

Community/elite sport and public cemeteries added to Sarah Richardson's decade of board experience

In July 2016 Sarah Richardson was appointed to the Judo Federation of Australia and ACT Public Cemeteries Authority Boards. She currently serves on the Boards of Australian University Sport (and Governance & Nominations Committee), Filling the Gap and Parkinson's Australia, and is Director of her own SME consultancy. Sarah has participated on eight boards in the last decade since completing the Company Directors Diploma supported by the *Women on Boards/AICD Corporate Governance Scholarship*.

Established in 1952, Judo Federation of Australia (JFA) is Australia's judo governing body and represents its eight member state/territory organisations, almost 200 active clubs, 5,300+ individual members and the broader judo community. JFA's principal partner is Australian Sports Commission and it is affiliated with International Judo Federation, Oceania Judo Union, Kodokan (Tokyo Japan), Australian Olympic Committee and Australian Commonwealth Games Association. From its base at the Australian Institute of Sport, JFA offers diverse training, education, events and advocacy services to support judo's development as both an elite sport and community activity.

With a caring and sensitive community service mission since its 1936 beginnings, Canberra Cemeteries offers traditional cemetery management services as well as special land areas and services for Indigenous, Jewish, Islamic and people who have served in our military. Canberra Cemeteries of Gungahlin, Hall and Woden are administered by the ACT Public Cemeteries Authority, an independent, self-funded statutory authority, which reports to the ACT Government through the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services.

Queensland headquartered sports championship peak body Australian University Sport is an alliance of 40+ university sports organisations representing more than one million students. It aims to foster university sport as a relevant and important part of university life through its 'healthy body healthy mind' ethos, provide sector leadership and policy, offer competition participation opportunities and promote career pathways.

Filling The Gap works to improve oral health in regional indigenous communities. Partnering with Aboriginal health centres, it offers a practical volunteer service to areas with limited dental treatment access and great patient need and, since its 2006 start, has provided 11,000+ appointments for emergency relief and comprehensive dental treatment.

Parkinson's Australia represents 80,000 Australians living with Parkinson's. It operates a federated model with the six states and ACT as members, collaborates with the Shake It Up Australia Foundation, Friends of Parkinson's and international Parkinson's organisations, and is a World Parkinson's Coalition Partner.

Sarah brings to these organisations three decades of board and executive experience in not-for-profits, the SME sector and large multinationals. Initially practicing as an accountant, then after 15+ years of senior commercial and strategy roles in FMCG firms in the US, France and Australia, in 2004 she set up her boutique consultancy supporting SMEs across for-purpose, government, tourism, consumer/b2b, franchising, resources, industrial and technology sectors. Established in Perth in 2004, the consultancy relocated to Sydney in 2010 when Sarah began an executive career in the charity sector (St James Ethics Centre, Wesley Mission).

In commenting on these recent board appointments, Sarah said, "I'm looking forward to contributing strategic, financial and corporate governance skills, digital/fundraising nous and diversity appreciation, and to collaborating with my highly experienced colleagues on each of the Boards. Australia's for-purpose sector is experiencing significant change and I'm excited to be part of building a thriving, relevant, accountable and sustainable sector.'

Sarah is a former Board Member of a Melbourne headquartered entrepreneurial health sector supplier (2015–16, Advisory Board), a Sydney tech start up connecting wine club members with boutique Royal Agricultural Society prize winning wines (2013–14) and Western Australian award winning mid-size disability services not-for-profit (2009–10).

Sarah holds a BA, BCA and MBA (Hons). She is Member of Australian Marketing Institute (Fellow, CPM, Awards Judge), Women on Boards, Australian Fulbright Alumni Association and University of Chicago Alumni Association (Founder and former Chair, Perth Branch). She has received multiple awards for her not-for-profit, consultancy and corporate work.