

ABC FOUNDATION **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Alfred Parry Agius

Director, ABC Foundation
Management Committee Member, ABC Trust
Director, ABCF Holdings Pty Ltd

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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.



Jayde Conway

Director, ABC Foundation
Committee Member, On-Country Education, R&D

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Jayde is a Whadjuk, Ballardong, Yamatji, Banjima, Badimaya and Wongatha woman, through ancestral and continuing connections from her Mother and Father.

In 2004 Jayde completed a Bachelor of Education (Primary) at Edith Cowan University and for the fourteen years worked at schools in the Midwest and Goldfields Regions. Jayde has dedicated her teaching career to increasing the understanding of Aboriginal knowledges, through Noongar cultural ways of being, doing, knowing and moving.

Jayde works at Curtin University in the position of Cultural Immersion Coordinator, where she manages the Cultural Capability team. In this position Jayde manages, designs and delivers the (ICCF) Indigenous Cultural Capability Framework. Jayde has a large role in providing culturally safe advice to Curtin University ensuring that teaching practices continue to develop into culturally inclusive and safe spaces.

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Sean McNear

Director, ABC Foundation

Sean holds certification from the Australian Institute of Management and has a wealth of professional experience in the Marine sector having spent 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 and employee relations, and specialises in sensitive employee matters more specifically related to Aboriginal employees. He is dedicated to achieving positive outcomes for Indigenous people and 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 positive outcomes for Traditional Owner Groups and Aboriginal Corporations.



Chelsea Miles

Director, ABC Foundation

Chelsea holds a Graduate Certificate in Business - Public Sector Management and is currently a project manager at the Department of Education in Western Australia.

Chelsea is a Community Services industry expert with extensive knowledge of Aboriginal and Community Affairs in urban, regional and remote settings. Chelsea's strengths are in program and project development as well as leadership and management within government, non-government and community organisations. She has considerable experience in community engagement and has established extensive working relationships across all sectors of the community. She is also well regarded for her professionalism and strong work ethic.



Alison Sentance

Executive Finance and Strategy Advisor, ABC Foundation
Management Committee Member, ABC Trust
Director, ABCF Holdings Pty Ltd

Alison holds a Masters in Business Administration, a Degree in Applied Science, Biodiversity and Environmental Park Management, and is currently studying a Masters in Professional Accounting. Alison has 15 years' experience working on pioneering strategic socio-economic Aboriginal land-based projects both locally and regionally across WA, NT and SA, within government and industry including the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation, Rio Tinto and Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia.

Highly skilled in conceptualising new business ideas, developing complex multi-level projects, implementing robust financial management, governance and compliance structures, mitigating risk and auditing financial business models. Passionate about community economic development, Alison started a consulting company in 2013, Vital Consult Pty Ltd, which became the first B Corp Certified Company in South Australia in 2014. In 2015, Alison was brought on to establish ABC Foundation Ltd, her proudest achievement.



Helen Slater

Group Chief Executive Officer, ABC Foundation
Committee Member, ABCFL Risk & Remuneration Committee
Director, ABCF Holdings Pty Ltd

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.



Deb Wilkes

Chairperson, ABC Foundation

Management Committee Member, ABC Trust

Committee Member, On-Country Education, R&D

Deb is a current PhD student, holds a Masters in Research Practice, Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management, Diploma of Management and an Undergraduate Degree in Youth Work. She is a Fellow of Leadership WA and a Fellow of Local Government Professionals. In 2012 she was named one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence, in 2014 she was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from LG Professionals, and in 2021 was awarded the LG Professionals WA Meritorious Award for services to Community Development and LG Professionals WA Medal for services to the sector across the state.

With a background in local government, not-for-profit and corporate business, she has worked at senior levels in metropolitan, regional and remote locations in WA, and also spent time in America working for a multinational corporation. Her passion is for working with community-led and strength-based programs that create sustainable change for some of the most disadvantaged sections of our communities. In 2017 she established her own business, Building on Strengths, while continuing to work in the local government space.



ABC FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Juen Phie

Member, ABCFL Risk & Remuneration Committee
P&Y Partners Chartered Accountants,
Principal Partner

Juen holds a Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting from the University of Adelaide and is a Chartered Accountant. He holds over 20 years' worth of experience in financial, business and start-up advice, financial engineering and accounting compliance and started P&Y Partners Chartered Accountants in 2009 at which Juen is a Principal Partner.

Juen also has experience in strategic planning, business strategy and financial management, all skills which stand him in good stead as the leader of the ABC Foundation Risk and Remuneration Committee.



Alison Vine

Alternate Director, ABC Foundation – Treasurer
Management Committee Member, ABC Trust
Square Penny, Senior Manager

Alison holds a Bachelor of Commerce and is a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. Since her humble beginnings 17 years ago in Ernst & Young, Alison Vine has worked within various industries as a Chartered Accountant. Alison's expertise lies in areas such as property, non-for-profit, transport, online learning and government.

With her committed approach to excellence, Alison sets high expectations for herself, her team and her clients. Her willingness and ability to problem solve coupled with her love to learn and share knowledge, is what has a great impact on small to medium businesses. Alison has a passion for travel and loves spending time with her family. Alison is the treasurer of the local childcare and is currently working as a Senior Manager at Square Penny a medium sized CFO and bookkeeping organisation based in Melbourne.



Stephen Gethin

Committee Member,
ABCFL Risk & Remuneration Committee
Director Fortuna Legal, Lawyer, Migration Agent

Stephen is an experienced lawyer who specialises in corporate law, resources and tax. He has spent over 20 years working in a major national firm and as General Counsel and Company Secretary in international ASX-listed companies.

His mix of in-house and big-firm experience give him sharp business focus combined with technical excellence and rapid response times. He excels in communicating complex legal ideas to stakeholders in plain language.

He has acted on a wide range of major corporate transactions including hostile and friendly takeovers, debt and equity finance raisings and major asset sales and acquisitions. From various international roles he is adept at managing legal and tax issues across multiple jurisdictions. He is also a registered Migration Agent.