, talent and major events.

Motivation and contribution

Paul believes Brisbane is entering a defining period, with population growth, major infrastructure investment and the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games creating a unique opportunity to strengthen the city-region's prosperity, liveability, connectivity and international standing. He is seeking re-election because he values the Committee for Brisbane's role in bringing together leaders from business, government, education, sport and the community around a shared vision for Brisbane's future.

Since joining the Board in 2023, he has contributed to organisational strategy, advocacy and discussions relating to Brisbane's growth, infrastructure investment, major event opportunities, liveability and global positioning. He welcomes the opportunity to continue contributing as the organisation transitions to its new company structure.

As the founder of a boutique professional services firm, Paul brings a perspective that complements larger corporate and institutional members. He believes small and medium-sized businesses are the backbone of Brisbane's economy and can provide an important voice in Board discussions.

His experience spans sport, education, community, hospitality, not-for-profit and civic organisations, giving him insight into the diverse economic and social drivers shaping Brisbane's future. Having led or advised on more than 50 sport and community infrastructure projects, he understands the importance of translating Brisbane 2032 investment into lasting legacy outcomes.

Peter Danckert

Title	General Manager - Technical Operations
Organisation	Laing O'Rourke
Nominated by	Melanie Bond, Corrs Chambers Westgarth Taneal Sultana, Laing O'Rourke

Professional profile

Peter Danckert is a Brisbane-based engineering and delivery executive with more than 25 years of experience leading complex infrastructure, operations and organisational change across Australia, the United Kingdom, Europe and Asia. As General Manager - Technical Operations for Laing O'Rourke's Australasian business, he provides leadership and governance across technical and engineering matters for a portfolio spanning approximately \$3.5 billion in annual revenue, a \$10 billion order book and more than 20 active projects and programs.

His career has covered the full project lifecycle, including operations, engineering, business development, bid leadership, project directorship, delivery, commissioning and organisational transformation. He has worked across transport, defence, water, energy, resources and waste sectors with government and private-sector clients, consultants and supply-chain partners.

Peter brings strong strategic thinking, financial and commercial awareness, risk and assurance experience, people leadership and a demonstrated ability to turn complex challenges into practical outcomes. He has led major multidisciplinary teams, project recoveries and enterprise-wide change programs, and currently serves on Engineers Australia's Construction Engineering Area of Practice steering committee.

He values respectful debate, curiosity, humility and accountability, qualities he believes are important for effective board leadership.

Motivation and contribution

Peter believes Brisbane is entering a defining decade, with rapid growth, major infrastructure investment and the opportunity presented by Brisbane 2032 shaping the region's future liveability, connectivity and productivity. He is seeking to contribute independent leadership and help translate ambitious ideas into practical outcomes that benefit the entire Brisbane city-region.

Throughout his career he has worked at the intersection of strategy and delivery, bringing together clients, governments, designers, contractors, operators and communities to solve complex challenges and deliver outcomes. He believes this perspective aligns strongly with the Committee's objectives around sustainable growth, liveability and prosperity.

Peter would contribute expertise in infrastructure delivery, industry capacity and productivity, innovation, engineered safety, major project governance, workforce development and the practical implications of long-term city planning.

He emphasises that while nominated through Laing O'Rourke, a Director's responsibility is to act in the best interests of Committee for Brisbane as a whole. Through his networks across engineering, construction, government, consulting and industry sectors, he aims to help broaden engagement, connect ideas and strengthen the Committee's influence.



Carl Gerrard

Title	Partner, Audit & Assurance
Organisation	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
Nominated by	Judith Donovan, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Meredith Hartigan, Tract Consultants Pty Ltd

Professional profile

Carl Gerrard is a Partner at Deloitte with more than 30 years' experience advising major organisations across Australia and internationally on governance, risk, assurance and the successful delivery of complex infrastructure and capital programs. His career has spanned Australia, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Indonesia and South America, working with leading public and private sector organisations.

Based in Brisbane, Carl has expertise in the infrastructure, construction, transport and engineering sectors. He has advised organisations involved in some of Australia's most significant transport and infrastructure programs, with experience encompassing roads, rail, airports, water and major development projects. His work combines strategic governance and risk advice with a practical understanding of how major projects are planned, governed, procured and delivered.

Carl has worked extensively with boards, audit and risk committees and senior executives, helping organisations strengthen governance, enterprise risk management and assurance. He brings a broad perspective developed through engagements with major government agencies, infrastructure owners and operators, construction companies and ASX-listed and global organisations. His professional qualifications include Bachelor of Business, Chartered Accountant, Certified Practising Accountant, Certified Information Systems Auditor, Certified Information Security Professional and GAICD, together with other risk and assurance credentials.

Carl has a strong professional interest in Brisbane's continued growth and evolution as a connected, resilient and highly liveable city. He brings to the Committee for Brisbane a combination of commercial insight, infrastructure experience and governance expertise, together with a long-standing commitment to Queensland and an understanding of the opportunities associated with the Brisbane city-region's next phase of growth and investment.

Motivation and contribution

Carl is passionate about the liveability of the Brisbane city-region and the opportunity to contribute to its continued evolution as a prosperous, inclusive and globally competitive place to live, work, invest and visit. Joining the Committee for Brisbane Board would provide him with an opportunity to turn that passion into meaningful contribution, helping shape the conversations, priorities and partnerships that will influence Brisbane's future.

His career has provided him with broad experience across professional services, government and industry, including senior strategic and operational roles. This has given him an appreciation of the complex interplay between economic opportunity, infrastructure, government policy, organisational capability and community outcomes. He would bring to the Board a practical, commercial and strategic perspective, together with an ability to consider issues from multiple viewpoints and focus on how ideas can be translated into tangible outcomes.

Carl is particularly motivated by the opportunity Brisbane has over the coming decade. This is a period in which decisions made today will have a lasting impact on the character, connectivity, economic resilience and liveability of the region. He believes strong collaboration between business, government and the broader community will be critical to ensuring those decisions create enduring value.

As a Board member, Carl would bring curiosity, constructive challenge, sound judgement and a collaborative approach. He values diverse perspectives and enjoys bringing people and ideas together around a common purpose. Importantly, he would bring a genuine commitment to Brisbane and a willingness to actively contribute his experience, networks and energy.

For Carl, joining the Board is ultimately about contributing to a city and region he cares deeply about and helping ensure Brisbane continues to be an exceptional place for current and future generations.

Meredith Hartigan

Title	Senior Principal Town Planner / Team Leader - QLD Town Planning & Urban Design
Organisation	Tract Consultants Pty Ltd
Nominated by	Meredith Hartigan, Tract Consultants Pty Ltd Jacob Anson, Australian Olympic Committee

Professional profile

Meredith Hartigan is a Senior Principal Town Planner and Queensland Planning and Urban Design Lead at Tract Consultants, with extensive experience delivering strategic planning, infrastructure and city-shaping outcomes across Queensland.

Her expertise spans strategic planning, governance, regulatory interpretation and public policy, supported by strong skills in leading multidisciplinary teams, complex decision-making, strategic advice and navigating challenging regulatory environments. Meredith also co-leads Tract's positioning and pursuits in the sport and recreation sector nationally, including opportunities associated with Brisbane 2032 and beyond. Throughout her career, she has advocated for the catalytic potential of major events and has published on Brisbane's potential as an Olympic host city.

Meredith has served on the Committee for Brisbane Management Committee since 2022, including as Secretary and Chair of the Enterprise Sub-Committee. During this time, she has contributed to CEO recruitment, strategic and policy direction, strengthening government and member relationships, and significant governance and organisational change, including playing a key role in the Committee's transition from an association to a company. She has also contributed to the Committee's Olympic and Paralympic legacy advocacy since the publication of its original Brisbane 2032 legacy opportunities papers in 2021.

She brings a combination of professional experience, extensive understanding of the Committee's advocacy agenda over the past five years, detailed knowledge of the Committee's recent policy and governance changes, and a strong commitment to advocating for the Brisbane city-region to be the world's most liveable place.

Motivation and contribution

Since joining the Committee for Brisbane Management Committee in 2022 and serving as Secretary, Meredith has contributed to governance and strategic discussions while developing a strong appreciation of the Committee's role in shaping Brisbane's long-term future. She believes the Committee is uniquely positioned to bring leaders from across Brisbane's economy together, ensuring diverse perspectives contribute to a common vision for the city-region.

Meredith is seeking election as a Director to continue this contribution, bringing senior leadership experience, strategic planning expertise and a strong understanding of the Committee's constitution, policy and governance requirements, as well as the forces shaping Brisbane's growth and development.

In her professional role, she leads multidisciplinary teams, works across government and industry to achieve strategic outcomes, and navigates complex policy environments. She also brings detailed knowledge of Committee for Brisbane governance requirements, having contributed to the review of the Constitution and governance documents supporting the transition from an association to a company.

Born and raised in Brisbane, Meredith has spent her professional career working across the Brisbane city-region and has visited every one of Brisbane's 190 suburbs. She believes strongly in Brisbane's future and sees the Committee playing a pivotal role in shaping the region. As a Director, she would be committed to helping shape the city-region and the Brisbane that future generations inherit.

Stuart Macnaughton

Title	Partner
Organisation	McCullough Robertson Lawyers
Nominated by	Shannon Willoughby, The University of Queensland Jacob Anson, Australian Olympic Committee

Professional profile

Stuart Macnaughton is an experienced planning and environment lawyer and has been a Partner at McCullough Robertson Lawyers for 28 years. His career has provided extensive legal and commercial experience, a deep understanding of the issues shaping Brisbane's development, and the ability to navigate complex challenges with sound judgement and a practical, solutions-focused approach.

His expertise in planning and environment law brings a valuable legal perspective to the Committee for Brisbane Board. He has a particular understanding of the regulatory, environmental and planning frameworks that influence the city's growth, infrastructure and liveability. His skills include strategic analysis, risk assessment, stakeholder engagement and balancing competing interests to achieve practical outcomes.

Stuart brings a broad professional network together with substantial governance and leadership experience. He is a former Director of Brisbane Open House and spent 16 years on the Queensland Environmental Law Association Management Committee, holding every executive office including President. He also serves on the Board of the Brisbane Portrait Prize.

Motivation and contribution

As a current Director, Stuart serves on the Board's Risk Committee and has contributed directly to the Committee's Unlocking the River advocacy work, including participation in roundtables and development of the paper submitted to the Queensland Government proposing a dedicated approvals authority for the river.

Having served on the Committee for Brisbane Board, he understands the organisation's purpose and the importance of independent, informed advocacy to make Brisbane the world's most liveable place. He believes his legal expertise, commercial judgement, governance experience and strong Brisbane networks would enable him to continue contributing to the Committee's work in advancing a prosperous, sustainable and liveable future for the Brisbane city-region.

Laura Maxwell

Title	Managing Director Northern States; Commercial Director State and Communities
Organisation	News Corp Australia
Nominated by	Steve Wilson, Wilvest Sheridan Love, News Corp Australia

Professional profile

As Managing Director Queensland for News Australia, Chair of national industry body ThinkNewsBrands, and former CEO of Stuff Group, Laura brings extensive executive leadership, corporate governance and commercial expertise across major media and digital organisations. Her career includes senior leadership roles with NZME, OneRoof.co.nz, Yahoo! NZ and GrabOne, where she led enterprise transformation and growth initiatives.

Laura's experience aligns strongly with the Committee's Board Composition Matrix through:

- Governance and board experience, including service with the NZ Institute of Directors, ThinkNewsBrands, IAB NZ, OneRoof NZ and several non-executive directorships.
- Media and communications expertise, leading multi-platform media strategies and audience engagement.
- Advocacy and stakeholder engagement, regularly working with government, industry bodies and business networks.
- Strategic leadership experience, leading organisational change and high-performance cultures.

She brings an inquisitive mindset, commitment to strong governance and significant commercial expertise to support the Committee's objectives.

Motivation and contribution

Laura's motivation for joining the Board stems from a commitment to shaping the future of the Brisbane city-region during a critical decade of growth leading up to and beyond the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. She believes capitalising on this opportunity requires close collaboration between governments, business and the community.

She is particularly interested in contributing to the Committee's City Vision, Games Legacy and Growth, and Transport, Logistics and Mobility priorities through a combination of commercial and civic leadership.

Key contributions she identifies include:

- Board governance and directorship expertise.
- Extensive business, government and regional leadership networks.
- Advocacy and communications leadership to support the Committee's advocacy agenda.
- Commercial strategy and growth expertise, including membership engagement and sponsorship models.

Laura is committed to supporting Brisbane's ambition to become one of the world's most liveable cities.

Lara McKay

Title	Vice-President Engagement
Organisation	Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
Nominated by	Karen Vella, Queensland University of Technology Jacob Anson, Australian Olympic Committee

Professional profile

Lara McKay has spent more than 25 years building trust and engagement across government, public health, major events and higher education. Her career began in public health before moving into whole-of-government communications, protocol and events at the Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet, including during the recovery from the 2011 floods and major event bids for the G20 Leaders' Summit and Commonwealth Games.

At the University of Melbourne, Lara led marketing and communications, including the award-winning "Made Possible by Melbourne" campaign. She later joined the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee as General Manager, Marketing, Communications and Press Operations and a member of the Executive Management Team.

As Master and CEO of Ormond College from 2018 to 2024, she was accountable for strategy, finance, risk and long-term sustainability, overseeing the organisation through the challenges of COVID-19 while returning it from deficit to surplus. She also served on governance committees and held directorships and advisory roles across the higher education and community sectors.

Since 2024, Lara has served as Vice-President Engagement at QUT, leading advancement, alumni, marketing and communications, student recruitment, government relations, Indigenous partnerships and 2032 Engagement. She brings government insight, governance discipline, major event experience and partnership expertise.

Motivation and contribution

Lara believes the next five years represent one of the most pivotal periods in Brisbane's history, with major decisions on transport, precincts, the river and Brisbane 2032 shaping the city-region for generations. Through her role at QUT, she sees first-hand the significance of precinct development around Gardens Point, Kelvin Grove and Barrambin.

She identifies five key strengths she would bring to the Board:

- Advocacy and campaign experience developed across government, universities and major events.
- Media and communications leadership, including crisis communications and public engagement.
- Political awareness and local networks developed through government and university sectors.
- Sponsorship and fundraising expertise, including philanthropic partnerships and investment attraction.
- Governance, strategy and financial acumen gained through CEO and board-level leadership roles.

Lara believes Brisbane has a once-in-a-generation opportunity over the coming decade and would welcome the opportunity to help ensure the city-region realises its full potential.

Julie McLellan

Title	Chief Executive Officer
Organisation	Healthy Land & Water
Nominated by	Julie McLellan, Healthy Land & Water David Hertweck, Port of Brisbane

Professional profile

Julie McLellan is an experienced Chief Executive and Director with more than 30 years of leadership across government, business, utilities, infrastructure, sustainability and natural resource management. As CEO of Healthy Land & Water, South East Queensland's official natural resource management body, she works at the intersection of growth, infrastructure, public policy, regional resilience and the natural systems that underpin liveability.

At Brisbane City Council, Julie was responsible for an asset base exceeding \$22 billion, a divisional budget of more than \$1 billion and a workforce of 680, leading city planning, sustainability, water reform, economic development, disaster response and organisational change. At Urban Utilities, she led strategy and growth and delivered a capital program exceeding \$500 million for essential infrastructure.

At Healthy Land & Water, Julie has led substantial growth and transformation, increasing revenue from \$3.5 million in 2013 to \$25 million in FY26, broadening non-grant income and securing major investment for evidence-based regional action. She has built collaborations across government, industry, research, First Nations and community stakeholders, while advancing environmental monitoring, nature-based solutions, disaster resilience and urban liveability.

Julie brings approximately 20 years of Board and committee experience and GAICD qualifications. Her capability spans governance, financial oversight, legal and regulatory environments, strategy, risk, cybersecurity and business continuity, compliance, workplace health and safety, people leadership, advocacy, media engagement and organisational change. She has also led mergers, policy reform, stakeholder campaigns and improvements in First Nations employment, procurement and governance representation.

Strategic, pragmatic and inquisitive, Julie assesses complexity quickly, tests assumptions, connects diverse perspectives and turns ambition into practical, measurable outcomes.

Motivation and contribution

Julie is seeking election to the Board because the Committee for Brisbane's vision for the city-region to become the world's most liveable place strongly aligns with her experience and purpose. She sees its role as an independent, apolitical and trusted voice, bringing together business, government and community to advance thought leadership, advocacy, sustainable growth and prosperity, as one to which she can make an immediate and distinctive contribution.

Her background connects government and policy through Brisbane City Council; infrastructure, investment and growth through Urban Utilities; and regional resilience, waterways and natural systems through Healthy Land & Water. She understands how decisions about development, infrastructure, mobility, environment and community shape one another, and how credible evidence, well-targeted advocacy and enduring partnerships can convert shared priorities into public value.

Healthy Land & Water is a Committee member and strategic partner of Waterways at the Heart, supporting the ambition for Brisbane's waterways to be enhanced, activated and celebrated as part of the city-region's identity. Julie can also contribute practical insight to City Vision, Games Legacy & Growth, and Transport, Logistics & Mobility, drawing on her experience in city planning, essential infrastructure, capital delivery, digital transformation, regional resilience and cross-sector collaboration.

Julie would bring strategic judgement, commercial and financial acumen, governance and risk expertise, senior people leadership, political awareness, advocacy capability and deep regional networks. She also understands the responsibilities of a not-for-profit director: to act independently, steward resources carefully, manage interests transparently and keep the organisation's purpose at the centre of decisions.

Her value would be in connecting perspectives, offering respectful and evidence-informed challenge, building consensus and helping the Committee turn its collective influence into practical outcomes. She would be a committed working Director, ready to contribute through Board deliberations, working groups, member engagement and advocacy that strengthens Brisbane's prosperity, resilience and liveability.

Georgina Robinson

Title	Executive Director
Organisation	Three Plus
Nominated by	Peter Kelly, Three Plus Matt Beasley, Dexus

Professional profile

Georgina brings more than 20 years of high-level media, journalism and corporate advisory experience to the Three Plus leadership team. She delivers trusted, strategic counsel to clients spanning the renewable energy, property, infrastructure and sports sectors.

Combining an exceptional eye for strategy with deep narrative expertise, she advises on reputation management and crisis communication, brand positioning and stakeholder engagement on complex projects.

Georgina draws on a two-decade career in journalism at the Sydney Morning Herald, Brisbane Times and ABC (Offsiders, Landline) to deliver practical, effective media training and presentation training to Three Plus clients.

As a Director, Georgina plays a pivotal role in guiding the next phase of growth for Three Plus, ensuring clients continue to receive unmatched, sophisticated strategic counsel in an increasingly complex public and business landscape.

Georgina is a member of the Queensland Renewable Council's Coexistence Working Group, a Minerva Network mentor, a member of the Committee for Brisbane's Games Legacy and Growth Subcommittee, and has completed governance training with the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Motivation and contribution

There has never been a more important time to work with thoughtful, focused and disciplined colleagues on the execution and stewardship of the Committee's vision for a vibrant, expansive and inclusive Brisbane.

Georgina is seeking election to the Board after two years on the Games Legacy and Growth Subcommittee and a 20-year career in media and communications in Brisbane and Sydney. She would bring to the Board a combination of strategic thinking, communication expertise and a deep passion for matching strategy with decisive action.

The Committee is impeccably connected and positioned strongly to set and influence the agenda for Brisbane's civic and state leaders. It has an opportunity to do this in innovative ways that bring its advocacy to new audiences on digital and physical platforms. The Committee is already ensconced in the city's boardrooms. She believes there is merit in embedding its vision in the hearts and minds of the broader Brisbane community.

Her experience working across media, government, business, sport and community settings has taught her how to build trust, navigate complexity and find common ground on contested issues. She is a collaborative and curious leader who values evidence-based decision-making and long-term thinking backed by practical delivery.

Georgina would welcome the opportunity to contribute these skills in support of Committee for Brisbane's mission and the continued flourishing of the city.

Phillip Stork

Title	Vice President, Future Students and Strategic Communications
Organisation	Griffith University
Nominated by	Bronwyn Harch, Griffith University Peter Kelly, Three Plus

Professional profile

Phillip Stork has worked at the intersection of public policy, service delivery, workforce capability and community impact, advising ministers, vice chancellors, governing bodies and senior executives on growth, risk, communications, government relations and strategic investment. He has held senior leadership roles with Griffith University, Queensland Health and the Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

He currently serves as a Non-Executive Director of Creative Brisbane Collaborative and Rural Medical Education Australia, and as Griffith University's employer representative on the UniSuper Consultative Committee. He has also held advisory and leadership roles with CASE, Griffith Review, Constellation Impact Advisory and the Policy Innovation Hub.

Phillip is Vice President, Future Students and Strategic Communications at Griffith University and a member of the University's Executive Group. He leads Griffith's student growth, market engagement, communications, customer experience and digital transformation portfolio and brings more than two decades of leadership experience across higher education, government and health.

His expertise spans strategy, governance, stakeholder engagement, organisational transformation, reputation management and performance improvement. As a Griffith alumnus, he is passionate about Brisbane's future as a globally connected, culturally vibrant and knowledge-driven city, and about strengthening collaboration between business, government and universities to support long-term prosperity and liveability.

Motivation and contribution

Phillip believes Brisbane is entering one of the most transformative periods in its history. He sees Brisbane 2032 as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to accelerate economic growth, strengthen Brisbane's global profile, support cultural development and advance social inclusion while delivering benefits that extend beyond the Games themselves.

He is motivated to serve on the Committee for Brisbane because of its unique ability to bring together leaders from business, government, education and the community to shape the city's long-term legacy.

Phillip has a strong interest in how cities create opportunity through investment in people, innovation, connectivity and culture. He sees an important role for knowledge, creativity, education and talent development in Brisbane's future competitiveness and growth.

As a Director, he would bring a strategic and future-focused perspective, experience building partnerships across sectors, influencing policy outcomes and aligning diverse stakeholders around shared objectives. He would also contribute expertise in workforce capability, talent attraction, community engagement, reputation, innovation and organisational transformation.



Shannon Willoughby

Title	Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships – Government and Industry
Organisation	The University of Queensland
Nominated by	Jacob Anson, Australian Olympic Committee Shannon Willoughby, The University of Queensland

Professional profile

Shannon Willoughby is Executive Director for Strategic Partnerships at The University of Queensland. She leads the university's strategic development and engagement with government to support new partnerships and influence policy outcomes. Her team supports portfolios including Energy and Resources, Agrifood, Environment, Advanced Manufacturing and Enabling Technologies, Health and Biomed, Defence, Space and National Security, and Urban Design and Sustainable Infrastructure.

Shannon was previously a senior executive at Trade and Investment Queensland, working across Queensland and internationally to support education and research growth. She also served as Chief Executive Officer of Study Gold Coast and was formerly a chief reporter with News Limited.

Shannon currently serves as Deputy Chair of the Committee for Brisbane. She has served on the Management Committee since 2023, including as Vice President from 2024 to 2026.

She serves on a number of boards and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Motivation and contribution

Shannon is motivated to join the Committee for Brisbane Board to help shape a prosperous, sustainable and liveable Brisbane city-region through collaboration between business, government, education and the community.

Through her role at The University of Queensland, she brings experience connecting government, industry and research. Her previous leadership roles at Trade and Investment Queensland and Study Gold Coast, combined with her board experience and Australian Institute of Company Directors qualification, provide a broad perspective on economic development, education and international engagement.

She would bring a collaborative and practical approach, helping connect the Committee's priorities with research, innovation and partnership opportunities that deliver lasting benefits for Brisbane.

Steve Wyborn

Title	Chief Executive Officer
Organisation	Help Enterprises
Nominated by	Jack Hutchinson, Hutchinson Builders Matthew Berry, Help Enterprises

Professional profile

Steve Wyborn is a Brisbane-based executive leader with more than 25 years of experience across employment services, disability employment, vocational education and training, apprenticeships and social enterprise. Since June 2025, he has served as Chief Executive Officer of Help Enterprises, an organisation supporting people with disability to build skills, secure meaningful employment and live more independent lives.

His career has included senior leadership roles across private, public and community-focused organisations, leading large, geographically dispersed and multidisciplinary teams. He also serves as a Director of the National Employment Services Association and as a Governor of the Queensland Overseas Foundation.

Steve brings strong governance, strategy, financial management, stakeholder engagement and change leadership capabilities, together with extensive experience working with government, industry and community partners. He understands how policy, investment and procurement decisions can translate into practical employment and inclusive participation outcomes.

He would bring a commercially grounded perspective, a collaborative leadership style and a strong commitment to ensuring lived experience informs decision-making. He is particularly focused on connecting inclusive planning with measurable outcomes, more accessible places, stronger pathways to skills and employment, inclusive procurement, and opportunities for people with disability to participate in and benefit from Brisbane's growth.

Motivation and contribution

Steve is motivated to join the Committee for Brisbane because decisions made today will shape Brisbane's economic, social and civic legacy well beyond the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. He believes this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to ensure growth, infrastructure and investment create enduring benefits for all communities, including people with disability.

Through his role with Help Enterprises, he sees both the contribution people with disability make and the barriers they continue to face in employment, transport, public spaces, skills development and economic participation. He would advocate for accessibility, inclusive design, inclusive procurement and employment pathways to be embedded within Brisbane's growth agenda and Brisbane 2032 legacy planning.

He would bring extensive experience across employment, disability, training and commercial operations, together with established relationships across government, industry and the community sector. His contribution would focus on ensuring Brisbane's prosperity is shared and that people with disability have a genuine voice in shaping the city they live, work and participate in.

Tony Young

Title	Partner, Business Services
Organisation	BDO
Nominated by	Steven Sorbello, BDO Jacob Anson, Australian Olympic Committee

Professional profile

Tony Young is a Partner in Business Services at BDO and brings more than 45 years of experience in the chartered accounting profession. He has provided taxation and commercial advice to a diverse range of clients, including professional services firms, property developers, manufacturers and retailers.

Tony's professional focus has largely been on family-owned and operated businesses, where he assists with taxation, business strategy, succession planning and intergenerational transition. He also advises professional service firms seeking to grow and strengthen their businesses.

His expertise includes taxation advice and structuring, estate planning, business services and family business governance. He has led succession planning for major family enterprises, established structures for significant property groups, and advised high-net-worth clients on estate and succession matters.

Tony holds a Bachelor of Business (Accountancy) from Queensland University of Technology and is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, a Fellow of The Tax Institute of Australia, and a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. His governance experience includes board service with BDO Queensland and BDO Australia, the Board of Trustees of Brisbane Girls Grammar School, and the Queensland Symphony Orchestra. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Committee for Brisbane.

Motivation and contribution

Tony has been involved with the Committee for Brisbane for several years through BDO's longstanding connection with the organisation and has seen first-hand the important role it plays in shaping Brisbane's future.

As a long-term Brisbane resident whose family roots are deeply connected to the city, he is motivated to contribute to Brisbane's continued evolution as a world-renowned city while ensuring that the qualities and character that define Brisbane are preserved.

Tony brings extensive commercial, taxation, governance and board experience, together with decades of work supporting Queensland businesses and family enterprises. His background provides a strong perspective on financial stewardship, governance, strategic planning and long-term organisational sustainability.

Mike Younger

Title	Partner
Organisation	PwC Australia
Nominated by	Samantha Vidler, PwC Australia Karen Vella, Queensland University of Technology

Professional profile

Mike Younger has been a Partner at PwC Australia for more than six years and has over 20 years of experience advising government, ASX-listed companies and major Queensland organisations. He holds a Bachelor of Business and a Master of Business Administration from Queensland University of Technology.

Throughout his career, Mike has worked with boards, executives and senior government stakeholders on technology, cybersecurity, risk management, governance and organisational transformation. His experience spans resources, energy, transport, financial services, government and critical infrastructure.

His experience includes serving in board and audit committee roles, alongside advising boards and senior executives on governance, risk and strategic matters. He brings practical experience in governance oversight, independent judgement, constructive challenge and balancing organisational opportunity with risk.

As a Partner, Mike leads the Brisbane Consulting team of more than 80 professionals, with responsibility for business strategy, financial performance, people leadership and major client relationships. He combines commercial leadership with extensive experience navigating complex stakeholder environments and delivering outcomes across diverse organisations.

He would bring governance experience, commercial acumen, strategic thinking and a strong understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing Brisbane's business community.

Motivation and contribution

A lifelong Brisbane resident, Mike has a strong personal commitment to the city's future and is seeking to play a more active role in helping ensure future generations continue to benefit from Brisbane's growth and prosperity.

He has witnessed Brisbane's evolution into an increasingly sophisticated and internationally recognised city and was involved in supporting both the G20 Leaders' Summit and the Commonwealth Games. Those experiences reinforced his belief in Brisbane's potential and the value of collaboration between government, industry and the community.

Mike believes Brisbane has a significant opportunity in the lead-up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and that success should be measured not only by major projects and events but by the long-term economic, business and community benefits they create.

He would bring a practical commercial perspective, established government and industry relationships, and experience in governance, technology, risk and organisational leadership. In particular, he believes his expertise in AI, technology and cybersecurity would contribute valuable perspectives on Brisbane's economic resilience, digital transformation and emerging industries.

As a parent raising three children in Brisbane, Mike's motivation is helping create a city where future generations can pursue opportunities and build successful careers without leaving the place they call home.