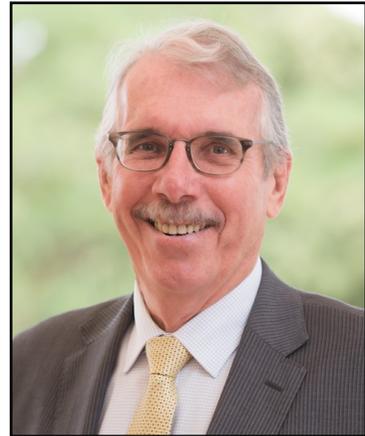




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## **Michael Wright**

Michael Wright is an experienced senior manager and consultant, with over 30 years of experience in advising Agencies, Companies and managers on organisational change, strategic planning and professional development. Michael facilitates a number of Executive Learning Groups as part of the Jeff Whalan Learning Group. Over the past 10 years has been a senior coach for managers in the public and private sector and has also been a facilitator for the Cranlana Program in Australia and the Agora Dialogue in Cyprus.

Michael has held CEO, Deputy Secretary and Division Head roles in the Victorian public sector in Agencies as diverse as the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Ministry of Transport, the Victorian Channels Authority, the Department of Labour and the Victorian Cancer Agency. He has been a member the Board of the National Rail Authority, the Victorian Transport Accident Commission and Managing Director of Monash Partners Academic Health Science Centre and Inaugural Director of the Monash Health Translational Precinct. Michael has been a member of a number of not for profit Boards over the past 25 years.

In addition to his leadership roles, Michael spent 20 years running an organisational change consulting firm, with clients in the public and private sector from New Zealand, South Africa and all Australian States. Clients of Michael's firm have included Federal and State Government Agencies, Health Services in all States, and private sector clients in the mining, ports, banking and manufacturing sectors. This diverse mix of clients and issues has provided Michael with a rich source of insights and experiences into the workings of major organisations in Australia and an understanding of the challenges facing their leaders.

Michael's breadth of experience has proven invaluable in his coaching and professional development roles. He is currently leading a number of Jeff Whalan Learning Groups and he is also separately coaching senior managers from the mining and university sectors. In previous years, Michael has also coached senior managers from within Victoria Police, Port companies and Health services – opportunities that have often developed from consulting projects he has undertaken.

Michael holds an honours degree in Economics from ANU and a Masters degree in Economics and Industrial Relations from London School of Economics. Michael has also completed the AICD Company Director's course.

After some 25 years as a Not for Profit Board member, Michael is taking time away from Board responsibilities. Until recently he was a member of the Board of Oxfam Australia and before that Chair of the Australian Community Support Organisation, Board Member of HomeGround Services (now Launch Housing), member of the Advisory Council for the Institute of Legal Studies for the Australian Catholic University, the Chair of the Advisory Board of the McCaughey Centre at Melbourne University and a Board member on the Footscray Community Arts Centre.

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