

TMA Australia – Perth Event (SPEAKER BIOS)

Panel Speakers

The Hon. Cheryl Edwardes AM (Atlas Iron)



The Hon. Cheryl Edwardes AM was appointed as a member of the Foreign Investment Review Board in August 2017 for a five-year period. She is also a Company Director on a number of ASX Boards, private companies and not-for-profit associations. During her political career, Mrs Edwardes held positions as the first female Attorney General for Western Australia, Minister for Environment and Labour Relations, and was the Member for Kingsley for nearly 17 years.

Mrs Edwardes chaired Atlas Iron through its near death experience and is a Director on the Board. She also chairs Vimy Resources, a development company in uranium; the Port Hedland International Airport, a joint venture company between AMP Capital and Infrastructure Capital Group; is a director of AusCann, a listed medicinal Cannabis company; and is a Senior Advisor at FTI Consulting. Mrs Edwardes is also a Commissioner on the WA Football Commission.

Mrs Edwardes was awarded an Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2016 for "significant service to the people and Parliament of Western Australia, to the law and to the environment, and through executive roles with business, education and community organisations."

Rick Crabb (Paladin Energy)



Rick Crabb, B. Juris (Hons), LLB, MBA, FAICD, practiced as a solicitor from 1980 to 2004, was a partner of Robinson Cox (now Clayton Utz) from 1984 to 1992 and Blakiston & Crabb (now Gilbert and Tobin) from 1992 to 2004.

Rick has been a director of a number of listed mining, oil and property companies over the past 30 years. He is presently Chairman of ASX (and until recently TSX) listed uranium miner Paladin Energy Ltd where he has been a director since it listed in 1994. He is Chairman of Eagle Mountain Mining Limited and a director of Thundelarra Limited and unlisted Warpforge Limited.

Byron Beath (Oaktree Capital Group)



Byron Beath serves as a Managing Director of Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. Mr. Beath joined Oaktree Capital Group in 2016 establishing the groups Australian Office to expand Oaktree's investment activities in the region.

Prior to this, Mr Beath spent fifteen years at Macquarie Bank Limited, where he served as a Director in the Corporate and Asset Finance division. Mr. Beath was responsible for originating, assessing and executing investments in senior, subordinated and mezzanine debt, distressed credit, special situation opportunities and private equity opportunities.

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Simon Raftery (Remagen Capital Partners)



Simon Raftery has over fifteen years' experience in credit investment, investment banking and corporate financial advisory.

Simon has sourced, structured and managed investment funds as well he has advised banks, investment funds, boards of directors and stakeholders on capital raisings and restructurings. Simon's focuses on providing finance to businesses either looking to fund growth or for stressed and turnaround/special situations transactions with capital requirements of \$5 to \$50 million.

Prior to establishing Remagen in 2013, Simon held the role of Managing Director at Castlereagh Capital, an alternative investment manager, a Director of boutique corporate advisory and restructuring firm BRI Ferrier and was an Investment Analyst of a Family Office.

Moderator: Mark Beyer (Business News)



As editor, Mark oversees the day-to-day online news at *Business News*. His particular brief is following major deals, the professions and private/family businesses. Mark has 35 years' career experience, primarily in business journalism. Before becoming a journalist, he was an economist with the Commonwealth Treasury in Canberra. He has worked for *The Australian Financial Review* and *The West Australian*, and also has public relations and corporate affairs experience.

Dinner Speaker

Ben Pronk (Mettle Global)



Ben Pronk's first career spanned 24 years in the Australian Army, the majority of which was spent within Special Operations Command. In this capacity, Ben served on multiple operational deployments to theatres including Timor Leste, Iraq and Afghanistan, where he was decorated for leadership in action. Ben's final posting within the Army was as Commanding Officer of the Special Air Service Regiment.

Ben is currently the Managing Partner at Mettle Global Holdings, a premium corporate advisory firm specialising in establishing and developing organisational resilience and preparing companies for the volatility and uncertainty of the contemporary world. Ben is also an Executive-in-Residence at the Australian Graduate School of Management, where he teaches a Complex Adaptive Leadership course.