School of Economics

Alumni Profiles
Professor Daniel Zizzo

I am delighted to showcase some of our best and brightest alumni from the School of Economics. Representing a diverse range of careers and industry experiences, these individuals are leading the way in their chosen field, helping to address the global challenges of our time and the future. From entrepreneurs to CFOs, our alumni play an important part in inspiring the next generation of UQ economists, with many graduates staying connected with our School community.

The School of Economics strives for academic excellence in everything we do. We aim to empower our students to be adaptable, game-changing and global citizens and leaders of the future. We see future jobs for our students as essential to what we do – jobs in a wide range of career pathways. In an increasingly competitive global job market, we must help prepare students for the unknown.
Cameron Bellamy is an endurance athlete, businessman and co-founder of African charity, the Ubunye Challenge.

He is also the co-founder of Cobaltix Compliance, a boutique consulting firm specialising in cyber security and compliance.

Cameron founded the Ubunye Challenge in 2011, and it is through endurance challenges that Bellamy and his team of athletes raise money to support communities in some of the poorest areas of South Africa and Zimbabwe.

“Access to education is a basic human right, but it is not available to everyone. If we can support a child’s education, there is no limit to what they can achieve for themselves and for the community.”
Julianne Alroe is the Chair of Infrastructure Australia and the Queensland Ballet as well as a member of The University of Queensland Senate and a Board member of Watpac. Julianne is a Member of the Committee for Brisbane Advisory Board, the Australian Institute of Company Directors, of the Chief Executive Woman (CEW) and is the Inaugural President of the Queensland Futures Institute (QFI).

In June 2018, Julianne retired from Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) where she held the position of CEO and Managing Director since 1 July 2009. She was also the Chair of ERM Power Ltd from 2018 until it was sold to Shell in late 2019.

Julianne has a Bachelor of Economics from The University of Queensland and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Griffith University in 2016.
Susan Buckley is an industry leader and pioneer of women in finance with 30 years’ experience in financial markets.

As the Managing Director of QIC’s Liquid Markets Group she oversees the teams responsible for delivery of absolute return, fixed interest, overlay and implementation solutions for QIC’s clients.

Susan is a dedicated mentor and advocate for women in business, delivering key presentations on women in leadership around Australia. She is also an active member of Chief Executive Women and generously donates her time to benefit past and current students at UQ. Susan was the inaugural Chair of the Brisbane BEL Alumni Ambassador Council.

“I think my upbringing on a farm probably sparked my interest in markets at a young age – I started wondering why the price of grain went up or down and noticing fluctuations in the prices of agricultural goods... I wanted to know why.”
Hoon Sun Loh

Certificate in Accountancy 1962
Diploma in Commerce 1963
Bachelor of Economics (Hons) 1964

Hoon Sun Loh is a Senior Advisor at Phillip Securities Pte Ltd, and was previously Managing Director for 27 years.

Hoon Sun has had a diverse career in various industries including auditing, plantation, mining, timber, oil, banking and finance. Before Phillip Securities, he was Executive Vice-President and Head of Overseas Union Bank’s Treasury and Investment Banking and Chairman of OUB Investment Management Ltd.

He has served as Chairman of the Gold Exchange of Singapore, Board Member of the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (SIMEX), Stock Exchange of Singapore, Securities Industry Council, Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) and GST Board of Review. Currently he is a Member of the Advisory Panel, Governance and Transparency Index, National University of Singapore Business School.

Hoon Sun is a member of the School of Economics Advisory Board and the UQ BEL Alumni Ambassador Council in Singapore.
Growing up in Taiwan, Lucia Chen decided to pursue further academic and professional development in Australia. She has since leveraged her creative thinking, data analysis and cross-cultural collaboration skills to create positive impact beyond national boundaries.

Lucia currently works with Telstra as a Customer Success Specialist to drive post-sale Enterprise customer journey transformation, with particular focus on customer onboarding and adoption of emerging technology solutions.
Kerrie Mitchener-Nissen

Bachelor of Economics (Hons) 1997
PhD 2007

Kerrie is Head of Product at The Asset Management Exchange (AMX) in London, and has over 20 years’ experience in the finance industry in Europe and Australia.

In her current role, she is responsible for designing the product range for a technology platform that helps institutional investors and managers work together seamlessly.

Prior to joining The AMX, she was Executive Director and Head of Product Development for the Global Liquidity business at J.P. Morgan Asset Management in London, and a Product Development Manager at Barclays Global Investors in Sydney and London.

Kerrie is also the Chair of The University of Queensland’s UK Trust, and a member of the UQ Business School Advisory Board.
KY Wong is currently Assistant Vice President, Treasury of Genting Singapore Limited, an SGX-listed integrated resort developer, owner and operator. His responsibilities include liquidity management, corporate financial management, investments and accounts payable. He has broad experience in a diverse range of corporate advisory and financial management roles, including corporate finance, M&A, strategic planning, corporate development and insolvency. He has been involved in international M&A activities in the Asia-Pacific region, which has led to various work stints in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Manila and New Delhi as well as in Australia. His area of specialty is International M&A, strategic planning and group treasury.

Current Chair of the BEL Alumni Ambassador Council in Singapore, and a member of the School of Economics Advisory Board, KY is thankful to many UQ professors and lecturers who mentored him along the way, particularly Dr George Docwra, who “not only made microeconomics come alive, but also encouraged me to pursue my Honours year.”

“Find your calling so that you are excited to wake up every morning and face the challenges which may come, and maintain your drive throughout your career.”
Shaun Ansell is currently Head of Legal and Compliance Asia Pacific for GPB Financial Services Ltd, a 100 per cent subsidiary of Gazprombank based in Hong Kong since June 2016.

He completed a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) and Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at UQ, graduating in 1989.

Shaun held the role of Special Counsel at ASIC in Brisbane before moving to Sydney where he was appointed Head of Legal and Compliance Australia for Lehman Brothers. In this role he witnessed the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008, which was then the fourth-largest investment bank in the United States.

Following Lehman Brothers’ bankruptcy, Shaun was appointed Chief Administrative Officer of Nomura in Sydney before moving to Hong Kong where he was Head of Legal and Compliance Asia (ex Japan) for Mizuho Securities Asia, and subsequently Head of Compliance Asia Pacific at Moody’s Investors Service.

Shaun is a member of the UQ BEL Alumni Ambassador Council in Hong Kong.
Geoff Howie is the Singapore Exchange’s Market Strategist, with more than 20 years’ experience in financial markets and economics. He has a strong background in global macroeconomics and a reputation for cutting through market noise, quickly identifying key market drivers and their impact across major asset classes. This ability coincided with Geoff being cited as a LinkedIn Power Profile in 2018.

Geoff is the creator and author of the SGX My Gateway Report which highlights local market developments, serving investors since 2012. The report is one of the most read in the Singapore financial markets, with one of the largest subscriber bases. Prior to his role at SGX, Geoff held lead Broking and Market Strategist roles across the Asia Pacific offices of the world’s largest Futures and Options Broker.

He became Vice President of Australian Alumni Singapore in 2019, and is a member of the UQ BEL Alumni Ambassador Council in Singapore.

“Amongst all those lectures and tutorials, do remember what lessons stood out the most to you. Embed those lessons and develop your own philosophy on how they do or don’t apply to the world. The world can use your individual viewpoints to help make economic growth more inclusive and challenge the status quo.”
Andrew Barnes

Bachelor of Economics 2009
Bachelor of Business Management (First Class Honours) 2011
Doctor of Philosophy (Business Management) 2017

Dr Andrew Barnes is an entrepreneur, Rhodes Scholar and the co-founder and CEO of GO1.

GO1 provides online learning solutions to some of the world’s largest organisations, training staff at companies such as Microsoft and SEEK, as well as large government organisations and not-for-profits. Since 2016, GO1 has raised over $80 million (AUD) in funding from investors including Shark Tank’s Steve Baxter to support their global expansion. The company has helped train millions of people and employs more than 200 staff internationally.

“Education is one of those areas where a small amount of change can create a really big impact – particularly when addressing our world’s biggest social challenges.”
Widely regarded as one of Australia’s leading Queen’s Counsel, Rowena Orr regularly appears in a variety of courts across Australia. Orr is a member of the Victorian Bar and maintains a broad practice incorporating commercial, competition, criminal and constitutional law.

Rowena was admitted to the legal profession in Queensland in 1998, following time as an associate to the Honourable John Macrossan, then Chief Justice of Queensland, and the Honourable Michael McHugh, then Justice of the High Court.

Rowena subsequently worked as a solicitor with the Melbourne office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions and received a Masters of Philosophy (Criminology) from the University of Cambridge. In 2017, Orr was selected for the career defining role of senior counsel assisting Commissioner Hayne for the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry.

“I have been very fortunate to be given opportunities to use my legal skills not only to advance the interests of a diverse range of clients, but also to contribute to the development of public policy in Australia.”
His Excellency Taneti Maamau

Master of Economic Studies 2002

His Excellency Taneti Maamau is the President of the Republic of Kiribati. He is an I-Kiribati politician hailing from the island of Onotoa in the Southern Kiribati.

Taneti became the 5th President of Kiribati after successfully winning the 2016 Presidential Election, leading his opposition party of Tobwaan Kiribati to a major victory to take over administration, and bringing a change to Government after 12 years since 2003.

He won the election in March 2016 with a major landslide victory winning the largest majority of votes of 19,883 (60%) against his two rivals from the ruling party with 12,764 votes (38%) and the other with only 482 votes (2%).
Ric Battellino was Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) from 14 February 2007 to 13 February 2012. He was also, at that time, Deputy Chairman of the Reserve Bank Board, and Chairman of the Reserve Bank’s Risk Management Committee.

He was employed by the Reserve Bank since graduating from UQ with honours in economics in 1973.

In earlier roles with the RBA, Ric oversaw the Bank’s operations in domestic and foreign exchange markets – including implementation of domestic monetary policy, foreign exchange intervention and management of international reserves.
Graeme Wood is one of Queensland's most successful entrepreneurs and a national leader in philanthropy for education, arts, the environment and youth. His visionary philanthropy is having a major impact in higher education through his strategic resourcing of cutting-edge research into global-scale changes and his support for talented students.

Graeme is co-founder and inaugural Chair of The University of Queensland Endowment Fund (UQef) and Chair of the Graeme Wood Foundation which also supported the creation of the Global Change Institute at UQ.

Other businesses Graeme has co-founded and held Board positions with include Wotif.com, Artology, Mawson Ventures and Spring Bay Mill.
Marie Myers is an internationally recognised business leader and expert in global information technology, finance and business strategy.

Marie has recently rejoined HP as Chief Digital Officer, after two years as Chief Financial Officer of UiPath, a robotic process automation (RPA) market leader.

She has more than 20 years’ of financial experience and prior to joining UiPath she was Senior Vice-President of Finance for HP Inc.

As the former Senior Vice-President of Finance for HP Inc. in Houston Texas, Marie oversaw the Global Controllership and Financial Shared Services organizations. Marie’s impressive list of achievements within Hewlett Packard include directing the largest financial division in business history, leading the change management of 2500 employees internationally, and overseeing revenue in excess of $50 billion.

Marie is a passionate advocate for diversity and education. She founded and is President Emeritus of Anti-Gray Market Alliance Board, and serves on the boards of the F5 Network, the University of St. Thomas Advisory in Houston, the Girlstart Council for Houston, and The University of Queensland in America, Inc. (TUQIA).
Private equity guru Greg Minton is renowned for his great intellect, commercial acumen, and herculean determination and drive.

In his 15 years at Archer Capital, one of Australia’s leading private equity firms, Greg, as a Managing Partner, co-led its growth from less than $100 million to over $3 billion in Funds Under Management at the time of his retirement from the firm in 2015. Archer is now one of Australia’s largest private equity firms, with investments in industries as diverse as V8 Supercars, restaurants, private healthcare, agriculture, retail, technology and mining services. In the period Greg co-led Archer Capital, it generated investment results at a compound rate of return of 34% and a 2.9x money multiple on its investments consistently over the past 15 years.

Growing up in regional Queensland, Greg was the recipient of a Queensland Alumina scholarship, which enabled him to study engineering at UQ before going on to complete his MBA at the prestigious International Institute for Management Development (IMD) in Switzerland.
A recognised leader in the Australian agricultural sector, David Crombie AM has spent more than 40 years in agri-business and in the advocacy of progressive agricultural policies to empower producers to better manage their farm businesses.

David’s family roots are in rural Queensland. He was educated in Brisbane where he attended UQ. His first job was with Gunn Rural Management (GRM), a company managing beef cattle operations across northern Australia.

Today GRM (renamed Palladium) employs over 2500 professional staff worldwide and provides project management services delivering impact investment outcomes across agriculture, health services, education and capacity building in over 30 countries.

“Australia is well positioned to play a leadership role in addressing one of the great challenges for humanity – that of food security.”
Elliott Johnson works in Product Policy at ByteDance (TikTok/抖音), a Chinese internet and technology company based in Beijing.

He first visited China as an exchange student when he travelled to Hong Kong as part of a UQ short-term mobility program in 2015.

He then completed his studies on exchange at Peking University in China with the support of a New Colombo Plan (NCP) Mobility Grant.

During this time he was selected as a volunteer for the Agribusiness Stream Australia Week in China (AWIC), led by then Minister for Trade and Investment Steven Ciobo and attended by then-Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull.

Elliott is also a Graduate Member of The University of Queensland Senate.
Euan Morton is the founder of Synergies Economic Consulting, one of Australia’s largest independently owned economic consulting practices.

Euan studied Commerce-Law at UQ in the 1980s, at a time when there were no economic consultants in Australia. He went on to work as an economist and founded Synergies in 2004.

Euan has been appointed to numerous expert panels, including the COAG Energy Council 2015 Review of Governance Arrangements for Australian Energy Markets and the Queensland Government and the Great Barrier Reef Taskforce.
Paul Compton

Bachelor of Commerce 1984
Bachelor of Economics 1986

Paul Compton is the President of Barclays Bank.

In his role as President, he oversees executive management responsibilities associated with the operation of Barclays’ International division, and supports the Group Chief Executive Officer in leading strategic pan-Barclays initiatives. He is also a member of the Group Executive Committee.

Prior to his appointment as President of Barclays Bank in March 2019, Paul served as Group Chief Operating Officer, and as Chief Executive Officer of Barclays Execution Services (BX). Paul led BX’s ambition to become a world-class provider of simple, efficient, innovative and secure operations and technology services to Barclays Group.

Also before joining Barclays in 2016, Paul served, for nearly two decades, in a variety of senior operating roles at JPMorgan Chase, most recently as Chief Administrative Officer. Prior roles included Chief Administrative Officer for the Corporate & Investment Bank and Deputy Head of Operations.

Previous to JPMorgan, Paul spent 10 years as Principal at Ernst & Young in the Brisbane and New York offices.
Emily Dransfield is a Home Loan Product Manager at AMP working with residential lending products.

Emily’s career began in her first year of university when she started a cadetship in a chartered accounting business advisory firm. She worked there for five years during her studies.

After graduating, she decided to expand her work beyond tax into different areas of the business and gain a broader perspective of career opportunities.

In her spare time Emily enjoys snowboarding, netball, tennis and historical fiction. She is a member of the UQ BEL Alumni Ambassador Council in Sydney.
Daryl Dixon has recently retired after a long career as an economic and investment writer and consultant. During his distinguished career, Daryl worked briefly as an academic economist, followed by service with the International Monetary Fund, federal Treasury, and the Department of Finance and Social Welfare Policy Secretariat, where he specialised in tax and retirement incomes policy.

Subsequently, as well as writing and consulting on superannuation, social security, tax and investment strategies, he provided trusted advice to thousands of personal clients over more than 30 years.

Daryl is an Emeritus Ambassador of the UQ BEL Alumni Ambassador Council for Business, Economics and Law.
Lyn Maddock has more than 35 years of experience as an executive in the public and private sectors, with a background in research and microeconomic policy. She is currently Director at Film Victoria and Director at The Press Council. During her extensive career, Lyn held roles in the Prime Minister’s Department; she established and ran the Australian Communications and Media Authority on an interim basis from 2004 to 2006. She established and ran Screen Australia and led the Australian Antarctic Division from 2009 to 2011 as Chief Executive, responsible for Australia’s Antarctic interests. Lyn is a member of the School of Economics Advisory Board and the UQ BEL Alumni Ambassador Council in Melbourne.
Professor Ian Harper is one of Australia’s best-known economists, having worked with governments, banks and corporates at the highest level. Currently Dean of Melbourne Business School, he has held a number of prestigious academic positions, authored numerous academic and industry publications, served on various boards and advisory bodies, and been sought out as a public commentator.

In May 2016 he was appointed to the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia and recently chaired the Federal Government’s Competition Policy Review (the Harper Review) of Australia’s competition policy, laws and regulators.

A partner at Deloitte Access Economics from 2011 to 2016, Ian has also held various other roles, including at the Melbourne Business School, where he was elected Emeritus Professor; the Australian Fair Pay Commission, where he was inaugural Chairman; the Victorian Government’s Independent Review of State Finances, where he was a Member; and the Advisory Board of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch in Australia, where he was a Member.
Dr Vince FitzGerald is a Senior Associate (formerly a Director) of ACIL Allen Consulting, a leading Australian consulting company in the fields of economics, regulation, public policy and corporate public affairs. He was a Director of predecessor firm, The Allen Consulting Group from 1989, soon after its foundation, and was its Chairman for a number of years prior to its 2013 merger with ACIL Tasman.

Prior to that, he was a senior government official in Canberra, with assignments in the Departments of the Treasury, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Finance (Deputy Secretary), Trade (Secretary) and Employment, Education and Training (Secretary).

From 1994 to 2004, he was a Director of ING Australia Holdings Ltd and subsidiaries. From 2004-18 he was a Director of ETF Securities Limited (now ETFS Capital Limited), a company which issued a wide range of securities, predominantly giving exposure to commodities, listed on the ASX, LSE, most European exchanges and the NYSE. It sold its European and US businesses in 2018, but retained its Australian subsidiaries. Vince remains a Director of those subsidiaries.

Vince is a member of the School of Economics Advisory Board and the UQ BEL Alumni Ambassador Council in Melbourne.
Karen Chester is Deputy Chair, Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Before joining ASIC, Karen was a Commissioner at the Productivity Commission since 2013 and Deputy Chair since May 2016.

Previously, Karen was a Partner at Mercer and Global Head of Infrastructure. Before joining Mercer, Karen was a Partner at Access Capital Advisers and the CEO of Access Economics. Karen has held directorships on several Australian infrastructure company boards.

Before moving to the private sector, Karen held senior economic policy roles in the Australian Treasury and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Karen has a first class honours degree in Economics from UQ and was awarded an honorary doctorate in Economics by the University in 2017. She is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Karen is a member of the School of Economics Advisory Board and an Emeritus Ambassador of the UQ BEL Alumni Ambassador Council for Business, Economics and Law.
Mark Tanner
Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) 1999
Bachelor of Economics 1999

Upon graduating from UQ, Mark was hired by a Global Management consulting firm. Two weeks later, he was in Korea advising a consortium of international banks and the Board of one of Korea's largest technology companies on how to restructure their business.

After a number of years in management consulting and private equity, Mark joined a small management buy-out team to purchase a business outsourcing firm from administration, which was subsequently restructured and developed over a number of years.

More recently, Mark’s passion has been to assist others to achieve their financial freedom. Currently a Financial Adviser at More Life Planning, Mark works with people to achieve their desired balance between work, financial goals, lifestyle and family time, and focus on living an amazing life rather than “making a living”.

“Take time to study yourself. Understand your strengths, your weakness and most importantly your passion.”
Deb is the Deputy Chief Risk Officer at QIC. She is responsible for managing QIC’s enterprise-wide risk framework and strengthening the culture of accountability, governance and risk management across the organisation.

Since joining QIC’s inaugural graduate program in 2006, her commitment to continued learning and development has led to Executive Education studies at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and the Harvard Business School in the areas of leadership and advanced risk management.

In 2018 and 2019 she returned to Harvard Business School to present to the Executive cohorts on QIC’s application of learnings from the Risk Management for Corporate Leaders program.

Deb is a member of the School of Economics Advisory Board and the UQ BEL Alumni Ambassador Council in Brisbane.
Dr Karen Hooper is the Principal Commissioner at the Queensland Productivity Commission, a role she has held since March 2020.

Prior to joining the Queensland Productivity Commission, Karen spent 10 years as the Reserve Bank of Australia’s (RBA) Senior Representative in Queensland. In this role, she was responsible for the Bank’s business liaison program in Queensland and specialised in industry and regional analysis with a particular interest in the tourism, education and resource sectors. She also advised on the economic impact of external shocks by monitoring natural disasters in Queensland, and the supply-side disruptions and regulatory changes affecting Australia’s key export sectors.

Early in her career, Karen was Principal Economist at Queensland Treasury, where she worked on a diverse range of economic policy issues.

Karen has a PhD in Economics from The University of Queensland and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.
Angela Chen is the Head of Pricing and Portfolio Monitoring at Allianz Partners Asia Pacific; a role she has held since January 2020.

Angela has over 10 years' experience with Allianz and has held a number of senior positions with the company including Head of Product and Underwriting, Head of Product Centre RSA (Asia Pacific), and Underwriting Manager (Greater China). Earlier in her career, Angela also spent time working with Allianz Australia as a Senior Actuarial Analyst in the Brisbane office; she is now based in Beijing, China.

While in Brisbane, Angela was a volunteer iTrack Mentor for The Smith Family, a not-for-profit organisation helping disadvantaged Australian children get the most out of their education. She was also a committee member for the Young Actuarial Program in Brisbane, assisting young actuaries in their early career path.

She is currently a volunteer with Community Mates, a civic and social organisation bringing people, businesses and charities together.

While in Beijing, she is a volunteer with the Australia China Alumni Association (ACAA) and joined their Mentor Program in 2019, helping with Australia-China relationship building as well as experience sharing with other Australian alumni in China.
Jonathan Cavenagh
Bachelor of Economics (Honours) 2001

After graduating from UQ Jonathan became an economist at the Reserve Bank of Australia. He is currently Head of EM Asia FX Strategy at JP Morgan in Singapore. Prior to joining JP Morgan he was Chief Asian Strategist at Westpac.
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