

SPEAKER PROFILES



INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE: Dan Haesler

Dan is an international keynote speaker and regularly presents alongside well-known thought leaders and industry experts, as well as Olympians, Oscar winners and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He regularly features in the media and is passionate about equity and social justice. His first book, #SchoolOfThought is now available with all profits donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.



Organisational keynote: Dom Price, Atlassian

Born to Joy in the harsh Manchester Winter of 77, Dominic has a career that has reached far and wide through Europe, US and Asia PAC. Dom has responsibilities spanning 7 global R&D centres, and is our in house "Team Doctor" helping Atlassian scale by being ruthlessly efficient and effective, with one eye on the future. Dom helped pioneer our Team Playbook and has personally run hundreds of sessions with our teams globally.



Jane Lewis Director of People & Development at Allens

Jane Lewis is the Director of People & Development at Allens, a leading law firm in the Asia Pacific region and globally via its strategic alliance with Linklaters. Jane is a strategic business and human resources executive with an impeccable track record in directing people and development strategy within the legal industry. In her current position she plays roles in overall firm leadership as a member of Allens' Executive Committee and Operations Committee, as well as leading the People and Development function.



Kelly Parmenter HR Director at Foxtel

With over 10 years' experience in human resources, Kelly has worked across the generalist and specialist areas of HR including talent management, learning and development, shared services and talent acquisition. She has a commitment to leading with transparency and collaboration and a passion for strengths based coaching and working with leaders and teams to achieve high performance.



Keith Wilkinson Group Head of HR Transformation & Delivery Coca-Cola Amatil

Keith enables HR at Coca-Cola Amatil to deliver against strategic and operational goals, drive significant value to the business operations and create an outstanding employee experience. Keith has a strong track record of delivering organisational and HR transformation projects and has demonstrable leadership capability in mergers and acquisitions, remuneration, talent acquisition and business partnering - operating at the C-suite and Board levels.



Melissa Wong General Manager of People & Culture at Medibank

Mel is passionate about creating exceptional experiences for employees, customers and communities; supporting people to feel engaged, purpose-driven and able to bring their whole selves to work. A strong advocate for the role of leadership in shaping experience and culture, Mel has devoted a large part of her career to the design and implementation of leadership initiatives across a range of organisations.



Ronán Carolan Head of HR Optus

Ronán started at the business in April 2013 and since that time has led the HR business partnering team. As Head of HR Ronán is passionate about the contribution that leadership & culture can make to the achievement of the Optus strategy. Prior to joining Optus Ronán held a variety of senior HR roles in the financial services and pharmaceutical industries.



Christie Roser Chief Human Resources Officer, Aristocrat

Christie is responsible for leading their global people agenda focused on Culture, Organisational Performance, Employee Experience and Company Reputation. Christie joined Aristocrat in 2011 and during that time, has worked in roles both within and outside of HR. Prior to Aristocrat Christie has led HR teams across a range of industries including publishing, transport and logistics.

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Barry Singer, Otis Elevator Co.

Barry Singer is a strategic, commercially astute and results orientated HR executive with 20+ years' experience. Barry has worked with global organisations such as MSD, Unilever, UGL & Pirelli – spanning a wide range of industries including Pharmaceuticals, Commercial, Telecommunications, Sales & Marketing, Infrastructure & Utilities, FMCG's, Operations/Manufacturing, Engineering, Logistics, Supply Chain, Not for Profit.



Ingrid Jenkins Director, Human Resources - Microsoft

Ingrid joined Microsoft Australia in October 2015 in the role of HR Director. She and her team are accountable for partnering with the Microsoft Business Leader community to align the people agenda to achieve the Microsoft vision of Mobile First, Cloud First. Before Microsoft, Ingrid worked in senior HR roles in Telstra and Alcatel-Lucent. Ingrid has a keen passion for the IT & T sector and the opportunities for the HR function within this fast paced and leading-edge sector.



David Lawson Head of Talent and Organisation Development Bayer

David's expertise is in organisation development, talent attraction, performance management, learning and development - leading the people change process, optimise people and performance, career transformation at all levels of the organisation. David is Head of Talent & Organisation Development, Bayer ANZ, which is a German multinational pharmaceutical and life sciences company employing close to 100,000 people globally.



Alaina Hawley HR Lead, Facebook ANZ

Alaina's passion lies in building meaningful and inclusive internal communities. Her role at Facebook sees her contribute at both a hands-on and strategic level to foster an innovative and transformative culture at scale. She partners with business leaders across APAC to drive an effective People strategy with a focus on Talent Management, Leadership Development and optimal Organizational Design. Prior to joining Facebook Alaina spent 10 years within various HR leadership roles in the Digital and Media industry.



Matt Ashes, KPMG

Matt has worked with KPMG for 8 years in a number of roles. His career has focused on HR technology and digital innovation. Matt is passionate about new ideas that further transform how HR service is provided to his business. Matt has lead the way on Robotics and Chatbots delivering a quick and clean customer experience. Matt has also been responsible for technology implementation that have transformed Performance Development, Learning and Core HR systems.



Paula Adamson Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

With more than 30 years' experience in the public and private sector enhancing workforce capability, organisation culture and performance, Paula specialises in organisational reform and is experienced in leading cultural change programs across Government. Paula has been with IP Australia for more than two years leading the People and Communication Group and more recently the Trade Marks and Designs Group.



Anish Singh Head of HR - Australia & New Zealand - Unilever

Anish joined Unilever in 2007 and in January 2010, he was appointed as Global HR Head – Water business, part of the leadership team appointed to scale up a new business. In 2013, Anish was appointed the HR Director and Leadership and Organisation Development Director, Global Markets where his focus included building employer branding, driving organisation efficiency (OE) & organisation design (OD) and steering global market leadership team.



Rebecca Gravestock, Xero

Rebecca is the Director of People and Performance for Australia and Asia at Xero, a global cloud-based platform that connects small businesses to advisors, products and each other. Great people and teams are not just important at Xero, they are a key strategic priority. With a firm focus on enabling people to do the best work of their lives, Rebecca leads a team that develops Xero's leaders, and grows and supports highly effective teams that collaborate at pace and scale.