

EXPERT RESOURCE PROFILE – DAVID MORTIMER AO

“A leader who believes in creative, imaginative responses to shape the future of business.”



David Mortimer AO is recognised and respected as one of Australia’s best Chairmen and professional Company Directors, with exemplary governance experience.

After a solid career in the banking and finance industry in Australia and the United States, David joined TNT Limited in 1973 becoming Chief Financial Officer and a Director of the company in 1985.

In September 1992, David was appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the TNT Limited worldwide group a leading Australian transport company with revenues of \$7 billion at the time. Following the merger of TNT Limited with the Dutch based KPN group in December 1996, he remained as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Asian Pacific Region until he resigned in September 1997.

David was Deputy Chairman of Ansett Australia Holdings Limited from 1992 to 1996 and Chairman of GD Express Worldwide from 1992 to 1996.

In November 1996, David was appointed by the Federal Government to conduct a review of Business Programs that resulted in “The Mortimer Report”. Followed by two further reviews in 2008 on export policy titled “Winning in World Markets” and on defence procurement and sustainment titled “Going to the Next level.”

Amongst other appointments, David was well known for his role as Chairman of Leighton Holdings Limited from 2007 to 2011, Director of Intoll Management Limited (previously Macquarie Infrastructure Management) from 2000 to 2010 and Chairman of Australia Post from 2006 to 2012.

David is presently Chairman of Crescent Capital Partners, MySale Group and Opera Australia, Director of Petsec Energy Limited and Governor of the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce.

David is a Director of the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Foundation, President of the Sydney University Football Club and a Member of the Australian Golf Club. He is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Committee for Economic Development of Australia – CEDA.

Why 2020 Exchange

David has exceptional knowledge and experience in managing Australian companies in the global economy. From his transformative years with TNT, through to high profile positions with Australia Post and Leighton Holdings, David has demonstrated an ability to future proof and succeed on a world stage.

There are common elements exemplified in David’s leadership that are aligned with the 2020 philosophy. Namely, challenging the status quo and seeking creative approaches in complex business environments. David has led organisations through major generational disruptors leaving a legacy for his successors.



Current Positions

- Since 2014 Chairman, MySale Group
- Since 2013 Chairman, Opera Australia
- Since 2013 Chairman, Defence Future Submarine Industry Skills Plan Industry Panel
- Since 2012 Chairman, Alpha Agricultural Investment Partners
- Since 2012 Chairman, University of Sydney Senate Investment & Commercialisation Committee
- Since 2012 Director, Defence Customs Reform Board
- Since 2010 Chairman, Buildcorp Advisory Board
- Since 2010 Fellow of Senate, The University of Sydney
- Since 2009 Director, Clayton Utz Foundation
- Since 2008 Director, Grant Samuel Advisory Board
- Since 2001 Chairman, Crescent Capital Partners Limited
- Since 1985 Director, Petsec Energy Limited

Past Positions

- 2011-2014 Chairman, Defence Industry Innovation Board
- 2006-2012 Chairman, Australia Post
- 2000-2006 Deputy Chairman, Australia Post, appointed Chairman 12 September 2006
- 1997-2011 Chairman, Leighton Holdings Limited
- 1997-2007 Director, Leighton Holdings Limited
- 2000-2010 Director, Intoll Management Limited
- 2010-2010 Director, Macquarie Atlas Roads Limited
- 2004-2008 Chairman, Defence Procurement Advisory Board
- 2002-2007 Director, Sigma Pharmaceuticals Ltd
- 1997-2007 Director, Adsteam Marine
- 2004-2006 Director, Virgin Blue Holdings Ltd
- 1997-2006 Chairman, Citect Corporation Ltd
- 2000-2004 Chairman, MIA Group Limited
- 2002-2003 Chairman, Bankstown Airport Ltd
- 2002-2003 Chairman, Camden Airport Ltd
- 2002-2003 Chairman, Hoxton Park Airport Ltd
- 1998-2004 Director, Garvan Institute of Medical Research
- 1998-2002 Chairman, Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd
- 1998-1999 Chairman, GIO Australia Holdings Ltd
- 1997-1999 Director, GIO Australia Holdings Ltd
- 1996-1997 Chairman, TNT Asia Pacific Region
- 1992-1996 Chairman, GD Express Worldwide
- 1992-1996 Deputy Chairman, Ansett Australia Holdings Ltd
- 1997-2004 Director, Australian Tourist Commission
- 1997-2001 Director, F H Faulding & Co Ltd
- 1985-1996 Director, TNT Ltd
- 1986-1991 Director, McIlwraith McEachern Ltd
- 1986-1991 Chairman, Vodafone Australasia
- 1986-1991 Director, EMC Advisory Board
- 1986-1991 Member, Advisory Board, Fujitsu



- 1986-1991 Member, AT Kearney Advisory Board
- 1986-1991 Member, Advisory Council, AGSM

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Economics (First Class Honours), University of Sydney, FCPA

Awards, Honours and Memberships

- Appointed Officer of the Order of Australia in 2005
- Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors since 2010 (FAICD)
- Governor, Australian Israel Chamber of Commerce
- President, Sydney University Football Club
- Director, Australian Schoolboys Rugby Foundation
- Director, Ascham School Ltd
- Director, Australian Graduate School of Management
- Member, Advisory Council (AGSM)

Publications

- Review into Business Programs in Australia 1998
- Winning In World Markets (Review of Export Policies in Australia) 2008
- Going to the Next Level (Review of Defence procurement in Australia) 2008