

ABC FOUNDATION **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



CO-FOUNDER

Alison Sentance,
Chief Executive Officer, ABC Foundation Ltd

Alison holds a Master's in Business Administration, Degree in Applied Science, Biodiversity and a Double Diploma in Management and Customer Contact. Alison has 15 years' experience working on pioneering strategic socio-economic Aboriginal land-based projects both locally and regionally across WA, NT & SA, within government and industry including, Indigenous Land Corporation, Rio Tinto and Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia.

Highly skilled in conceptualising new business ideas, developing strong governance and compliance structures, mitigating risk and managing, negotiating and auditing financial business models. Alison started a consulting company Vital Consult Pty Ltd in 2013, becoming the first B Corp Certified Company in South Australia in 2014. In 2015, Alison partnered with her co-founder and worked at establishing ABC Foundation Ltd, her proudest achievement.



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Brad Rowe, Chief Advisor On-Country Impact,
ABC Foundation Ltd

Brad is a qualified Auditor in Environmental Management Systems ISO 14001, holds a Master Class 5 in marine logistics, has completed Frontline Management training and is an assessed and endorsed Life Coach. With 20 years' experience in Aboriginal land and sea management, in regional and remote WA, Brad's understanding of people and country is significant. Skilled in community consultation and inclusion, leadership and public speaking, Brad is highly endorsed by the community for his approach to education and is a role model to his peers.

Brad has been instrumental in conceptual design and delivery of ABC On-Country Impact programmes drawing on a wealth of experience through developing endorsed frameworks for operation including Circle of Elders, Murujuga Ranger Program and Western Desert Football Development Program. Brad established ABC Foundation in 2012 aimed at bringing Aboriginal people to the decision-making table on matters around Aboriginal land and sea management.



Alfred Parry Agius,
Director, Linking Futures
www.linkingfutures.com.au

Parry holds an Associate Diploma in Aboriginal Affairs, a Bachelor of Arts (Aboriginal Affairs Administration) and is an accredited Cultural Safety Trainer. In 2000 Parry was awarded the first Prime Ministers Centenary Medal for his work with Aboriginal people and in 2013 was presented with an Honorary Associate from Macquarie University. As a strong advocate for socio-economic benefits for Aboriginal people, Parry's career spans nearly 30 years cementing partnerships between Indigenous groups, government and industry.

With a strong background in community development, native title, natural resource management and primary industries, his passion and genuine commitment has awarded many accolades and he is well respected in his field. Previously taking the chair of CEO of the South Australian Native Title Services, Parry is the founding director of Linking Futures and is also the current Chair of the NRM Regions Australia.



Helen Slater,
Indigenous Community Liaison & Business
Development Manager, Woodside
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Helen is a qualified Workplace Assessor and holds a Certificate IV Career and Employability Skills, a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and is a Guiding Circles Facilitator. With nearly 20 years of experience working in Education, Training and Employment, Helen is a highly skilled Industry and Government Liaison, a passionate and people-focused leader and excels at creating pathways for Aboriginal people through both career and economic development.

Helen has 10 years' experience working in the Oil and Gas, Construction and Mining Industries, providing advice and expertise to the Industry cultural and social issues, while creating opportunities for Aboriginal people through business and commercial contracts. Previous work includes Regional Development and Community Engagement on the Gorgon Project and as a Career, Development and Transition Officer and Mentor on the Pluto Project. Helen became a Director of Vital Consult Pty Ltd in 2017.



Natasha Hunter,
Education Field Officer, IBN

Natasha holds an Associate Degree, Indigenous Community Health and Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership. In 2013 Natasha was nationally selected to participate in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership program to gain change making skills and understand the Federal political system. A specialising in Indigenous Health, Education and Women's Empowerment, Natasha has dedicated herself to providing leadership and direction in Aboriginal Education for 20 years and was instrumental in the initial creation of the School Based Attendance Officer roles addressing poor attendance, retention and participation of Indigenous students.

Respected by her peers for personal integrity, Natasha excels in establishing a collaborative approach with skills in multi-stakeholder negotiation and community liaison. Through her current studies at Murdoch University, Natasha is focused on expanding her local knowledge to include Indigenous affairs on a national level.

Cherie Sibosado,
Program Manager Gascoyne,
Ngala Midwest & Gascoyne
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Cherie holds a Diploma in Leadership & Management, Certificate IV's in Employment Service, Social Housing & Career Development and comes from a background in Community Development with a focus on human services, social justice and economic development. She has also worked in leadership roles in several not-for-profit entities and government agencies, notably Life Without Barriers, Indigenous Business Australia and Nyaarla Projects. Her strong leadership and management skills have been developed over two decades as a professional in the community sector and through volunteer work as a committee member.

Cherie brings a solid knowledge of governance principles and practices that will be invaluable in her role with the ABC Foundation. Her strong desire to inspire the next generation of Aboriginal community leaders to lead the growth of sustainable businesses and community organisations is evident in her passionate approach to community development and commitment to mentoring others. Currently employed as Program Manager for the Gascoyne Region by Ngala Midwest & Gascoyne, Cherie is also working with the Wunan Foundation as a Career Advisor and gives her time and expertise generously to other organisation as a volunteer, serving as a Director with the Alive and Kicking Goals Suicide Project, Centacare Kimberley and Far North Community Services.



Sean McNear,
Malgana Land & Sea Management Coordinator,
Yamatji Marpla Aboriginal Corporation
www.ymac.org.au

Sean holds certification from the Australian Institute of Management along with several Marine Tickets and qualifications. He has a wealth of professional experience in the Marine sector and has spent over five years in the field of conservation and land management at Murujuga National Park working in consultation with Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation, and Attractions.

As an executive leader, Sean brings depth of knowledge to the ABC board in human resource management including recruitment, employee relations and reviews. He specialises in sensitive employee matters more specifically related to Aboriginal employees accompanied with practical experience in achieving positive outcomes for Indigenous

people. He has a keen interest in developing On-Country employment through economic development and enterprise. Sean is currently employed as the Malgana Land and Sea Management Coordinator of Yamatji Marpla Aboriginal Corporation and is well known for his ability to communicate with and achieve outcomes for Traditional Owner Groups and Aboriginal Corporations. He is highly skilled at connecting with Commonwealth agencies, State government agencies, Ministers, mining and industry groups, community based agencies, and community (including youth, families, elders) throughout his career.

Barry Bellotti,
Coordinator Regional Training,
Central Regional TAFE
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Barry holds qualifications in; Safety and Health Training, a Diploma of Management, and Certificate III in Community Services and Business Administration. For over a decade, he has been a key figure in training and education for Aboriginal people in the Gascoyne region. With a background in mining, civil works and housing Barry also has experience in the private sector.

With a passion for On-Country Education, Barry's ability to offer leadership in working with community to improve prospects for employment and enterprise in the region is invaluable to ABC Foundation. A product of the local education system, as a graduate of Carnarvon High School, his extensive knowledge of the region and community relationships will be an asset in his role with ABC Foundation. Barry is currently employed as the Aboriginal Development Officer & Training Coordinator with Central Regional TAFE and is a leader in engaging Aboriginal students in career pathways and working with local community to improve On-Country Education and training outcomes.