



## MEET THE SPEAKERS



### **Hon Michael (Mick) de Brenni MP**

Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology and Minister for Sport.

The Hon Mick de Brenni is an Australian politician and has been the Labor member for Springwood in the Queensland Legislative Assembly since 2015. He served as the Chief Government Whip from 19 Feb 2015 to 8 Dec 2015.

On the 8 December 2015 he was appointed Minister for Housing and Public Works in the Palaszczuk Government. His responsibilities include building and plumbing standards, government buildings, homelessness, housing services, licencing and regulation of the Queensland building industry, one stop shop strategy, open data, government information and communication technology policy and planning, shared services systems, archives, sports and recreation.

His career has seen him appointed as Campaign Director Queensland Council of Unions (QCU), Assistant Secretary United Voice, Industrial Officer TCFUA, member Health and Community Workforce Council and Member National Aged Care Committee.



### **Kurt Fearnley OAM**

Kurt is one of Australia's most well known and respected athletes. At the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games he won the gold medal in the Men's Marathon T54 and silver in the Men's 1500 T54. He was also given the honour of the flag bearer at the closing ceremony.

Winner of some of the world's most prestigious marathons, in London, Paris, Rome, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Chicago and New York. The latter two, 5 times. He won the Paralympic men's wheelchair marathon in Athens in 2004 and retained his title in Beijing in 2008. With marathon podium finishes in London 2012 and Rio 2016 cementing 4 consecutive Paralympic Marathon medals.

Off the racing circuit Kurt has been a winning crew member of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, and is also well known for his amazing feat of crawling the 96km Kokoda track. When not racing or teaching, he is actively involved in various charities as a board member, patron and ambassador.



**Melissa Greenall**

Melissa Greenall is the Executive Director the QLD chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects, with a Bachelor of Sustainability and a Masters in Business Administration she works closely with the Institutes members in the areas of advocacy and engagement. Mell is currently holding positions on various State government advisory panels and reference groups. Non Conforming Building Products has been an area of focus, including the impacts of legislation, insurance and industry confidence.

With a strong career history in industry organisations and government advocacy, Mell recognises the importance of active participation in legislative reform and policy development that can have significant impact on professionals and their livelihoods. She is a firm believer in the significant role industry bodies can play in advocating for members at both state and federal levels.



**Professor James Laurenceson**

Professor James Laurenceson is Deputy Director of the Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI) at UTS. He has previously held academic appointments at the University of Queensland (Australia), Shandong University (China) and Shimonoseki City University (Japan). His research has been published in leading scholarly journals including *China Economic Review* and *China Economic Journal*.

Professor Laurenceson also provides regular commentary on contemporary developments in China's economy and the Australia-China economic relationship. His opinion pieces have appeared in *Australian Financial Review*, *The Australian*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *South China Morning Post*, amongst many others.



**Peter Moeller**

Peter Moeller joined CSR as Executive General Manager of Viridian in September 2012. Previously he was Managing Director of Saint-Gobain Glassolutions for Scandinavia, and European Marketing Director, Windows, based in Denmark. Peter has extensive marketing and sales experience in the glass industry having worked for Saint-Gobain for over 20 years. He has a detailed understanding of global glass technology, product innovation and product development, with wide ranging experience in the industry with an understanding of glass' complex channel management.

Peter is a Board member of the Australian Glass and Glazing Association (AGGA) and the Australian Windows Association (AWA).



### **Kerryn Coker**

Sydney-based Kerryn is the Architectural Engineering Leader of a specialist group of façade and environmental engineers. Kerryn has been involved in several high-profile projects. Her design innovation led to the successful implementation of the double skin façade on 1 Bligh Street Sydney.

She leads the Architectural Engineering team in the NSW Buildings group. Architectural Engineering brings together new build façade design, existing building upgrade and remedial diagnostics, materials expertise, sustainable building design and building physics expertise to offer a unique service.

As a façade engineer she has a passion for design that is innovative and sustainable while efficient and robust. Kerryn joined Arup in London in 2004 where she developed the façade design on projects including Kings Place and 10 Chiswell St in London. In 2007 she returned to Sydney to lead the façade consultancy service on projects across a range of sectors and systems, including 1 Bigh Street, 151 Clarence St, Wynyard Place and 50 Bridge St in Sydney. She has also been the design manager leading multidisciplinary teams on complex projects including 8 Chifley Square Sydney and NewActon Nishi, ACT.



### **Axel Demberger**

Axel Demberger holds a degree as “Diplom Betriebswirt” from Karlsruhe in Industrial Sales, Marketing and Finance. He has + 25 years experiences in the construction industry and currently holds the position of “Market Development Manager – EMEA” for Advanced Materials Interlayer at Eastman Chemical Company.

During his career he has worked for several companies like Kömmerling, CAS, Solutia, ADEVI (Advanced Design Vision) where he served 12 years as CEO. In 2014 he won the German “Vor Ort” Design Award for the best architectural project.

In his role today, he works closely with key industry stakeholders such as developers, architects, consultants and glass processors in the European region to drive innovative PVB interlayer solutions to increase safety, comfort, design and sustainability of building projects.



**Shane Webcke**

Shane Webcke is a farmer, family man, businessman, author, news presenter, safety ambassador, speaker and former professional footballer. At the peak of his rugby career, he was renowned as one of the best front rowers in the world. Shane represented Queensland on twenty-four occasions and represented Australia in twenty six tests. He played for the Brisbane Broncos for twelve years and was named Daily Mail Prop of the Year three times.

Shane has taken his work ethic from the football field to his farm in Southern Queensland. He balances his family life with his wife and three children and his professional career now behind the news desk at Channel Seven.



**Dave Clare**

For over 20 years Dave has worked across multiple industries, sectors and levels of organisations as a leader and coaching and facilitating personal and organisational change with leaders. Continually sharing his belief that leadership is simple. You lead people. Leaders that Dave works with are looking at ways to increase employee engagement and empowerment. They want to inspire their teams to do their life's best work. There is a recognition that a shift from a business model to a model business is not only desired, but required to ensure longevity. Business is a long-game.

Building an invincible culture that unleashes creativity and innovation is paramount for continued success. Dave understands that as leaders, we are responsible to create more leaders, not followers. He does not consider himself a specialist, a guru, an expert or a thought leader. He is a practitioner. He is a leader for a new generation of leaders, purpose-driven leaders that want to create meaningful work, build invincible cultures, unleash innovation and develop tomorrows leaders to leave a legacy for themselves.



**Paul Hendy**

Paul started his professional career as an industrial designer working for a number of companies in the UK specialising in capital goods and leading edge electronics. The move to Australia in 2006 was driven by a desire to return to design but this time in the field of architecture and in 2008 he graduated with a Masters degree in Architecture. Always keen on ensuring that everything he undertook was done efficiently as possible the move into the niche area of energy efficient homes was a natural progression for him especially originating from the Northern Hemisphere.

TS4 was created in 2008 to forward ideas, principles and approaches somewhat new to Australia and has resulted in TS4 winning the Zero Carbon Challenge in 2012. From this unique competition came Australia's first designed and built Zero Carbon Home. His approach to sustainable design is a union of his European heritage and knowledge of building techniques, industrial design methodologies and an architectural education specific to the Southern Hemisphere.



**Perry Just**

Perry is a Portfolio Director for the Sunland Group.

Educated in Germany, Perry continued his tertiary studies at the University of Technology (Brisbane), completing a Bachelor of Built Environment in 1990 followed by a Bachelor of Architecture in 1994. He worked in the Architectural Industry in Australia and Asia for 13 years before joining the Sunland Group in 2003. Over the past 15 years Perry has been involved primarily with Sunland's multi-storey projects including 5 years with the Group in the United Arab Emirates. He is currently managing a 5 project portfolio, but maintains his passion for Architecture and hands on involvement in the design process.