



## Sustainability | Resilience | Leadership

# Northern Territory Not for Profit Forum

Tuesday 2 April 2019

### About the Northern Territory NFP Forum

In 2018 the inaugural forum was held not only to an audience of outstanding not for profit leaders, but also by the request for more opportunities for learning.

In our second year, we know that there is still so much more to explore surrounding the theme of Sustainability, Resilience and Leadership.

This one-day Forum is designed to equip the Territory's not for profit leaders with the tools and knowledge to effectively manage our organisations. The theme reflects the core attributes not for profits and their leaders need to thrive in an ever-changing landscape.

### Sustainability

Sustainability in a broad sense includes traditional practices of preserving our natural resources, through best practice models of governance to contemporary applications of leveraging technology and relationships to create more sustainable organisations. In the not for profit sector sustainability describes our ambition to achieve long term impact, through organisations that will continue to serve our communities for years to come.

### Resilience

As not for profits, we deal with some of the toughest and most complex social issues, alongside multiple stakeholders, whilst juggling financial and operational challenges within our organisations. Each of us needs to build our own personal and organisational resilience toolkit.

### Leadership

The information revolution has given us access to an infinite supply of resources to develop our leadership skills and styles, but no one person has the full kit bag. What are the leadership skills that are most critical for running a sustainable and resilient not for profit?

The Forum brings together speakers from the Northern Territory and interstate, each a leader in their field, with opportunities to share learning and connect with sector leaders from across the Northern Territory.

### Who will attend?

The Forum is designed for:

- Leaders and managers of not for profit organisations
- Board members of not for profit organisations
- State and local government representatives working with not for profits
- Other interested parties

Time	Topic and speaker
8.15am – 8.45am	<b>Registration   Tea / coffee and networking</b>
9.00am	<b>Conference welcome</b>
9.05am	<b>Conference opening</b>
9.10am	<b>Welcome to country</b> Bilawara Lee, Larrakia Elder
9.15am	<b>Plenary Session #1</b> <b>Indigenous Leadership - What is needed for the future</b> John Hender, National Manager Native Title, Perpetual Private
10.00am	<b>Plenary Session #2</b> <b>Leadership and Sustainability - RuOK?</b> Suzanne Waldron, M.A., ICF PCC, MAN LP, FAIM Behavioural and Leadership Facilitator
10.45am	<b>Networking morning tea</b>
11.10am	<b>Plenary Session #3</b> <b>My Story – From Darwin to Indigenous Entrepreneur/Australian of the Year</b> Dion Devo, Managing Director - YERRA & ACT Australian of the Year 2018
11.55am	<b>Forum - Sector collaboration</b>
12.45pm	<b>Networking lunch</b>
1.45pm	<b>The Community Benefit Fund: What is it seeking for the NT not-for-profit sector?</b> Brenton Sharpes, Manager, Community Benefit Fund
2.05pm	<b>Plenary Session #4</b> <b>Developing a sustainable fundraising program</b> Elizabeth Davis, CFRE, Principal, Human Foundations
3.00pm	<b>Plenary #5</b> Sector collaboration
3.50pm	<b>Closing remarks</b> Conference MC
4.00pm	<b>Networking drinks</b>
5.00pm	<b>Event conclusion</b>

## About our speakers and organising committee



### **Bilawara Lee (Aunty B), Larrakia Elder**

Bilawara is an Elder of the Larrakia Nation; she was born in Darwin and has lived here for nearly 68 years as member of the large respected Cubillo family. She is the Larrakia Academic in Residence at Charles Darwin University and is an international published author with two books 'Star Dreaming' and 'Healing from the Dilly Bag.'

Bilawara is internationally respected as a healer and teacher of the ancient wisdoms of Aboriginal Spirituality and Healing, and travels nationally and internationally to conduct special life-changing workshops and ceremonies. She is dedicated to helping the wider community understand First Nations Peoples connection to country, culture and community.



### **John Hender, National Manager Native Title, Perpetual Private**

John has extensive experience working with Aboriginal Trusts and communities across Australia. His strong understanding of Aboriginal culture and issues has been strengthened by his current tertiary education in a Masters of Aboriginal Studies at University of South Australia.

John has 30 years experience in the financial services industry. He has held roles in sales and marketing, consulting and business development. For the past 15 years he has held senior regional executive roles as SA and NT State Manager for AMP and most recently as SA State Manager for Perpetual Private.

John has held various board positions including make A Wish Foundation's national and international Boards and The Medical Research Foundation in SA. He is currently on the board of Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered. John has tertiary qualifications in marketing, superannuation and trust management, insurance and Aboriginal studies.

John will be sharing around leadership and resilience of Indigenous communities through the lens of Perpetual and the national body of work undertaken through Trusts.



### **Suzanne Waldron, M.A., ICF PCC, MAN LP, FAIM Behavioural and Leadership Facilitator**

Suzanne is a behavioural change facilitator whose masters research focused on moving ideas into action through pro-social leadership. Working with senior leaders across Australia her focus is on explicit communication and solid peer to peer relationships. She's an active ambassador for RUOK?, TEDxPerth Curator and Co-founder/director of short doco series Stories Out Loud. A published author and media contributor. Suzanne has been nominated for Western Australian of the Year 2016 and twice 40 under 40.

Suzanne will be sharing on leadership and resilience of communities through your lens of her work through the RUOK campaign.



### **Dion Devow, Managing Director- YERRA & ACT Australian of the Year 2018**

Dion was born and raised in Darwin and is of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent and is Traditional Owner for the Palm Island Group of Northern Queensland, (Manbarra) and also has heritage that stems from Darnley Island in the Torres Straits. Dion has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Education and has supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's access to health, justice, and education for more than 20 years in Canberra ACT.

Dion worked as a Member of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Consultative Group from 2009 to 2014 and for much of that time was the Deputy Chair, and has recently been elected to the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body ([www.atsieb.com.au](http://www.atsieb.com.au)).

Dion uses this 20 years of experience to work as a consultant specialising in community

engagement within Health, Education, Justice and is now consulting within the Business sector to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to reach their dreams and aspirations with respect to business.

Dion is recipient of the 2018 ACT Australian of the Year, winner of the 2014 ACT NAIDOC Business of The Year, and the 2016 ACT NAIDOC Person of The Year, Dion is also the ACT representative for the First Australians Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Dion will be sharing an insight into his time growing up in Darwin and the journey he took to get to where he is today an Indigenous Entrepreneur and the 2018 Indigenous Australian of the Year. Dion will also share his experiences as being a volunteer and how that role helped him through his journey.



**Brenton Sharpes,  
Manager, Community  
Benefit Fund**

Born and bred in Darwin, Brenton has worked for the Northern Territory Government for over 20 years in finance and more recently grants. Most recently he has been the Manager of the Community Benefit Fund since 2011.

Brenton is actively involved and has held executive and committee roles at the Tracey Village Cricket Club and Elemental Gymnastics.

Brenton will be sharing insights on the Community Benefit Fund. He will provide some background on why the Community Benefit Fund was established, how it is funded, who can access funding, what can be applied for and how often and when you can apply. He will give some hints and tips about what to include in your application and provide an overview of how applications are assessed.

This is a practical session, not to be missed.



**Elizabeth Davis CFRE, FM-FIA, Principal,  
Human Foundations**

Throughout her career of more than 20 years, Elizabeth has dedicated herself to understanding and mastering the complex balancing act between business's need to generate sustainable profit and community's need for development and support.

Elizabeth has also personally raised many major philanthropic gifts from private donors, foundations and the corporate sector.

She holds a Graduate Diploma in Business Management (Marketing), and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and Member of the Fundraising Institute Australia.



**Evelyn O'Loughlin, CEO,  
Volunteering NT**

The CEO of Volunteering SA since 2008 and Volunteering NT (2016). Evelyn leads the peak body for volunteering in South Australia and the Northern Territory. Evelyn has more than two decades of experience in senior and executive management roles.

Evelyn's career has spanned across corporates, government and business, both locally and internationally. Her interest in culture and community has led to a career in the not for profit sector. Evelyn's work was recognised in 2015 with a nomination to the SA Women's Honour role.

Evelyn is a member of the Forum organising committee.



**Rachael Bowker,  
Executive Manager,  
Volunteering NT**

Rachael has worked in the community services and volunteer management sector for the last 15 years in Victoria and the Northern Territory. She has had various counselling roles in financial and problem gambling, emergency relief services and the homelessness sector.

Rachael’s strong focus on volunteer management and training development has provided extensive experience as both a volunteer and manager. She is passionate about the volunteer sector and enjoys sharing her knowledge with others. Rachael is a qualified trainer with Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment and Training.

Rachael is a member of the Forum organising committee.



**Karen Glazbrook, Manager  
of Development,  
Advancement, Charles  
Darwin University**

Karen is the Manager, Development in the newly formed Advancement Office. In this role, she plays a pivotal role in the development of a culture of philanthropy across Charles Darwin University by proactively engagement and collaborating with stakeholders.

Karen is responsible for fostering a culture of innovation and continuous improvement by encouraging and actively contributing to the development and review of philanthropic policies, procedures and business systems to ensure they enable highly effective business practices.

Karen is a member of the Forum’s organising committee.

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## About the organisers

The Northern Territory NFP forum organising committee all play key roles within the sector.



**Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA)** is the national peak body representing professional fundraising in Australia. If you are involved in any aspect of fundraising, then FIA is your professional association. Established in 1968, our purpose is to make the world a better place by advancing professional fundraising through promotion of standards, professional development pathways and measurable credentials so that our members achieve best practice.

The FIA SA/NT Committee is responsible for organising professional development events and programs at a local level. There are over eighty active FIA members in SA/NT; many of whom occupy senior fundraising and development positions in both large and small not for profit organisations. As key influencers in making decisions about engaging suppliers, reaching this audience represents a logical objective for smart operators in the fundraising industry.



**Volunteering NT** is a division of Volunteering SA & NT which is a not for profit organisation and the peak body for volunteering, leading the sector in the Northern Territory. Volunteering NT works with individuals, organisations, businesses and communities to lead, advance, grow, promote and celebrate volunteering. We provide a range of services, support and resources for volunteer-involving organisations and volunteers which contribute to positive volunteering experiences and the strengthening of communities.

Services include:

- Advocacy
- Volunteer role advertising and matching
- Promotion
- Volunteer management support
- Consultancy
- Training
- Mentoring
- Research

## Booking your place

Bookings are made via Eventbrite at [bit.ly/NTNFP2019](https://bit.ly/NTNFP2019)

Forum fee	
NT NFP Forum Early Bird book before 28 February 2019	\$150
NT NFP Forum after Early Bird	\$200

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