

I have over 30 years NED Board experience at Chairman, Treasurer, Committee and advisory levels across private, not-for-profit, community and government sectors. Beyond governance, I'm experienced in matters of finance, legal, property, taxation, human relations, risk, marketplace issues, government policy and community dealings.

I offer maturity and experience, expertise and qualifications, understanding of risk and reward, navigation of stakeholder interests and relationships, learning and collaboration, creating sustainable success, facilitating solutions and resolutions, negotiation and persuasion skills, public speaking and listening, and patience when appropriate.

In an executive capacity, I'm Principal/Director of Fehily Advisory. I am an expert advisor engaged in resolving difficult, uncertain and complex indirect tax issues involving property, tax audits, insurance, cross-border transactions, products and services, manufacturing through to consumers, M&A deals and structuring, procedural mistakes, ATO refunds and finance. Most of my assignments are referred by businesses' incumbent professional advisors, Board members and past clients.

I've also held senior Partner leadership positions in leading global professional services practices, such as PwC and Arthur Andersen.

I am actively engaged in matters involving public policy, the inextricable interaction of our society and economy, justice and freedom, generational and humanist matters and contemporary challenges impacting our community at large (I'm an alumnus and an active participant of the Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership/Monash University).

Finally, I have formal qualifications as a Director (GAICD), Economist (B.Ec.- Economics and Politics), Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA), Fellow CPA (FCPA), Chartered Tax Advisor (CTA) and Registered Tax Agent (RTA).

### **Board and Professional Highlights**

- Completed Bachelor of Economics at Monash University (part-time while working full-time at ATO)
- Established and led a successful, national indirect tax practice, Fehily Loaring, throughout the 1980s
- Became an International Partner of Arthur Andersen (responsible for its Asia Pacific Indirect Tax Practice throughout the 1990s)
- Personally appointed as Member of Federal Treasurer Costello's GST Technical Advisory Committee (assisting in the development and writing of the GST laws for Australia in the late 1990s)
- Seeing through the successful implementation of the new GST regime as an advisor to the Federal Treasury and the ATO (member of the ATO Public Rulings Panel throughout the 2000s and still a member of the ATO's GST Stewardship Group)
- Successfully led the largest and most complex GST implementation programs around 2000, including Australia Post, Visy, Linfox, Orica, General Motors, Mercedes, GE, AAMI, and the Victorian government
- Lead tax advisor to major events including Sydney Olympics and Melbourne Commonwealth Games
- Being a Board member, Treasurer and Governor in the education sector over 25 years contributing to the decades-long success of an independent school and participating in the development of the Federal government Gonski funding regime for independent

- schools nationally (Bialik College, Independent Schools Victoria, Independent Schools Councils of Australia)
- Established and operated a family based Contemporary Art Gallery representing many local and international artists
- Chair of the Melbourne Art Foundation, successfully operating the biennial international Melbourne Art Fair involving private sector galleries, commercial enterprises, many Federal, Victorian and local government agencies, and negotiating significant support, sponsorships, and grants from corporations and arts-based organisations at all levels
- Chair of the Victorian Government's property-holding statutory corporation (Docklands Authority, VicUrban, Places Victoria) working directly with numerous Ministers, government departments, Treasury Corporation Victoria, peer government agencies and the private sector (successfully turning Places Victoria around through 'reorganisation' to profitability and sustainability)
- Actively involved over the past four decades being on and/or advising numerous Boards and Committees of professional and industry bodies, private sector businesses and many not-for-profit community organisations such as museums, faith-based organisations, film festivals, visual arts organisations and local government arts funding

### **Education and Qualifications**

- 2015 Company Directors Course (GAICD), Australian Institute of Company Directors
- 2011 Colloquium, Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership
- 1980 Bachelor of Economics, Monash University

### **Memberships, Activities, Interests**

- Australian Institute of Company Directors, Graduate
- Registered Tax Agent
- ATO GST Stewardship Group, Member
- Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, Fellow
- CPA Australia, Fellow
- CPA Australia, Centre of Excellence – Taxation, Member
- The Taxation Institute, Chartered Tax Advisor
- Urban Development Institute of Australia, Tax and Investment Committee, Member
- Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership, Alumnus and active participant
- Personal: Male, Canadian born (1957), lived in Australia since 1970, divorced, healthy and active, father of four independent adult children (Communications Advisor; Gastroenterologist and PhD candidate; Mathematician/Physicist, PhD; Professional stage actor)
- Past personal interests: Principal of a contemporary art gallery and art collector, private pilot, parachute jump and other activities now out of my system
- Current personal interests: fitness and boxing training, walking, local and international travel, reading, podcasts, debates, live theatre, visual arts, SES rescue.

### **Referees**

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| • Graham Goldsmith | Chair        | SEEK Ltd                     |
| • Graeme Parton    | Deputy Chair | Development Victoria         |
| • Michelle Green   | CEO          | Independent Schools Victoria |
| • Joe Corera       | CFO          | Lort Smith Animal Hospital   |
| • Matthew Guy      | MP           | Victorian Parliament         |