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Robin Chambers AO

Co-Founder & Senior Partner, Chambers & Company International Lawyers

Robin Chambers AO is the Co-Founder of Chambers & Company and has been the Senior Partner since its establishment in 1984. He served as Chadbourne & Parke's Special Counsel – China since 2003 - 2016. He was formerly General Counsel of CRA Limited (now Rio Tinto Limited) for 14 years and lead lawyer on major mining projects in Australia involving billions of dollars of equity investment and export sales contracts. His practice primarily involves acting as the lead lawyer on international projects, with particular focus on China. Robin was appointed as lead lawyer to the Chinese Government's AUD\$420 million Channar joint venture investment in 1984 which was China's first major overseas investment. Mr Chambers has advised a number of major Chinese state-owned enterprises on their investments in Australia over 32 year period. He has also advised U.S., European and Australian corporations on a range of projects in China. He has leading edge experience on the negotiation and documentation of numerous joint ventures in Australia and overseas, together with project management experience coordinating the participation of numerous interested parties at all stages and the project financing of major projects by international banking syndicates. His involvement extends to projects in more than 30 countries.



David Chu

Partner, International Liaison, ShineWing Australia

David is a Partner, International Liaison at ShineWing Australia. ShineWing Australia is a member firm of ShineWing International, an accounting and advisory group started by ShineWing China (the largest indigenous accounting firm in China). David brings over 35 years of professional experience in Australia, Hong Kong and China. He is attuned to the Australia/China mergers and acquisition market, due diligence requirements, international taxation issues, and various stock exchange requirements. David has assisted a number of large Chinese corporations to collaborate with Australian companies in the energy and resources, agriculture & food processing, property, and technology sectors. David currently serves as a member of the Victoria Committee, as well as deputy chair of the Financial & Investment Services Working Group, of Australia China Business Council. David has also served as the National President of the Hong Kong Australia Business Association. David has been a regular presenter on Australian economic affairs on the Cantonese program of SBS Radio. He speaks fluent English, Cantonese and Mandarin.



Dr Mona Chung

Lecturer, Deakin University

Dr Mona Chung is a bi-cultural business expert in doing business with China in particular negotiations. She addresses the major issues and overcomes the cultural gap between Westerners and Chinese in the fields of commerce and education. Dr Chung specialises in strategic planning, management and marketing practice for international organisations with the understanding of the culture of Chinese market first. As a bi-cultural consultant she short-circuits processes and produce results that increase efficiency by between 70% and 50%. Dr Chung is on the executive board of the Victoria branch of the Australia China Business Council. Being highly experienced in a large number of industries and a frequent visitor to China, Dr Chung is a guest speaker at many public forums and author of a list of over 80 publications in cross-cultural business studies. Her first book was 'Shanghaied: Why Foster's Could Not Survive China'. Her second book was 'Doing Business Successfully in China'. Her third book was 'Doing business with China: getting ready for the Asia century'. Her latest book is 'Dancing with the Dragon: doing business with China'.



Charles Curwen CVO OBE LLD

Former Victorian Commissioner for China

Charles Roderick Curwen was born on the 7th October 1945 in Cumberland, England and educated at Harrow before attending Mons Officer Cadet School in 1964 and serving in the 11th Hussars (P.A.O.). In 1967 as a Captain he was posted to Melbourne, Australia as ADC to the last British Governor of Victoria. At the conclusion of his tour of duty as ADC he left the British Army, became an Australian citizen and remained at Government House where he has served 10 Governors in the role of Private Secretary (1976-84) and as Official Secretary and Chief Administrator of the Office of Governor since 1984 during the term of eleven Premiers. In 2014 his position as Official Secretary was enhanced to provide an advisory and "Ambassadorial role" to the Premier and Government in trade, investment and biotechnology especially in North Asia and the United States of America.

In August 2012 the Premier appointed Charles as the Melbourne-based Commissioner for China. In Nanjing, China in October 2008 he was awarded Honorary Citizenship of Jiangsu Province, and in February 2009 he was inducted as an Advisory Professor at Southeastern University, Nanjing. In Malaysia in October 2013 he was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 5th World Chinese Economic Forum. In 2015 he was appointed as a Guest Professor by Tongji University in Shanghai. In 1974 he married Sandra Harvey of South Australia and together they developed a stud property of cattle and fine wool Merino sheep in Central Victoria. In 1989 on a scheme of arrangement for executive development within the Government of Victoria, he took leave of absence to gain commercial experience. This was achieved working in Market Research, during which time he was appointed as a Director of Roy Morgan Research Ltd. and A.C. Nielsen in Sydney.

His other interests have been in aviation as an instrument rated pilot of both fixed wing aircraft and helicopters, and he has a continuing interest in medical research. From 1998 until 2004 he was on the Advisory Board of the Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development (an institute for medical research, respected worldwide as a leader in Prostate Cancer, Infant and Child Health, Women's Reproductive Health, Human Genetics and Animal Husbandry, especially the preservation of endangered species). He was President of their successful \$10 Million Appeal, and continues to have a close association with them.

He was awarded the OBE in 1977, the LVO in 1988, C. St.J. in 1992, the CVO in 1998 and was made a Doctor of Laws honoris causa of Monash University in 1998. He is a fellow of the Victorian Division of The Institute of Public Administration, Australia. He was a sworn Clerk of The Executive Council. He retired as the representative of the State of Victoria on the Order of Australia Council in February 2015, having been first appointed in 2000. In February 2003 he joined the Board of the Howard Florey Institute, and he was appointed a Governor of the Florey Neuroscience Institute in 2007. In November 2009 he was elected as a Director of the Australia China Business Council (Victoria). He has been a Councillor of Monash University from 2005 to 2011, and in January 2010 joined the Monash University Malaysia University Board, where he served for 5 years. In May 2017 he was appointed as an Extra Equerry to the Queen.



Wilkin Fon

Director, Jeanswest

Wilkin is a director of the retailing company Jeanswest, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the publicly listed Glorious Sun Enterprises Ltd in Hong Kong. Jeanswest, with over 230 stores spread across all states and territories of Australia as well as New Zealand, is the Australasian flagship in the multinational and

integrated business network of Glorious Sun, which, on top of its huge garment production facilities network around the world, also owns the largest casualwear retail chain in China with more than 2,500 stores spread across all 30 provinces.

Wilkin was born in Hong Kong and educated in the US respectively at University of Oregon and Iowa State University. From an early career in the banking and finance sector, he has wide management consultancy experiences in major project management, financial advisory and debt restructuring areas.

Wilkin joined the Glorious Sun Group in 1988 and first came to Australia in 1991 upon the group's acquisition of the Jeanswest business operating out of Perth, and moved to Melbourne in 1994 with the relocation of the Jeanswest head office.

Wilkin was the Victorian President of Hong Kong Australia Business Association from 1999 to 2002 and the National President from 2005-2007. He was elected the Honorary Treasurer of the Federation of Hong Kong Business Associations Worldwide for the period from 2006 to 2008.

Wilkin has been a member of the Victorian Board of the Australia China Business Council since 2005 and he is also currently a member the Museums Board of Victoria as well as the Multicultural Business Ministerial Council in Victoria. He is also the Chairman of the newly established Salvation Army Chinese Corporate and Philanthropic Committee.



Ben Foksett

Executive Director, Pathway Services Pty Ltd.

Ben is currently the Executive Director at Pathway Services Pty Ltd. Ben was Deputy Secretary, Industry & Trade and CEO, Invest Victoria in the Vic Dept of Industry, Innovation & Regional Development (DIIRD) 2004-2008. As Deputy Secretary, Ben was responsible for developing Victoria's multi-sector export markets, attracting new international investment into Victoria as well as having primary responsibility for the development of a range of industry sectors in the State. After leaving DIIRD (now DSDBI) Ben completed a term as Victoria's Special Trade Envoy to Latin America and to North Asia. Through his private company, Pathway Services Pty Ltd, he acts as a consultant to the private sector and government organisations.

Ben is on the board of the Burnet Institute and is a member of the Institute's Budget & Investment Committee and the IP& Commercialisation Committee. He is also Chair of two Burnet subsidiaries in China – BioPoint Hong Kong and Nanjing BioPoint.

Ben has been a Vice President of the Victorian Branch of the Australia China Business Council (ACBC) since 2004 and was appointed to the national Board of the Council in 2015. In Dec 2013 Ben retired from the Board of the Australia Latin America Business Council (ALABC) after 4 years as Vice Chairman.

Ben was a member of the Health Exports Advisory Committee during 2013/14 advising the Ministers of Health and State Development on the development of a Health Exports Strategy. Between April 2008 and Dec 2011 Ben served on the Council of Victoria University during which time he was a member of the Council's Resources Committee, served as Chair of the Council's Strategy Committee and was a member of the Chancellor's Committee. Prior to joining DIIRD, Ben spent over 30 years in the financial services industry, predominantly with the AMP, spending 3 years in China as AMP's Chief Representative (Country Manager) based in Beijing. He was also Chairman of the Australia-China Chamber of Commerce in Beijing. Prior to that he was State Manager and Investment Manager, Victoria for the AMP (1992 - 1999).



Ying Hou

Senior Manager, KPMG

Ying Hou is a senior manager with KPMG and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. As a member of KPMG China Practice, Ying has assisted inbound and outbound investors to and from China with their tax and accounting compliance needs. As the operations manager of the KPMG Private Enterprise Melbourne division, her roles include review of monthly financial performance, analysis of actual and budget variances and reporting to partner group. Ying is also the KPMG Private Enterprise National risk management representative who is assisting in review and redesign of the new risk management system of KPMG. Ying has over 15 years of experience in providing accounting, financial reporting, taxation compliance and advisory services to a wide range of industries and clients, including private businesses and not for profit organisations.



Lyall Howard

General Manager - Government Relations, Australia Post

Lyall Howard is General Manager Government Relations at Australia Post where he is responsible for managing relations with the Federal Government in Canberra and Australia's missions in international markets. Lyall has over thirty years' experience in international trade and public affairs across government, industry associations and private enterprise. Lyall commenced his career in London in the 1980s at the agribusiness conglomerate Dalgety plc. In the early 1990's Lyall moved to the newly created Australian Horticultural Corporation where he was tasked with designing an ISO 9002 quality certification scheme for Australian horticulture. Lyall then joined McDonalds' Australia Limited as National Purchasing Manager where he was responsible for paddock-to-plate sourcing and supply chain management for key commodities for McDonalds' restaurants in Australia and Asia. In 1996, Lyall was appointed International Trade Director at Australia's peak farm organization in Canberra, the National Farmers Federation. At NFF Lyall established the Cairns Group Farm Leaders, a coalition of eighteen national farm associations to lobby for the liberalization of trade through the WTO. From 2002 to 2012 Lyall worked in Public Affairs and Government Relations for Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton where he was responsible for public policy issues in Australia and North Asia. He was later appointed as Senior Policy Adviser to Australia's Minister for Trade & Investment, the Hon. Andrew Robb AO. In 2016, Lyall joined Blackmores Limited as Head of Government Relations in 2018, he and moved to Australia Post as General Manager Government Relations.



Liming Huang

Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Liming Huang is a Partner at Corrs Chambers Westgarth. Liming acts for Chinese energy and resource State-owned enterprises, banks and private companies. He specialises in cross border mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, banking and corporate dispute resolutions, corporate advisory and project finance.

Liming has extensive experience in providing bilingual legal advice and documentation in both Chinese and English languages. He has an unparalleled understanding of how Chinese clients conduct business and what they think. Whether drafting bilingual legal advice and documentation, or presenting commercial and insightful solutions, Liming's guidance enables his Australian clients to feel confident in their dealings with foreign parties. He offers clarity and insight when working on cross border transactions and is able to provide valuable cultural context.

Liming was nominated as the Vice President and committee member of Australia China Business Council Victoria Branch in 2015. Liming is Non-executive Director and Chairman of Audit and Risk Committee, Grange Resources Ltd, Tasmania from September 2014 to present. Liming completed his Juris Doctor and Master of Laws degrees at The University of Melbourne and his Executive Master of Business Administration at Monash University.



Grace (Xinyu) Ji

Director, China Practice, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Grace Ji works as Director, China Practice with PwC in Melbourne. Working together with colleagues from different service lines, Grace Ji has assisted clients with many transactions - guiding clients through the transaction process, performing financial and tax due diligence reviews, project management, tax and financial structuring, valuation, post-deal integration, tax compliances, accounting and HR services etc. Grace has developed a good understanding of China/Australia industry and the economic environment, Chinese/Australian Government policies and initiatives relating to international trade, investment and industry development as well as Chinese decision-making processes. Grace also has fairly good understanding of the investment environment of Switzerland and its key selling points as one of the attractive investment destinations. She has extensive experience in dealing with people at all levels of both large and small organisations/companies, as well as related industry, government agencies and industry associations.

Before Grace joined in PwC in May 2010, she worked as Deputy Investment Promotion Director at the Swiss Business Hub China based in the Swiss Embassy Beijing (2009-2010) and as the Investment Director for Greater China with Invest Australia /The Australian Embassy Beijing from 2005 to 2009. Being the first national point-of-contact for all the outbound investment inquiries, she and her team offered free, comprehensive and confidential assistance to Chinese companies who wanted to build their business in the destination countries.

Grace Ji also worked for Austrade Beijing (the Commercial Section of the Australian Embassy Beijing) from 2000 to 2005 as Business Development Manager responsible for Automotive, Tooling, Machinery, Logistics, Biotech/Medical and other related industrial sectors. Her other work experience includes working as President Assistant, Marketing Manager, Sales & Marketing Manager Asia Pacific of Medtronic Functional Diagnostics Ltd. in Beijing and Singapore during 1997-2000, and as English Teacher of Chinese Women's Colleague from 1995 to 1997.



Laura Mattiazzi

Head of Asia Business Development, NAB

Laura has over 20 years banking experience across Asia Pacific. She was born and graduated from mainland China, worked at Bank of China (China) and Dao Heng Bank (now DBS) in Hong Kong before pursuing postgraduate studies in Australia.

Graduated with HD in Finance & Economics from RMIT, Laura joined National Australia Bank (NAB) in 1999, currently as "Head of Asia Business Development". Since joining NAB, Laura worked closely with offshore capitals investing into Australian properties from SE Asian investors to that of mainland China. During this time, she built and managed an Asian Business Lending Portfolio, having pioneered being the first mainland Chinese banker to focus on property development and investment activities by Asian investors in Melbourne.

Today, Chinese investors have dominated the inbound investments into properties three years in a row now. Laura's current role as "Head of Asia Business Development" at NAB saw her mandate to expand Asia offerings to other industries including health&medical, education, property, manufacture, import&export, professional services and food & agriculture within the greater NAB enterprise. This new national role will develop Asia offering to NAB clients and position them for growth and export in these industries whilst building NAB's "Asian Specialisation" brand.

Laura recently graduated as GAICD from AICD and the "Agribusiness program" at Harvard Business School. She remains as an active Vice-Chair for "Food & Agribusiness Committee" at Australia China Business Council, Victoria. She is also a member of the "Industry Advisory Board" at "Department of Marketing" of Monash University.



David Olsson

China Practice Consultant, King & Wood Mallesons

David is a lawyer and China practice consultant to international law firm King & Wood Mallesons. He was head of the firm's China practice in Beijing for 6 years until 2013 and prior to that an Australian Managing Partner. He has been actively engaged in Asian and China related business for over 25 years.

He was Chairman of the Australian Chamber of Commerce, Beijing from 2010 – 2013, founder of its Financial Services Working Group and has worked with the Australia Government on a range of policy development initiatives – particularly in the financial services sector, as well as being a regular participant in a number of senior level Australia China dialogues.

He is currently the Chair of the Australian private sector led working group looking at all aspects of the internationalisation of the Renminbi in Australia. He was appointed to the board of the Australia China Business Council in 2013 and has been on the executive committee of ACBC Victoria since October 2013. He chairs the Finance & Investment Services Working Group.



Tom Parker

Partner, Bastion China

Tom Parker is a China specialist helping others overcome cultural and business barriers when working or dealing with China. Tom's long term engagement with China has resulted in an impressive network and the ability to enable successful business outcomes.

A Mandarin speaker and cross-cultural facilitator, Tom has worked in numerous China-focused program roles, including; The Asialink Centre, Austrade (Beijing), and as writer and reporter for the ABC in both China and Australia for Radio National's Asia Pacific program.

Tom has managed projects and facilitated business and government partnerships in China for the City of Melbourne, NSW and Victorian State Governments. He was the AFL's China consultant delivering the Shanghai Showdown exhibition match during the 2010 World Expo and also works at the Strategic Partnerships Manager at the Melbourne Football Club. Tom was an Honorary Adjunct at the China Research Centre at University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and is a Vice President of the Australia China Business Council (Victoria).



Frank Paton

Special Counsel, Hunt & Hunt

Frank Paton focuses on China transactions at Hunt & Hunt, a law firm with offices across Australia and in Shanghai and representation in Beijing. He is an honours law graduate and has also studied economics. Frank has been travelling to and working in China since 1987. Working in tandem with Hunt & Hunt's own Shanghai office he has advised many Australian corporations on setting up business in China and investing in JVs and other trading arrangements. Frank provides commercial advice for a variety of clients in different sectors, including the education sector, food industry, R&D clients and manufacturers and traders generally. This includes advice on international transactions, preparing contracts, risk management by minimising and transferring risk, compliance with all regulatory requirements and negotiating and advising on technology licensing and other commercial arrangements.

He is a former President of the Law Institute of Victoria and a former Chair of the executive of the Victoria Law Foundation and has been on the ACBC Board in Victoria for 9 years.



Professor Charles Qin OAM

Managing Director, Chin Communications

Charles co-founded Chin Communications in 1992. As Managing Director & Chief Interpreter, Charles is responsible for driving the company's growth while also focusing on developing the professional language skills of all team members.

Charles is the only Australian/Chinese member of the prestigious AIIC (International Association of Conference Interpreters), is Adjunct Industry Fellow at Monash University, and a visiting Professor at the Tianjin Foreign Studies University.

He is also a founding member of the Chinese Interpreters & Translators Association of Australia (CITAA) and has been its president since 2014. He was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2016 for his contribution to international relations, particularly through interpreting and translation.



Theo Sakell

Partner & Executive Director, Pitcher Partners

Theo Sakell is a Partner & Executive Director of Tax Consulting at Pitcher Partners. Medium to large sized privately owned businesses and small listed public companies derive maximum business benefits from working with Theo and relying on his more than 25 years experience providing tax consulting and advisory services. His skills and expertise cover the full spectrum of tax consulting services, and focus on advising clients on international tax issues such as cross border transactions and international structuring.

His thorough understanding of the complexities of Australian and international tax regimes and the great respect he receives both from within Pitcher Partners and with external agencies led to his appointment to head of Pitcher Partners Tax Consulting division in 2011. Theo is a recognised authority on tax matters and is regularly called on by Government and other regulatory bodies for advice.



Bruce Sheng

Chairman, ASIPAC Group

Mr. Sheng has been in Australia for over 20 years and is the Chairman of the ASIPAC Group, a Melbourne based diversified investment group of companies with a primary focus on resources and property. ASIPAC is also the owner of an Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL 300767) and works closely with key high profile organisations in Australia and China. Mr. Sheng has been associated with ACBC since 1990.



Hon Ken Smith AM

Director, China Solutions

Ken Smith is a Director of kensmith@chinasolutions a business developed to assist businessmen and women find the right solution to meet their needs to do business in China. Ken has developed this initiative following his retirement in 2014 after 26 years in the Victorian State Parliament having established high level Business and Political relationships in China over a period of 20 years. During his Parliamentary career Ken served as Speaker, Shadow Minister for Local Government, Gaming and Fisheries, Whip, Chairman of an All Party Parliamentary Committee and Party Secretary. Before entering Parliament he was a Councillor on the Hastings Shire Council, a self-employed Plumbing Contractor, a founding Director then Chairman of The Independent News Group. He also served as an Executive officer of the Master Plumbers Assoc. of Victoria then Federal Secretary of the Federated Master Plumbers of Australia. His relationship with China commenced in 1995 as a delegate to Jiangsu Province (Victoria's Sister State) and he has since led more than 30 Business and Political Delegations to many parts of China inc. Tibet and Inner Mongolia. He has also through many contacts welcomed delegations of Chinese Politicians inc. Governors, Vice Governors, Provincial Congress Chairmen and members and Mayors as well as leading Businessmen and women all looking to do business in Australia. Ken was recognised for his work in China by being awarded Honorary Citizenship in both Shandong and Jiangsu Provinces.

In June 2016, Ken was inducted as the first International member of the 6th Council of the Jiangsu Provincial Peoples Association of Friendship with Foreign Countries. Ken Smith said he was delighted to accept this Honorary position as it would allow him to further promote the friendship between Victoria and Jiangsu Province which has been working extremely well since 1977.

Ken works with established and potential SME's from Australia to develop thriving partnerships with Chinese businesses as a for a win-win for both.



Dr Susan Su

Business Development Manager - North Asia, Melbourne Airport

Susan Su is a Business Development Manager – North Asia at Melbourne Airport. As a culturally sensitive and commercially astute bilingual professional, she has worked at Telstra and gained substantial experience at developing and executing Australia – China business strategies before joining the airport in 2013. At the airport, Susan is responsible for the growth of air services at Melbourne, working with current and potential airlines on business development and cooperative marketing opportunities, with a key focus on airline growth in Greater China, and also playing a lead role in the delivery of Melbourne Airport's "China Strategy" across the whole business. She has been successfully developing good working relationships across the organisation, Chinese Airlines and relevant stakeholders.



Professor On Kit Tam

Professor, RMIT University

On Kit Tam is Professor of Finance at RMIT University and has been undertaking academic research and commercial consulting work for major corporations and international organisations on China's economic transformation, financial development and foreign direct investment since the start of the country's economic reform.

Prof. Tam was previously Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor Business International at RMIT, Deputy Dean International, Faculty of Business and Economics, and Director of China Research Centre, Monash University. On Kit has held executive/academic positions in the Australian Federal Government Department of the Treasury, University of New South Wales, and Philips Hong Kong. He has held visiting positions with Australian National University, University of California Berkeley, Renmin University of China, Nanjing University, and the University of Hong Kong, as well as being Adjunct Professor of Finance in Beijing's Central University of Finance and Economics, and Tianjin University.

He has published extensively on China's economic and financial reform, foreign investment, and corporate governance. His research has won grants and awards from key Australian and international bodies including the Australian Research Council and the Ford Foundation. On Kit has served as consultant and adviser for major multilateral organisations, Chinese and Australian government organisations, and international corporations, and an independent director of a joint venture fund management company in China set up by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and a director of the board of the Royal District Nursing Services. He has been the chair of ACBC Victoria's Education and Training Committee for several years.



Barry White

Director, ProEx Developments

Barry has been a board member of the ACBC since 1996 and prior to this was a member of the Boards of the predecessor organisations (Australia China Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Australia China Business Council) since 1988. He is a Life Member and was previously President of ACBC (Vic) and National Vice President.

His experience in China dates back to 1978 at the time of China's 'Open Door Policy' when he was responsible for international market development for the Australian Wool Corporation. He was subsequently responsible for the AWC's China offices and managed several major industry projects with China. During this period, he acted as a wool industry advisor on ministerial trade missions. China is now Australia's largest wool export market.

In 2001 he became international projects manager for ACIL Tasman Consulting during which time the company undertook a number of projects for international clients in China. He was then appointed CEO of the International Fibre Centre in 2003. In 2008 he established a private consulting company ProEx Developments Pty Ltd through which he continues his relationship with the China market providing agribusiness advice, trade and investment services on behalf of Chinese and domestic parties. He is also involved in the development of a joint ACBC/Regional Development Victoria program to assist regional businesses to strengthen relationships with the China market.

Barry is currently a Vice President of ACBC Victoria and Chair of the ACBC's Agribusiness & Food Working Group.



Dr Celina Yu

Managing Director, Global Business College of Australia (GBCA)

Dr Celina Yu, as the Managing Director of Global Business College of Australia (GBCA), has overseen the establishment of the first international campus of the Huashang Education Group in Australia. She is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Business Administration, Northeastern University, China, and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

She also holds the position of Founder and President of Australia-China Association of Scientists and Entrepreneurs (ACASE), with over 460 members of scientists and entrepreneurs. ACASE works with high level research institutes, government organisations, financial institutes and professional bodies both in Australia and China, to connect innovation with entrepreneurship, through instigating a platform for entrepreneurs and scientists globally to exchange ideas and create products.

She was also the first elected female President of the Chinese Association of Professionals and Scholars Australia (CAPS Australia), currently with over 580 members of academics across Australian universities. During her presidency she led and initiated academic, research and business collaborative partnerships across and between China and Australia, including 'Academic and Business Mission' trips to prestigious education institutes, such as Peking University, Tsinghua University and the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the annual flagship Research Symposium.

She obtained her PhD in Finance at RMIT University and a Masters of Professional Accounting at Monash University. Her PhD research was awarded RMIT University's prestigious Best Doctoral Research Excellence Award in 2014.