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Anna Bowden
CEO, International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC)
Australia

As a leader in the social services and impact space, for 20 years Anna has dedicated her career to solving some of the world's most complex problems through investment and innovation. Driven to create change in the world, Anna now combines her extensive business, investment, and impact skills to lead the team at ICMEC Australia, dedicated to the protection of vulnerable children. In their work, Anna and her team collaborate with financial institutions, law enforcement agencies, child protection NGOs, and technology companies to facilitate and develop innovative data and technological solutions to enhance the detection, reporting, prosecution, and prevention of child sexual exploitation.



Chris Owen

Head of Pro Bono and ESG Practice,
Norton Rose Fulbright

Chris Owen is a partner at Norton Rose Fulbright Australia and leads the firm's national pro bono program. He is also chair of the firm's ESG group. A litigator by background, Chris has a broad range of expertise advising in pro bono legal matters, including advising at clinics, assisting Indigenous communities, conducting advocacy on behalf of clients in court proceedings, and advising on international pro bono projects. He has particular interests in human rights, strategic litigation, and sustainability.



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Jodie Arthur
General Manager, Financial Crime
for Westpac

Jodie joined Westpac in 2020 following her role as Regional Head of Financial Crime Compliance at Standard Chartered Bank, based in Singapore. Prior to this, Jodie spent over 12 years at ANZ Bank in a variety of roles spanning Internal Audit, Compliance, and Financial Crime, and also worked for a number of years with EY in London, UK.



Michael Salter
Scientia Associate Professor of Criminology, UNSW

Dr Michael Salter is the Scientia Associate Professor of Criminology at the University of New South Wales. He is an internationally recognised expert in the study of child abuse, violence against women, and complex trauma. His published work includes the books Organised Sexual Abuse (2013, Routledge) and Crime, Justice and Social Media (2017, Routledge), and over fifty papers in international journals and edited collections. His research engages with policy and practice across multiple sectors, including mental health, social work, child protection, law enforcement, and internet regulation.



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Kara Nicholls
Non-Executive Chair, ICMEC
Australia

Kara has a wealth of experience in Senior Executive, Board, and Advisory Board roles. She has over 27 years' experience in Senior Executive positions across ASX listed, private entity, startup, and NFP organisations, and has held both corporate and NFP Board Chair positions. Kara's expertise across industry in governance and risk, combined with her passion for, and deep understanding of, the non-profit ecosystem drives her focus on helping us to ensure we deliver on our mission of facilitating enhanced detection, reporting, and prosecution of CSE to save children from harm.



Dylan RyanHead of Financial Crime, Australia Retail, Commercial & Corporate Centres, ANZ

Dylan has over 21 years of financial crime experience across different industries (incl. AML/CTF, Sanctions, Fraud Risk and Anti-Bribery / Anti-Corruption). He has also worked on anti-crime-related initiatives and activities across a range of industries such as mining, media, government, facilities management, casinos, and algorithmic trading organisations. In his current role at ANZ, he and the team provide subject matter expertise and 2nd Line risk support to the Australia Retail Bank, Australia Commercial Bank, and ANZ Corporate Centres (across the ANZ Group). Prior to this, he was ANZ's Head of Fraud Risk Strategy which involved ensuring fraud risk management alignment (including cyber-related risk) across 31 countries in which ANZ operates.



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Paul Jevtovic
Chief Financial Crime Risk & Group
MLRO, NAB

Paul Jevtovic has enjoyed a long career serving our nation in national and international law enforcement, national intelligence, anti-corruption, and as CEO of AUSTRAC – Australia's AML/CTF regulator and national financial intelligence unit. Paul recently joined NAB in September 2021 as the Chief Financial Crime Risk Officer & Group MLRO. Throughout his career, Paul has led a complex portfolio of capabilities across the first and second lines of defence including Investigations, Financial Crime analysis, AML/CTF, AB&C, Fraud, Sanctions, Risk Assessment & Operational Analytics, and Transaction Monitoring.



Sonja Marsic
Partner in Risk Advisory Team,
Norton Rose Fulbright

Sonja Marsic is a risk advisory partner at global law firm Norton Rose Fulbright based in Sydney. Sonja has undertaken a number of financial crime and anti-money laundering & counter-terrorism financing (AML/CTF) cases in Australia. She has over 25 years' experience in civil enforcement, civil investigations, and statutory interpretation. Sonja was previously a Senior Executive lawyer with the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) conducting litigation and advising on anti-money-laundering and counter-terrorism financing regulation, financial regulation, consumer law, and other civil regulation for a broad range of Commonwealth departments and agencies.



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Scott Ralph

Team Leader, Intelligence Fusion Cell, Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation, Australian Federal Police (AFP)

After a decade as a soldier specialising in strategic surveillance, Scott joined the National Intelligence Community where he spent 20 years working for a range of agencies in Australia and the USA (ASD, AGO, ONI, NSA, NGA). Within the AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE), Scott leads the six agency Intelligence Fusion Cell. This team engages on a daily basis across diverse stakeholder groups to maximise ACCCE visibility, and maximise the impact of ACCCE activities.



Mark Dickson

Executive Manager, Financi

Executive Manager, Financial Crime, Westpac

Mark Dickson is a financial crime risk and compliance specialist. He has worked in financial crime related roles at the Westpac Group for nearly 15 years and currently leads the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) team within Group Financial Crime. Mark has also been an active member of the ICMEC Australia Collaboration Working Group for the last 3 years, including Chairing the group from June 2022 to February 2023, and has been involved in more general ICMEC activities for many more years.



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Celeste De Highden
Head of Financial Intelligence,
Bank Australia

Celeste has over 25 years of experience in operations and risk, with expertise in a wide range of payments and financial crime areas across both first and second-line risk functions. Celeste has led financial crime transformation programs across multiple organisations and industries. In her current role at Bank Australia, Celeste leads the Financial Intelligence team and is responsible for all matters relating to financial crime, including analytics, fraud operations, and AML compliance.



Jeremy Moller Senior Advisor, Risk Advisory, Norton Rose Fulbright

Jeremy Moller is a risk advisory lawyer with over 15 years' experience specialising in antimoney laundering and international sanctions. He has advised numerous financial institutions and corporates on their approach to compliance and reporting to regulators. Jeremy regularly writes and speaks about ways to reduce financial crime, promote integrity, and enhance compliance. Jeremy has been actively involved in ICMEC activities for more than 4 years, and has brought a wealth of experience and value to the fight against CSE.



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Sal Gunawardena
Head of Operational Intelligence,
NAB

Sal Gunawardena is Head of Operational Intelligence within Financial Crime Risk Mitigation at National Australia Bank. Sal brings a depth of experience in crime and compliance from his five years at AUSTRAC, and eight years at the Australian Taxation Office. Throughout his career with AUSTRAC and the ATO, Sal has had the opportunity to work in the ACIC's Fusion Discovery capability and the AFP's Fraud and Anti-Corruption Centre.



Steve BairdCEO, International Justice Mission

Steve Baird has been serving as the CEO of International Justice Mission (IJM) Australia since 2020. Prior to joining IJM, he held Senior Executive roles at Virgin Australia and Qantas as well as volunteer programs in Sydney supporting the homeless. After being confronted with the stories of injustice in modern day slavery, Steve developed a deep desire to be a part of the solution. Steve's task is to strengthen the Australian contribution to bring down all forms of modern slavery, including the Online Sexual Exploitation of Children and Forced Labour.



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Ed KittIllicit Finance Policy Lead, British High
Commission Canberra

Ed Kitt is the UK Government's Illicit Finance Policy lead in Australia, with a regional focus that includes New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Part of the UK's Serious and Organised Crime Network (SOCnet), based within the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Ed's role forges closer ties with partners in the region to combat illicit financial flows. Ed worked in the international division of the UK Financial Intelligence Unit (UKFIU) and led the UK Government response to organised immigration crime, leading an intelligence cell focused on dismantling money laundering networks linked to organised immigration crime groups.



Dannielle Kelly
Head of Capacity and Prevention,
ICMEC Australia

Danni is ICMEC Australia's new Head of Capacity and Prevention. Most recently from the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE), Danni has more than 17 years background in law enforcement. In her roles with the Australian Federal Police, Danni led aspects of the organisational reform into workplace culture; as well as a major project overseeing the AFP's Future Direction and long term operational requirements. Danni also has extensive experience in media, government relations, and stakeholder management; and will lead the ICMEC Australia Capacity and Prevention Team in building collaborative programs with law enforcement and the NGO sectors. With a focus on research-informed programs, the Capacity and Prevention Team look to build national and international partnerships directly contributing to the global deterrence of child exploitation.



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Fiona NaylorDetective Senior Constable, Victoria Police

Fiona Naylor joined Victoria Police in 2009 and has investigated many crime types. Since 2014, Fiona has been investigating Child Exploitation and in 2019, Fiona moved from the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team and joined the Joint Anti Child Exploitation Team. A passion for a victim centric approach led her to move into the Victim Identification Team.

Prior to joining Victoria Police, Fiona worked at ANZ for nine years in Information Security. Fiona has tertiary qualifications in Psychology and Information Security.



Luke McGoldrick
Sales Director - Private Sector AU &
NZ, Chainanalysis

Luke is a Sales Director at Chainalysis responsible for financial institutions across Australia and NZ. In his role, he helps organisations maintain compliance across digital asset initiatives and assisting financial crimes teams in reducing scams and illicit activity where crypto is involved. Having been involved in crypto since 2018, Luke is a strong advocate for the importance of building trust in blockchains in order for the technology to fulfil its potential.



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Cecilia WallinFounding Partner, Onemi-Global

With 18 years of law enforcement experience dedicated to investigating CSE, Cecilia Wallin now utilises her expertise to provide advice and training to governments, organisations, industry partners, and law enforcement agencies. Her dedication led to the identification of hundreds of exploited children across Sweden. As an integral part of the international network of CSE response experts, Cecilia created training courses and coordinated and trained Swedish Police personnel in the meticulous investigation, image analysis, and victim identification skills required for child sexual exploitation cases. Understanding the significance of international collaboration, she continually strives to create a safer world through collective efforts.



Dr James CockayneNSW Anti-Slavery Commissioner

Dr James Cockayne is NSW's first independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, with responsibilities that include promoting public awareness of modern slavery and providing advice on steps that organisations can take to remediate or monitor risks of modern slavery in their supply chains. Prior to his appointment, James worked in training over 15,000 finance professionals in anti-slavery measures. He also advised multilateral development banks, export credit agencies, and institutional investors on modern slavery in ESG strategies. James previously spent two decades working in international affairs advocating for human rights.



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Dr Kavitha Suthanthiraraj Head of ESG, Human Rights and

Social Programs, Westpac

Kavitha has over 20 years of experience in strategy, policy, and sustainability roles across corporates, international non-profits, and academic institutions. Kavitha joined Westpac in June 2020 to lead the Safer Children, Safer Communities work program. She currently heads up a portfolio of human rights and social programs, including modern slavery reporting. Before joining Westpac, Kavitha worked across policy and advocacy initiatives at Save the Children Australia, with a focus on child protection, education, and health in the Asia Pacific region.



Sarah Minahan
Associate Director, KPMG Banarra
Human Rights & Social Impact

Sarah is an Associate Director with KPMG Banarra, a team of human rights and social impact specialists, and the Director of KPMG's Global Business & Human Rights Network. She co-leads ESG in Financial Services for KPMG, working with clients to embed consideration of risks and impacts on people into business-as-usual and to drive positive social outcomes. She was a key contributor to the Modern Slavery Typologies and Indicators industry working paper produced with the Australian Banking Association, and works with clients both domestic and global to mature modern slavery due diligence across their value chains. She is passionate about working with the financial services sector to grow and exercise its influence in addressing some of society's most challenging issues and realising significant opportunities to create positive change.



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Sarah Pocock
Ambassador for Bravehearts,
Victim-Survivor

Sarah Pocock is a survivor of child sexual abuse who spent the last 5 years trying to convict her perpetrator. Throughout the trials she felt the perpetrator was protected and innocent until proven guilty, whilst she was treated as guilty until proven innocent. After three criminal trials he walked away with a 'not guilty' verdict. Sarah has faced a lot of adversity throughout her life, however, she never gave up and continues to overcome any challenges life throws at her. She now wants to use her experience to protect victim-survivors through their disclosure journey and give a voice to those who have been silenced for too long. Sarah is passionate in removing the stigma around child sexual abuse and changing current gag laws within Queensland.