Hon John Doyle AC

John Doyle is currently an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Adelaide. He was Chief Justice of South Australia from May 1995, until his retirement in June 2012.

John was the 1967 Rhodes Scholar for South Australia and practised at the Bar in Adelaide. He was appointed a Queen’s Counsel in 1981 and Solicitor-General for South Australia in 1986. He was a member and then Chairman of the Legal Services Commission of South Australia, as well as President of the Bar Association of South Australia, and Chairman of the National Judicial College of Australia.

John was member of the Council of Flinders University from 1986 to 2001 and Pro-Chancellor of the University from 1988 to 2001. He was also Chairman of Directors of Flinders Technologies Pty Ltd, a company established by the University to promote the commercial development of intellectual property originating from Flinders University.

John Doyle was appointed as a public member of the Press Council in August 2013 and Vice-Chair in October 2013.

Julie Kinross (Vice Chair)

Julie Kinross is a lawyer now working full time in the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General. Julie served as Queensland’s Information Commissioner from 2008-2012, with responsibility for promoting open government, deciding Right to Information reviews and handling privacy complaints.

Julie has held other senior positions, including Queensland Commissioner for Fair Trading and Deputy Director-General of the Department of Tourism, Fair Trading and Wine Industry Development. She has also been an Assistant Commissioner with the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission and the Director of Families First in the NSW Office of Children and Young People.

Julie holds a Master of Social Welfare Administration, Bachelor degrees in social work and arts, and was admitted as a lawyer in 2005. She also holds a Graduate Diploma in Advanced Finance and Investment and is a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Julie Kinross was appointed as a public member of the Press Council in December 2012.

John Bedwell

John Bedwell has 40 years’ experience in the NSW education system, including 16 years as a high school principal and leadership roles in the specialty areas of sport, technology, HSC examinations and the Arts. He led the establishment of a specialist sports high school in Sydney’s east and the ongoing development of a specialist technology high school in southern Sydney.

John has broad experience in the coordination and promotion of major events; developing and implementing privacy statements for new technologies; addressing privacy issues concerned with the collection of information; developing training practices; and conflict resolution in matters involving staff, students and external organisations.

In addition, John works voluntarily in a number of sporting and education associations. He has been elected as a Life Member of three of those. He has a Bachelor of Commerce degree, a Diploma of Education and a Diploma of School Management, all from UNSW.

John Bedwell was appointed a public member in May 2014.
Jennifer Elliott

Jennifer Elliott is a senior executive who works with Boards and Executive Teams to drive performance and transformational change. Jennifer is the former Managing Director and Regional Head of Moody’s Asia Pacific. She first worked with Moody’s in the Sydney office as an analyst in the Structured Finance Group. In 1996, Jennifer was transferred to the London office, where she was a Vice President – Senior Credit Officer. In 1999 she was appointed head of Moody’s Australia. From 2005-2007 she was Chief Human Resources Officer in New York, after which she took over the company’s Asia Pacific operations.

Prior to joining Moody’s, Jennifer worked as a banking and finance lawyer at Clayton Utz in Sydney. She received her BA in English Literature and LLB from the University of Sydney and earned an MA in Southeast Asian Business Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University.

Jennifer was appointed as a public member of the Press Council in May 2015.

Dr Felicity-ann Lewis

Dr Felicity-ann Lewis retired in 2014 as the Mayor of the City of Marion in suburban Adelaide, after holding the position since 2000. She was President of the South Australian Local Government Association from 2009-2011 and President of the Australian Local Government Association from 2012-14. She is the South Australian of the Year for 2014.

Felicity-ann was previously a school teacher for more than twenty years and retired in 2016 from her role as a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Education, Humanities and Law at Flinders University, where she had worked since 2007. She is a Doctor of Education and has written numerous articles on health and education issues, including in relation to indigenous people.

She has been closely involved over a number of years with the Health Development Foundation, the Public and Environmental Health Council; the Board of Flinders Medical Centre, Reconciliation SA; the Migrant Resource Centre; the Natural Resource Management Council; and as Community Patron for SA Police.

Felicity-ann Lewis was appointed as a public member in August 2014.

Dr Suzanne Martin

Dr Suzanne Martin is a veterinary surgeon and an active member of her rural community in northern Tasmania. She has worked as a private practitioner in New Zealand and Scotland, as well as in Tasmania, the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Suzanne has held a number of positions on a wide range of government and industry boards and committees. She is currently a director of The Skills Institute, a board member with the Tasmanian Racing Appeals Board, and a member of the Legal Profession Disciplinary Tribunal.

In 2010 Suzanne was an executive member of Tasmanian Women in Agriculture and has represented the organization on a number of rural boards and committees, including the Rural Industries Training and Education Board and Primary Employers Training Board. She was the recipient of Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation’s Community Leadership Scholarship in 2009.

Suzanne Martin was appointed as a public member in August 2013.
Andrew Podger AO

Andrew Podger is an international consultant on public administration and a part-time Professor of Public Policy at the Australian National University. He also consults and researches in public administration, management and social policy.

Previously, Andrew held the positions of Commonwealth Public Service Commissioner, Parliamentary Service Commissioner, Secretary of the Department of Health and Aged Care, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Regional Development, and a range of other senior positions in the Departments of Defence, Finance and Social Security. He is a former National President of the Institute of Public Accountants.

He is a Bachelor of Science (Hons) from Sydney University in pure mathematics.

Andrew Podger was appointed as a public member in June 2012.

Zione Walker-Nthenda

Zione Walker-Nthenda has been a lawyer for over 15 years, working at the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, Women’s Legal Service Victoria and Victoria Police. She now works as the Director of Change Architects.

Zione has assisted thousands of people experiencing family violence and relationship breakdown. As co-convener of Women’s Legal Services Australia, she led the most significant family law reforms to protect family violence victims. She developed the first cross-sector mentoring and legal training program for family violence lawyers in the community sector.

As the Human Rights Manager at Victoria Police, she developed the training package in this area by police for police as well as range of policies and resources to further embed human rights practice in the police force.

Zione was educated in England, Nigeria, Hong Kong, Russia, Japan and Australia. Ironically it is the experience of being an outsider that informs her work of social inclusion.

Lyn Maddock

After graduating in Economics from Queensland University, Lyn spent the first half of her career in the Prime Minister’s Department in Canberra, specialising in micro economic and trade policy. A highlight was her deep involvement in advising on the major reforms to the Australian economy in the 1980s particularly with regard to transport, communications, industry and resources.

After a short stint in banking, Lyn returned to economic public policy, working primarily on issues of government administrative efficiency. She became executive Deputy Chair and then Acting Chair of the Australian Broadcasting Authority and led it into a merger with the telecommunications regulator. She chaired the new body (The Australian Communications and Media Authority) as a full time executive for its first 18 months until a long-term Chair was appointed.

Lyn later became the CEO of Australia’s Antarctic program, which has responsibility for managing the logistics for, and operation of, Australia’s four permanent stations in the Antarctic and sub Antarctic.

Since retiring from executive positions in 2011, Lyn has served on not-for-profit boards in screen funding and land conservation and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Economics faculty of Queensland University. Lyn was appointed as a public member of the Press Council in August 2019.