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Board Members 2018/2019

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Jeannette Button (Chair)

With more than twenty-five years' experience in the communication industry, Jeannette established her own public relations consultancy, PR Button, in 2014. She is an accomplished practitioner, experienced in crisis and media management and a skilled writer. Jeannette has proudly called the Territory home for the last 19 years and is inspired by its people and opportunities.

Bob Shewring (Vice Chair)

Bob has devoted over 60 years to volunteering in the NT, in community service, sporting, not-for-profit and veteran related organisations. Vietnam Veteran, Bob Shewring spent years lobbying government to bring home the last remaining 25 Vietnam Veterans buried overseas, who were killed in the Vietnam War. Bob established Operation "Bring Them Home" in 2014 and was awarded the 2016 NT Senior Australian of the Year for his work. He's retired after 35 years of working for the NT Department of Education, as a teacher, adult educator, assistant director and principal education officer.



Nathan Fanning (Treasurer)

Nathan is a mechanical engineer with experience in oil and gas, mining, public policy and local government sectors. Currently a Principal Industry Development Officer for the NT Government he is passionate about supporting industry sectors grow their capabilities. Nathan has provided community service leadership as 2014 Chair of the Chief Ministers Round Table of Young Territorians, tutor for Aboriginal university students and organising awards to honour Northern Territory firefighters.

Nicole Brown

As a lifelong member of the Darwin community, Indigenous woman Nicole has an extensive network. She has worked in various roles in Government agencies and private organisations over the last 13 years. Nicole is passionate about women and youth and giving back to the community. Having worked in the Construction/Oil & Gas industries for the last 8 years, Nicole is a big advocate for employing Indigenous people, upskilling them and ensuring companies engage with Indigenous businesses.



David Taylor

Passionate foodie, teaching chef, performance arts supporter and advocate for people living with barriers to success informs David's work and personal life. David has served on the board of Tracks Dance for over 18 years and on the boards of Top FM Radio and NT AIDS Council. He was awarded the 2016 Australian of the Year NT Local Hero, 2015 Winston Churchill Fellowship and named as a Paul Harris Fellow in 2014.

Nitesh Raj Pant

Passionate about people and community, Nitesh advocates diverse voices and supports community organisations. He was awarded the Non-Resident Nepali Association Excellence Award for State Personality of the Year from 2013-2015.

He has also been a Pride of Australia Fair Go Finalist, Palmerston Citizen of The Year Nominee, Australian of The Year Nominee, Australian Leadership Excellence Award Finalist and a Yogan Sathianathan Multicultural Award Winner.

Nitesh uses his two decades of leadership and creative experience to serve the community.



Dr Edwin Lourdes Joseph

Edwin is passionate about serving the community and being active in public life. He got a multidisciplinary education, including a doctoral degree. His experience includes roles in higher education, project management, research, policy and more. Throughout his life, Edwin has been volunteering for community groups, not-for-profit organisations and professional associations. Currently he serves on five boards in the NT



Shipra Soni, CPA

Shipra is the State Program Accountant working for Save the Children. She is passionate towards childrens' future and has been a Board Member (Treasurer) for Variety The Children's Charity NT. She is an immensely grounded human being, her heart reaches out for anyone in need (be it family, friend or stranger). Through her innate skills or formal qualifications she has accomplished a lot in the last 8 years in Darwin.



Robert Annis-Brown

Robert has had a 37 year career in Banking, the last 21 years have been in Darwin. In servicing the business community he has gained inspiration from the people who call the NT home. He is passionate about what makes Australia great and has volunteered for several community groups. Robert has served on the boards of the Charles Darwin University Foundation, Australian Institute of Management & the Property Council NT Division. Robert is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Monica Bugno

Monica champions local business and not-for-profits and helping promote them in the digital age. Working with organisations such as Athletics NT, Keep Australia Beautiful, Pedals NT, Triathlon NT and Australia Day Council NT reveals Monica's heart for the NT and seeing positive change in the community. She promotes and project manages digital tasks at local digital ad agency, SLIM DIGITAL.

