



The Book of the Board – Australia’s standard reference for board and committee members of non-profit organisations

> THE CONTEXT

Authored by David Fishel and currently in its third edition, The Book of the Board provides clear guidance on the role of the non-profit board, formal and legal responsibilities, and the ways in which the board and CEO can maximise their effectiveness for the organisation.

> THE BRIEF

Whilst much is changing in the non-profit world – rising expectations from government, a more competitive market, and an increasingly complex legislative and regulatory framework – the need for good governance and an effective board remain constant. The Book of the Board is an indispensable resource for understanding how to do your best as a board member by understanding the specifics of governance for non-profit organisations.

> OUR APPROACH

The Book of the Board contains significant contributions and opinion pieces from specialists on topics such as fundraising; improving board effectiveness; technology and governance; and impact investing. It includes in-depth interviews with four of Australia’s most experienced board members – David Gonski, Rupert Myer, Heather Watson and Simon McKeon who share some of their key learnings as board members.

Additional contributors for the 3rd Edition include, amongst others, Frankie Airey, Director of Philanthropy Squared; Dr Pieter-Jan Bezemer, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the QUT Business School; Cathy Hunt, Co-director of Positive Solutions and Of One Mind; Elizabeth Jameson, Principal and Founder of Board Matters Pty Ltd; Dr Myles McGregor-Lowndes OAM, former Director of The Australian Centre of Philanthropy and Non-profit Studies; Gavin Nicholson, Associate Professor at the Queensland University of Technology Business School; and Leigh Tabrett PSM, Co-Director, Of One Mind.

> THE RESULTS

Since its initial publication in 2003, The Book of the Board has been adopted as Australia’s standard reference book for board and committee members of non-profit organisations.

“I’ve had my copy for many years now and refer to it often. Highly recommend – it’s a great practical book to have on hand!”
– Bianca Goebel, Consultant, Boston Consulting Group (BCG)

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