



Suzi Soza

Co-Founder and CEO of Verb

Suzi Soza is the Co-Founder and CEO of Verb, a international company that partners with corporate, foundation and government clients to build innovation ecosystems focused on pressing social and environmental issues. Using an advanced open innovation platform, Verb produces massive entrepreneurship competitions, attracting thousands of ventures from around the world and engaging tens of thousands of stakeholders and supporters. Past Verb clients include Dell, Whole Foods, IBM and LIVESTRONG.



Dr Gemma Carey

NHMRC Research Fellow and Senior Lecturer, UNSW Canberra

Gemma Carey is an NHMRC Fellow and Senior Lecturer. She holds a PhD in social policy and population health from the University of Melbourne and a Masters in Anthropology from the University of Adelaide. Gemma undertakes primary research in governance and policy implementation. Drawing on this work, she also contributes to emerging debates in public health regarding the social determinants of health. Gemma has published widely on different aspects of public administration and public health. In addition to her academic research, she runs a highly regarded policy forum – the Power to Persuade (PTP).



Dr Kristin Alford

Director of MOD. at the University of South Australia.

Kristin is a futurist and the inaugural Director of MOD., a futuristic museum of discovery at the University of South Australia. Her mind is presently occupied by the future of work and provoking young adults to ask questions about the role of science at the intersection of art and innovation.



Tom Moore

Co-Founder and Managing Director, WithYouWithMe

WithYouWithMe is the brain child of Tom Moore, a veteran who has deep experience in the transition process. As Managing Director and CEO, Tom operates and runs the organisation's mentoring product, oversees and advises the development of the software, is in charge of the company's talent acquisition strategy and process, supports the CFO in the engagement of investors and fundraising and leads the companies go to market and B2B sales strategy. Tom spent more than eight years in the defence force managing a team of 100 soldiers in various combat situations.



Elsie Burge

Partner and Design Strategist, Portable

Elsie Burge is Portable's Design Strategist. She has extensive experience in service design, user experience, research and strategy design, working on the development of the Supreme Court of Victoria's case management system. Prior to that Elsie worked as a commercial lawyer for six years. Her skill sets span service design, user experience design and research. She is one of the Top 8 Women in Legal Tech in Australia (Legal Economy).



Cezanne Green

Director, Secondary Learners, Department of Education and Child Development

Ms. Cezanne Green is the Director of Secondary Learners, Learning Improvement Division, Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) in Adelaide, South Australia. Cezanne's role includes co-leading the DECD STEM Learning strategy, leading the Career and Business Partnership strategy and supporting secondary site leaders to lead learning improvement.



Matthew Anderson

Co-Founder, Social Capital

Matt Anderson is the Principal of Anderson Strategy, a Strategy Designer with the global group Business Models Inc, and the CoFounder of Social Capital (socialcapitalcity.com) - a venture working with hundreds of senior executives and leaders from business, government, technology, health, and civil society to turn social needs into new innovation and venture opportunities at scale. He has been a social entrepreneur for over 20 years — including founding a number of impact organisations, working as an organisational development and innovation coach, and being the catalyst for many cross-sector collaborative projects. He has worked at both the grassroots level as well as in a national and international capacity — including with World Vision, one of the world's largest social impact organisations with 45,000 staff in almost 100 countries.



Kirk Drage

Co-Founder, LeapSheep

Kirk is the co-founder of LeapSheep, pioneering "Start-up Incubation-as-a Service", to successfully guide new economy business builders and disruptive innovators. Kirk's career has been driven by 3 keen interests; Digital Technology, Scalable Business Models and the Human Condition. He has extensive international corporate investment and start-up experience, as has a passion for empowering people to develop the abilities to build companies, create jobs, distribute wealth and generate positive social impact.



Dr Fiona Buick

Lecturer in Public Sector Management, UNSW Canberra

Dr Fiona Buick is a Lecturer at the University of New South Wales, Canberra. Fiona's research focus is on the role of organisational culture, strategic human resource management and human resource management in enabling group and organizational effectiveness within the public sector. She also focuses on the dynamics involved in structural change and intra- and inter-organisational joining-up, highlighting tensions between informal and formal institutional practices. Fiona holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Management, Masters of Human Resource Management, Graduate Diploma in Employment Relations and a Bachelor of Applied Psychology, all from the University of Canberra. Prior to commencing her PhD, Fiona worked as a human resource practitioner in the Australian Public Service and Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.



Erma Ranieri

Commissioner for Public Sector Employment

Appointed on 1 July 2014, Commissioner for Public Sector Employment Erma Ranieri works passionately towards creating a world-leading public sector that serves South Australians well, does what it says it will do, and to which every public servant is proud to belong. With the role of the public sector being to serve and support South Australia to thrive, Erma leads sector-wide reform to modernise the public sector and continue to build on its value and service to the South Australian community.



Professor John Spoehr

Director of the Australian Industrial Transformation Institute at Flinders University

John Spoehr is Director of the Australian Industrial Transformation Institute at Flinders University in South Australia. He leads a multi-disciplinary team focusing on industry and workplace transformation in the context of technological change and innovation. John has over 25 years' experience as a social and economic researcher. John has written extensively on economic and industry development, employment, unemployment and the socio-economic impact of change. He co-founded the Stretton Centre in partnership with the City of Playford, the Government of South Australia and the Australian Government. John is playing a leading role in the establishment of the South Australian node of the Innovative Manufacturing CRC.



Professor Eddie Blass

Founder and CEO of Conesol

Having worked in both the Business and Education disciplines as an Academic, combined with senior management roles in Universities at faculty and cross-university functions, Eddie brings an understanding of the role of the academic, of the student learning experience, of quality assurance mechanisms and of online materials development and implementation into the practice of designing, developing and delivering online education development. Having been an 'intrapreneurial academic', Eddie has taken the jump to entrepreneurship in launching her own company, to pursue the chance to collaborate with others in achieving educational transformation that will serve the needs of students in tomorrow's professional settings.



Thomas Sadowski

Director of Conseol

As an international educator Thomas has 20+ years of experience in tailoring instruction for diverse audiences—ranging from developmental learners, migrants and tradespeople to domestic tertiary students and post-graduate professionals—in classrooms, in workplaces, in hybrid and online environments and in business forums. His specialty in helping faculty shift to more engaging and innovative learning facilitation has helped transform instructional practice within more than a dozen disciplines in secondary schools, in colleges and in universities. Having designed end-to-end learning programmes for undergraduate and post-graduate qualifications, Thomas is well-regarded for expertise in framing learning outcomes, assessments and the engagements that lead learners to authentic career competencies.