



### **JOHN MULLINS**

Regarded as one of Queensland's leading sport lawyers, John is a Partner in the Business team at Mullins Lawyers.. John was the firm's Managing Partner from 1982 to 2015; leading Mullins' growth from a small, family practice to the large commercial firm it is today.

As a solicitor for more than 37 years, John has significant experience in franchising, property and the financial aspects of commercial law; however, his current focus is on his great passion - sport. For sporting organisations, good governance is critical to both financial and on-field performance. It's this area that John's four decades of commercial legal practice really comes into play.

John also advises clients on sports law issues including in relation to venues, events, constitutions, sponsorships, policies, risk management, contracting (including player contracting) and disciplinary action. His clients include government entities, most of Queensland's major sporting associations and some national bodies. John has been involved in sporting judiciaries for many years and is the first independent board member to QSport, the Sports Federation of Queensland.

### **MICHAEL KASPROWICZ**

Michael Kasprowicz has uniquely established himself as a leading business professional specialising in the business of sport.

Following his 19 year career as a professional cricketer, Michael completed his MBA at the University of Queensland and developed Venture India, a consulting company specialising in business with India. He is also on the DFAT appointed Board of the Australia India Council.

Michael is the youngest Director on the independent, skill-based Board of Cricket Australia and has been active in the governance of the national body for the last 6 years. In 2016, Michael served as the interim Chief Executive Officer of Queensland Cricket before returning to the Cricket Australia Board.

Michael combines his experiences as an athlete, Director and administrator of one of Australia's largest sports to bring a truly unique insight to the challenges both sporting and non-sporting organisations.



### **LIZ BUCHANAN**

Liz Buchanan is a speaker, trainer and strategist who is all about social media. She is passionate about incorporating this online communication platform to the overall digital strategy for engagement with all stakeholders.

Liz began her career in the financial industry, before moving to sport management where she worked for two state sporting organisations for 15 years. She then moved to the Queensland Government to work on communication and engagement projects. She started her own business, Ember Solutions, five years ago to work with businesses to enhance their social media presence. Liz is also a sessional lecturer and tutor at Queensland University of Technology, specialising in the fields of Advertising Management and Digital Strategy. In 1999, she obtained her Masters of Marketing Management.

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**JOHN BRENNAN OAM**

John Brennan is the Chief Executive Officer of Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ). John has been employed with SLSQ professionally for 24 years and has held a variety of other senior positions. Prior to joining SLSQ, he was employed by RACQ Insurance.

John was honoured with the Order of Australia Medal in January 2012 for his services to the surf lifesaving movement through a range of executive roles and the community. He has also been awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 for his services to Surf Life Saving and a Citation of Merit in 2003 from International Life Saving. John has participated in many facets of Surf Life Saving from beach patrols through to helicopter rescue and to this day he still volunteers as an active surf lifesaver.

John's qualifications come in executive leadership, business and sports management and he has demonstrated a successful career with proven success in leadership, sports management, strategic planning, risk management, organisational change, human resource management, volunteer management and emergency/disaster management to name a few. He is the current Chairperson of the QSport Board, SLSQ Representative on the Qld Government State Disaster Management Group and also sits on a number of other committees relative to Surf Life Saving Australia.

**DR. DONNA LITTLE**

Donna now has more years than she cares to count working in, with and through the sport and recreation sectors. Over that time she has been an outdoor instructor, academic, NFP CEO, teacher and consultant, continually working to improve the capacity and opportunity for people to work, and participate, in sport and recreation.

Through Way to Be, Donna focuses on supporting organisations develop their informed decision making through a combination of research and the facilitation of intentional conversations.



**DR. CHRIS SCHMIDT**

Chris has over 20 years of professional experience within the sport, recreation, fitness and tourism industries. He has an extensive background in the education, training and development of professionals across these sectors and is focused on developing personal and organisational effectiveness.

Chris is passionate about enabling people and organisations to enhance their strategic thinking, to build solution based approaches and to find their synergy between intentions, purpose and actions.



**RUSSELL POSTLE**

Russell is a Business Services Consultant at BDO.

He has more than 30 years of experience covering many of the disciplines in the accounting profession, including audit, cost accounting, business valuations, corporate restructures, forensic investigations, taxation consulting, family business consulting and business advice.

His background allows Russell to bring a wide range of skills and experience to assist clients in



**PETER CUMMISKEY**

Peter Cummiskey is the CEO of QSport, the industry peak body for sport in Queensland, and has held that position for 20 years.

His previous background includes 21 years working for the federal government in the employment, vocational education and training portfolios and nine years as Chief Executive of the West Australian and Queensland Football Leagues.

He holds a number of positions, including as a board member of the Queensland Fitness, Sport and Recreation Skills Alliance, was a member of the Queensland Premier's Reference Group for the successful 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games bid. He is also producer of the Queensland Sport Awards and was the instigator of the establishment of the Queensland Sport Hall of Fame, continuing as its secretary since its creation in 2009. He is also secretary of Community Sport Australia and was awarded an OAM in 2018.