

Auspire Annual Review

2017-2018



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Message from the Chair

A year of change, program growth and demonstrated community impact.

We began the year known as Australia Day WA and after a significant level of community and stakeholder engagement, followed by a strategic review, the board decided it was time to revisit our brand and make changes to ensure it more accurately reflects our organisation today.

Although we remain the Australia Day Council of WA, we have adopted a new trading name -Auspire. This better represents our role in the community, an organisation with the purpose to inspire community contribution and active citizenship and a goal to inspire Australians to be and give their best.

In the 2017-18 financial year, we were fortunate to welcome five new board members, David Hinton, Rishelle Hume, Peter King, Michael McPhail and Matthew Tonts. We look forward to each bringing their considerable skills and energies to our team to ensure strong governance and sustainability for the future. And I'd like to thank Michael Atkin who retired this year in February, for his contribution to our board, in particular in financial governance.

In November last year, we announced our Australians of the Year for WA for 2018. Each of our representatives has been a terrific addition to our alumni of truly great WA recipients and finalists. I thank each of them - Tracy Westerman, Kath Mazzella, Samantha Kerr and Peter Lyndon-James for the work they do, which earned them these accolades and for their continued support of and involvement with us over this past year. I also extend additional congratulations to Sam Kerr on

being recognised nationally as the Young Australian of the Year in January - truly well-deserved.

As with similar organisations, the effect of funding reductions has a major impact on Auspire's program delivery. Our CEO Morgen Lewis and her small team find increasingly innovative ways to deliver outstanding programs and initiatives and the board and I commend them for their professionalism and energy in continuing to successfully deliver against our Strategic Plan.

Our funding partners, pro bono supporters, strategic partners and volunteers are vital to the delivery of Auspire's suite of programs and activities, and on behalf of the board I extend our sincere thanks to all of you for your continued commitment and enthusiasm.

In the spirit of good governance and transparency, although not a requirement, Auspire again this year undertook to be formally audited. I'm delighted that BDO continues as auditor and thank the partners and staff for their commitment to ensuring a diligent and comprehensive audit of our financial statements. I commend this Annual Review to you and welcome your ongoing support in helping us deliver the terrific outcomes and community impact of Auspire - Australia Day Council of WA.

Kerryn Batten Chair



Message from the CEO

This year has been one of progress, success, challenges and importantly, transformation.

Out of the starting blocks with a new-found energy and already six, solid months of progress with our new 2017 - 2022 strategic plan, we launched straight into a major strategic review of our brand. This was a rewarding 12-month journey, navigating a process of stakeholder engagement, research and creative development. With a new name, a new look and a new online presence, we now have trademark-protected assets that are more reflective of who we are and what we do. This significant and important program of works would not have been possible without the generous support from Lotterywest.

This last year Auspire also undertook the biggest, single reform of its Constitution in our 41-year history. Not only addressing statutory requirements under the Associations Act 2015, we comprehensively scrutinised our Objects to ensure they were aligned to our current day remit and the needs of the communities we serve.

These two significant changes have been instrumental in the transformation of our organisation into a highly-responsive, client-focussed operation, driven by a community need for social inclusion policy and capacity building initiatives, and recognition programs which champion contribution to society ultimately building stronger, more resilient communities.

These changes also highlight our focus of promoting reconciliation, mutual respect and tolerance between groups of individuals that are in Australia. Our programs and initiatives promote harmony,

equality, diversity and reconciliation, whilst also reducing conflict and eliminating discrimination.

Throughout 2017, we have continued to focus on strengthening our business systems, developing our staff and diversifying our revenue streams. In the funding space we celebrated the successful negotiating two significant service agreements; one attached to a national expansion of our Aussie of the Month schools' civics program funded by the Department of Home Affairs; and the other, a capacity-building Civics and Citizenship initiative for CaLD communities, supported by the Office of Multicultural Interests.

The National Australia Day Council, under the stewardship of new Chair Danni Roche, has been a valued supporter of our work in WA, recognising our thought leadership in social and cultural inclusion as a model for success. The pages of this report provide an insight into the impact of this work over the last 12 months.

As we move towards 2019, I am enthusiastic about broadening partnership opportunities and potential for sponsorship growth. I wish to thank the Board and Sub-Committees for their input and insight and I also wish to acknowledge my passionate and committed staff for their hard-work and constant enthusiasm. Finally, I feel privileged to have our pro-bono partners' support and thank them for their time, energy and expertise and I am sincerely grateful for the support of our strategic alliance partners and their belief in our work.

Morgen Lewis CEO



Strategic Update

In 2017, following the adoption of our new five-year strategic plan, we began speaking to our community and stakeholders about the awareness and understanding of our brand and what it stands for. As our role had evolved, it was apparent that our brand also must evolve to accurately reflect our new strategic remit to help build a sense of belonging by promoting and encouraging reconciliation, mutual respect and harmony between all in our Australian story.

After successfully securing a grant from Lotterywest, we engaged with a diverse set of our leaders, stakeholders, and influencers from aboriginal and CaLD communities, local government, the corporate sector, government sector and our alumni.

Together we navigated through a process of redefining our positioning statement and brand story. All their valuable input and insights helped inform the final decision to select our new brand name that would build on our new purpose. We agreed on Auspire, with the positioning line Inspiring Australians. At the same time, we wanted to give a nod to where we came from - Australia Day Council WA.

Our new identity symbolises the diversity of our country, with multiple coloured "spires" overlapping to create new colours and perspectives, whilst at the same time integrating cohesively to form the map of Australia.



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Our Purpose is to promote harmony and inclusion for all Australians. We work with schools, communities and individuals to educate and support inclusion principles and community capacity building with our range of programs and initiatives.

Our Vision is for us to be the most socially and culturally inclusive country in the world where everyone feels a deep sense of belonging and desire to contribute.

Our Belief is that no matter where each of our personal stories began, we can all play a role in forging our solidarity, which as we become more diverse as a society, will become increasingly important for the long term welfare of all Australians.



Strategic Partnerships

During 2017/18, we have worked hard on establishing and developing the following partnerships. These are organisations who will help us achieve our goals and whose values and strategic vision align with our own.



A strategic alliance was developed with the UWA Centre for Social Impact and we look forward to working together to deliver events and initiatives. The first was our Social Inclusion Breakfast Forum, during the Social Impact Festival.



We continue to work with the McCusker Centre for Citizenship through support of its internship program. The McCusker Centre for Citizenship seeks to foster caring, connected and socially engaged citizens who actively contribute to the wellbeing of their communities. This year we hosted several interns who worked with us on community capacity building projects such as our Civics and Citizenship masterclasses, our Aussie of the Month toolkit and the development of our new website.



A strategic alliance has been built with Volunteering WA providing both organisations the opportunity to work together to acknowledge and support WA's volunteer workforce. We have shared opportunities to participate in awards selection panels based on shared knowledge of community engagement initiatives. Auspire has also formalised an agreement to provide volunteer opportunities within our organisation.



We continue to work together on joint initiatives with Reconciliation WA to action and address several dimensions of the State of Reconciliation Report (2016) being unity, equality, and historical truth and acceptance as well as supporting Reconciliation WA's strategic goals, particularly those around cultural competence, understanding and participation.

Impact at a glance



Aussie of the Month

Impact and engagement of primary-aged children with civics & citizenship values

454 schools from **WA, SA & Tasmania**

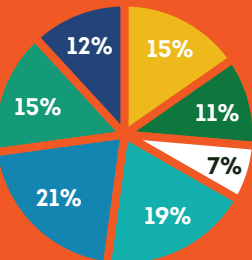
7,330 students recognised from the **132,902** students exposed to the program

Citizen of the Year Awards

Growth in engaged communities working to advance public welfare and support our most vulnerable.

71 participating councils, with ceremonies at **81 Locations**

258 awards presented **632** online nominations



- State Government Grants
- State Government Contracts
- State Program Sponsorships
- Lotterywest Strategic Development Grants
- Commonwealth Government Grants
- Commonwealth Program Sponsorships
- Subscriptions & Sales

2017-2018 Income Sources

Ambassadors

Community Support by our Ambassadors

21 ambassadors travelled a distance of



14,125kms to attend **24 events**

Civics & Citizenship

Capacity building through educational workshops

341 registered participants



4 workshops and **4 forums**

Alumni Events

Student and Community events

8 alumni opportunities

with a total of



2,600 attendees

Cultural Awareness and Reconciliation Initiatives

Civic Reception and Cultural Event (Jan 2018)

To reflect our vision of a culturally inclusive and harmonious society, on 23 January 2018 we delivered a breakfast event attended by over 200 guests and members of the community to raise awareness of our diversity and champion cultural acceptance. The event was delivered in partnership with City of Perth and Reconciliation WA.

Dr Richard Walley OAM 'State Living Treasure' and Noongar Elder delivered the Welcome to Country and our Patron, Her Excellency the Governor gave an address which promoted a sense of belonging and celebration of community togetherness.

Auspire ambassadors including Fadzi Whande (African migrant, Global Inclusion and Diversity Strategist, Social Justice Advocate and National Human Rights Program Manager for the United Nations Association), Kearah Ronan (Miss Naidoc 2017, Yamatji woman and spokesperson for Aboriginal women and youth) and Jason Behrendorf (professional sportsman and youth role model) shared stories of cultural diversity and social inclusion.

Acacia Designs was commissioned to develop a sand mural signifying harmony and reconciliation as well as a positive future for an inclusive community, which was the central focus of

the event. Baldja Moort dancers and musicians performed on the sand art and invited all to participate.

The event successfully demonstrated and reinforced the strategic alliance between Reconciliation WA and Auspire-Australia Day Council WA and provided an opportunity to celebrate culture as a significant contribution to our national identity in the lead up to Australia Day. It was also a magnificent way to send off our WA Australian of the Year recipients to the national announcements in Canberra.



Baldja Moort Dancers perform on Aboriginal Sand Art installation by Acacia Designs

Reconciliation Week
(May/June 2018)

Auspire continues to strengthen our strategic alliance with Reconciliation WA with ongoing support for reconciliation and cultural initiatives throughout the year. The annual Reconciliation Banners project is a key program with Auspire banners featuring at Elizabeth Quay. Board members and staff also attended the Reconciliation Breakfast which led into the Terrace Walk for Reconciliation. This year during the Reconciliation WA breakfast, first peoples shared stories of injustices in the past, in line with this year's National Reconciliation Week theme 'don't keep history a mystery'. Reconciliation week is an important time in the Auspire calendar of events as we work towards promoting reconciliation and harmony whilst reducing conflict and discrimination.



Richard Walley performing
Welcome to Country



Initiatives that Recognise Inspiring Community Role Models

Australian of the Year Awards

The WA announcement of the WA Australian of the Year Awards was held on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 at Government House Ballroom. Entertainment was provided by the WA Youth Jazz Orchestra, Wesley College Junior School Choir and aboriginal cultural dance group, the Moorditj Mob. The Welcome to Country was presented by Phil Walley-Stack.

Her Excellency, The Hon Kerry Sanderson AC, delivered her welcome speech, commending the outstanding community contribution of the 16 nominees and wished the four recipients well for the coming year as they continue to promote their cause and deliver the important community and capacity building work.

These awards work towards promoting the diversity of our people delivering community strengthening and capacity building outcomes, especially in supporting those in need.

2018 Australian of the Year (WA)

Dr Tracy Westerman,

Psychologist and Aboriginal Mental Health Advocate



2018 Senior Australian of the Year (WA)

Kathleen Mazzella OAM,

Women's Health Champion



2018 Young Australian of the Year (WA)

Samantha Kerr,

Sportsperson and youth role model.

Samantha Kerr also received the National Young Australian of the Year Award



2018 Local Hero (WA)

Peter Lyndon-James,

Addiction treatment specialist



Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Local shires and councils around the State presented 258 awards in recognition of outstanding local citizens and the incredible level of commitment in leading and supporting local community-strengthening initiatives. These awards also support and promote the advancement of public welfare.

Recipients ranged from high school students who fundraise and volunteer their time in support of community events and charitable organisations to carers, leaders of sporting clubs, community groups and Fire & Emergency Services teams.

A dedicated awareness and marketing campaign to people from cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds, resulted in a marked increase in the number of migrant and ethnic initiatives being nominated and receiving important recognition and helping build sense of value and social inclusion.



Aussie of the Month Program

After an exciting re-launch in October 2017, with a stronger focus on educating for life skills and community building, Aussie of the Month achieved outstanding engagement from existing schools as well as a great response from new schools interstate, in the regions and from the independent schools sector. Students continue to strive to receive the recognition for their work and efforts that focus on civics education and building a sense of belonging and community demonstrated by the high numbers of photos and stories provided to us.

The program’s successful expansion into two additional states - South Australia and Tasmania evidenced an appetite for primary schools to put more focus on civics education and active community participation and contribution, aligning the program with the HASS curriculum. This paves the way to expand further into the remaining States and Territories in the next two years.

Pilot Pen Australia agreed to support the growth and has also expanded its sponsorship on a national scale. This supplements the program kits

made up of certificates, lapel pins and bookmarks provided for each recipient. The Department of Home Affairs also signed onto a new, three-year agreement to support the program expansion.

Feedback from schools has been positive:

“This program has enabled the school to have a focus teaching value each month. We celebrate the children’s successes in learning this value with a junior and senior school award recipient.”

“Thanks for your ongoing support for Curtin Primary School. This program has fallen beautifully in line with our Positive Behaviour Support program and we use this to acknowledge both a junior and senior student each month.”

By signing up to the Aussie of the Month program, schools also have the benefit of visits and presentations by Australian of the Year alumni, who share their own personal stories of community contribution and help support the values of the program.



Initiatives that Inspire Leadership in Community

Auspire hosted a number of public events featuring our Auspire Ambassadors and Australian of the Year Alumni. The objective of the events is to build capacity and community resilience, inspire action and activity to advance the social and public welfare of our society's most vulnerable, and discuss issues of national importance at a community level, often leading to important social change that makes our society more harmonious, diverse, resilient and stronger for the future.

Australian of the Year Community Forum

Auspire hosted 2018 Australian of the Year, Professor Michelle Simmons at the Scitech Planetarium. Professor Simmons delivered an extremely interesting overview of her own story and of the team she leads in the race to build the world's first Quantum Computer. Her work in promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering), in particular for young women provided a perfect opportunity for us to engage with students. University and school students were joined by a wide variety of guests including Academics, Scitech members, Auspire Alumni and the State Minister for Science, the Hon. Dave Kelly MLA.

Professor Simmons also made time in her extremely busy schedule to visit a group of school students to speak about STEM opportunities for young women. The students at Presbyterian Ladies College were thrilled to host her visit.



Auspire Ambassadors

Local Shires and Councils were invited to participate in the Ambassador Program again for 2018 and it continued its popularity with 21 Ambassadors attending 24 Council events in the lead up to and on Australia Day.

Ambassadors collaborated with Councils to present inspiring messages which focus on the concepts of mutual respect, social inclusion, reconciliation, equality, diversity and other important community-strengthening themes. Feedback was extremely positive from all councils and Ambassadors were again involved in presenting the Citizen of the Year Awards, and welcoming new Australian Citizens at local Citizenship Ceremonies.



Inspiring Australians Student Forum

Auspire hosted a free education forum event with Australia's Local Hero for 2018, Eddie Woo, who attracted over 700 students to the Inspiring Australians Student Forum at the University of Western Australia. Rio Tinto sponsored the event as it aligned with their community partnership strategy. Rio Tinto also agreed to film the experience, so it may be shared with students in remote communities. Eddie spoke of how he became inspired to be a mathematics teacher and how sharing his lessons on Youtube for a young cancer patient, led to him becoming one of the most inspiring and influential teachers in Australia.



Initiatives that Build Capacity for Social Inclusion

Social Inclusion Community Forum

Our strategic alliance with the Centre for Social Impact enabled us to hold the Social Inclusion Breakfast Forum, sponsored by Australia Post, as a spark event for the Social Impact Festival. The Hon Kim Beazley AC Governor of WA was our guest of honour and was joined by over 200 guests from community-based organisations.

Dr Tracy Westerman, 2018 Australian of the Year (WA) delivered the key note speech and joined the discussion panel along with Peter Lyndon-James (WA Local Hero 2018), Katie Curo (Relationships & Inclusion Consultant, Befriend), Fadzi Whande (Global Diversity & Inclusion Strategist, Auspire

Ambassador), Assoc Prof Lisa Wood (School of Population & Public Health, UWA) and Caine Chennatt (Manager Audience Development Cultural Precinct UWA and 2018 Community Citizen of the Year for City of Perth).

The panel engaged with guests on the given topic *Social Inclusion's Role in Community Wellbeing*.

Watch the video here with a QR code reader on your device



Community 'Civics and Citizenship' Master Classes and Forums

As part of a 3-year funding agreement with the Office of Multicultural Interests, Auspire developed an educational, community-based capacity building program to deliver forums and master classes in conjunction with the Constitutional Centre and with various culturally and linguistically diverse community groups. The program highlights our Alumni and Ambassadors to amplify the positive impact of community involvement and values in action.

The program is designed to provide an insight into how our political system works and how to engage fully in community life. We cover the basic elements of our democratic system, how the Constitution works, voting procedures, the workings of our State Parliament and an overview of the different awards and recognition programs that citizens can get involved with.

In January, SBS showcased our Civics and Citizenship Workshop and outlined the positive impact that these opportunities have on new migrants in local communities.

The overwhelming response has been that participants now realise the need to take part in their community and look for opportunities to volunteer. Feedback shows that all have increased their understanding of community activation, have learnt ways to become more confident and engaged in their communities and now understand how leadership and community achievement can be recognised.

Along with over 100 individuals attending Workshops, the following communities participated with either forums or masterclasses during the year:

- African Leadership Initiative
- Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre
- Swan Multicultural Women's Expo
- City of Wanneroo
- Ethnic Communities Council
- Regions of Africa



Harmony Week - Celebration of Unity

Harmony Week celebrates our cultural diversity and often coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. In keeping with our commitment to activate initiatives during Harmony Week, to help reduce conflict, eliminate discrimination and build harmonious and diverse communities, this year Auspire participated in the Harmony Week banner project, which was the first exposure of our new identity and strategic remit to the public.

Also, in the lead up to Harmony Day, Auspire promoted stories and social media posts about relevant migrant stories and multicultural events within our stakeholder network and community to support Harmony week activities.



Board Members

Kerryn Batten

Chair

With a 25 year career in finance, corporate governance and risk in some of Australia's leading professional services firms and Government agencies, Kerryn brings a wealth of experience to the role as Chair of Auspire.

Kerryn commenced her career with the federal Department of Finance in Canberra, before moving back to Western Australia to join the WA Treasury department. She subsequently built on her skills and experience in a career that includes risk consulting with KPMG, head of national risk for Wesfarmers General Insurance and principal analyst with financial services regulator APRA.

Kerryn is currently Director of Corporate Services for the City of Vincent and is also actively involved in the community through her non-executive directorships. Kerryn is a Chartered Accountant Fellow, Certified Practising Accountant Fellow, a Finsia Fellow and GAICD. She is a non-executive director and Finance committee Chair of the East Fremantle Football Club.



Bradley Woods

Deputy Chair

For 25 years Bradley has been one of Australia's leading advocates for the hotel, hospitality and tourism industry.

Bradley has been the CEO of the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) since 1998 and was previously the CEO of the AHA Tasmania and AHA National Office Government Relations Manager in Canberra.

Bradley is a Board Member of Tourism Australia, The Australian Government's international tourism marketing agency and National Chair of the Commonwealth's Tourism, Travel and Hospitality

IRC, responsible for Australia's tourism and hospitality industry's vocational training packages.

Bradley has a degree in International Business Relations and is also a board member of Tourism Accommodation Australia, Chairman of Hospitality Group Training and a Board Member of Ronald McDonald House Perth.

Regarded as an industry expert in tourism, accommodation and hospitality, Bradley has led industry through major crises including the Tasmanian Tourism sector's strategic response after the Port Arthur massacre, the collapse of Ansett and responding to critical international incidents impacting on the reputation of the Australian tourism industry, such as the disappearance of MH370 and the WA gas shortage crisis.

Morgen Lewis

Chief Executive Officer

Morgen is an experienced senior executive, company director and brand/marketing strategist. After serving on the Auspire board for two years, Morgen was appointed Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director in December 2015 bringing with her over 25 years' experience in leadership roles working in Marketing communications, Stakeholder Management, Change Management and Business Strategy Development.



Prior to Auspire, Morgen held Marketing Director roles in the retail, higher education and utilities' sector, most recently as Group Business Director with The Brand Agency, providing strategic brand and marketing communication solutions to the corporate and not-for-profit sector.

Morgen has demonstrated success leading teams to achieve targets and has been nationally recognised for her programs and campaigns and their effectiveness in commercial and social outcomes for stakeholders in highly competitive and complex environments.

Morgen has a Bachelors Degree in Arts, a Post Graduate Diploma in Business, a Certified Practising Marketer and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

David Hinton

Finance Director

David is a finance executive with over 20 years experience in senior management roles in ASX listed companies. He was appointed to the Board in April 2018 after being appointed to the Finance and Risk Committee in October 2017. David has worked in a diverse range of industries and has specialised in the ICT space where he is currently the CFO and Company Secretary of the ASX listed global IT services provider, Empired Ltd, and prior to that the national telecommunications provider Amcom Telecommunications Ltd.





Jenny Gregory

Jenny Gregory AM FRHS, is Emeritus Professor of History at The University of Western Australia, after a career that included time as Head of the School of Humanities, Chair of History and Director of UWA Press. She is author of numerous publications in the fields of urban history and heritage, with a special focus on Western Australia.

Currently President of the History Council of WA, Councillor of the National Trust WA after years as Chair and President, Board Member of the WA History Foundation and the Australia Day Council WA, she has received a number of awards for her contribution to her profession and the community.

Rishelle Hume

Rishelle has over 25 years' experience in Aboriginal engagement ranging from employment, education, justice and health. She is actively involved in the Aboriginal community within the Perth region as the Chairperson of the Mandjah Boodjah Aboriginal Corporation, Co-Founder and Co-Chairperson Western Australian Aboriginal Leadership Institute, Noongar Charitable Trust Advisory Council Member, Ronald McDonald House Charities – Director, Ambassador of the EON Foundation, Ambassador of Little Athletics WA, and appointed to UNESCO as the Commissioner of Culture for Australia by Julie Bishop MP.

Rishelle has added value to Aboriginal advancement in WA by demonstrating Aboriginal leadership. Rishelle is seen as a professional figurehead to approach to engage the Aboriginal community of WA, coordinating approaches to dealing with state Aboriginal matters and is highly respected by the Aboriginal community and employers as an innovative and experienced Project Manager.



Peter King

Peter has spent 2 decades as a Senior Executive in prominent Australian organisations. His career spans corporate services and operations and includes expertise in leadership, business development, logistics, organisational change and operational management of multi-site, state-wide operations.

Peter has a Graduate Certificate in Business, studied at the London Business School and he has also held several Board positions within non-government organisations.

In 2008, his contributions received national recognition through the Australian Honours system. He is currently Chief Executive Officer for Ronald McDonald House Perth.

Michael McPhail

Michael is a Senior Consultant in KPMG's management consulting division. Working within Customer Brand Marketing Advisory, Michael helps clients improve how they serve and satisfy customers. Prior to joining KPMG, Michael worked as a marketing coordinator for commercial real estate firm CBRE.

Michael serves as Deputy Mayor of the Town of East Fremantle. First elected in 2013, he plays an active role in the local government sector and currently serves WALGA as a Deputy State Councillor.

Joining the board in 2017, Michael contributes his marketing, organisational change and local government experience towards achieving Auspire's socially and culturally inclusive vision for Australia.





Ken Michael

Dr Ken Michael AC is known for his tireless and respected contribution to many aspects of government, business and community activity spanning more than 40 years in WA.

With a respected career in planning and engineering over several decades plus several significant leadership roles, Dr Michael brings a wealth of experience and insight from multiple sectors.

He has served as a Director and Chairman on many of Western Australia's key public and private industry bodies and institutions including the WA Planning Commission, Public Service Commission, East Perth Redevelopment Authority, WA Museum Board of Trustees, The University of Western Australia Senate and many other not-for-profit and charitable organisations.

Dr Michael has been recognised twice in the Order of Australia awards and in 2001, honoured as WA Citizen of the Year. In 2006, Dr Michael was sworn in as the 30th Governor of Western Australia and remained in the position until 2011.

Matthew Tonts

Matthew is presently Professor of Geography and Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and Education at The University of Western Australia. He is formerly the Head of the UWA's School of Earth and Environment and Director of the Institute for Regional Development.

His professional work includes leadership in higher education, research and education on matters related to rural and regional communities, and longstanding interests in matters related to urban and regional policy.



Michael Atkins (retired)

(B.Com, FAICD) is the Director Corporate Finance, Patersons Securities Limited.

Michael is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and was a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia from 1984 until 2011. Since 1987 he has been both a non-executive Chairman and an executive director of numerous Australian listed companies, mainly in the resources sector. In February 2009, Michael was appointed a Director - Corporate Finance at Patersons.

Michael is currently non-executive Chairman of ASX listed companies Legend Mining Ltd, Azumah Resources Ltd, Castle Minerals Limited and a non-executive director of ASX listed SRG Limited. He is also a director of Mosman Park Arts Foundation (MosArts).

Auspire also convenes two committees during the year, the Business Development and Marketing Committee and the Finance and Risk Committee. We thank Affy Bhatti, Ainslie Bourne and Nicole Moody for their commitment and generous support of Auspire as independent committee members.



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