

# PRESENTER TRAINING PROGRAM

## SPEAKERS

Session #1 – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022



### David Fishel, Positive Solutions

David's specialism in non-profit governance and his wide consulting experience across cultural, health and community organisations have equipped him to lead board assessments, board training, management reviews, and strategic planning.

David enjoys harnessing his skills and experience in organisational development and cultural planning to make a visible difference in communities throughout Australia and overseas. His work ranges from improvements in board performance and the effectiveness of individual organisations to operational and management planning for major facilities and precincts. His focus on results is visible in cultural facilities from the major renewal of Sutherland Entertainment Centre, Springvale Library and Community Hub to the Brisbane Powerhouse and the West Kowloon Cultural District, from the board reporting processes of Oxfam to the new corporate structures at Shepperton Art Museum and Art Gallery Ballarat.



David has been Chair of leading physical theatre company, Circa, and of Brisbane Writers Festival and Creative Enterprise Australia, a subsidiary entity of QUT. David is the author of *The Book of the Board*, published by Federation Press (third edition, 2014; fourth edition in preparation).

### David Barrett, Town of Gawler

David is a local government management professional with strengths in arts, business, finance, and marketing. David has led commercial change within traditionally community focussed business units delivering increased revenue, productivity and efficiency whilst enhancing community outcomes. David's formal training is Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice and Bachelor of Commerce but it didn't take long for him to see the light and pursue a career in an area that he is passionate about – local government.



During his local government career, David has worked as Advisor, Performing Arts for the City of Tea Tree Gully; Unit Manager, Cultural Facilities for the City of Marion; Executive Director for The Art House Wyong; and is now Executive Manager Business Enterprises and Communications for the Town of Gawler. David's performing arts industry representation includes nine years as Treasurer of PAC Australia, co-founder of the South Australian Presenters Association, PATA Councillor, and Playing Australia Assessment Panel Member for the Australia Council.

## **Peter Ross, Manager Entertainment Venues Tamworth**

Peter is a graduate of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (1997). He has worked professionally in the entertainment industry since 1987 as a producer, director and performer.



He is currently employed by Tamworth Regional Council, initially as the Theatre Director of the Capitol Theatre Tamworth (2009 to 2012) and then as the Manager of Entertainment Venues, which programs and manages the Capitol Theatre Tamworth, Tamworth War Memorial Town Hall, Tamworth Regional Entertainment Conference Centre and Tamworth Community Centre. Peter is the Executive Producer and Director of the Golden Guitar Awards – the Country Music Awards of Australia.

Peter is Vice-Chair of the PAC Australia Board, Chair of the Board for the Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music and is on the boards of NAPACA(NSW & ACT Performing Arts Centres Association ) and Arts North West. He was on the board of Arts On Tour for 8 years up until April 2020. He is passionate about regional performing arts and the part it plays in the national ecosystem of our industry – from an audience and practice perspective.