

# Building & Construction Foundation Board 2023



## Dani Bartolini

### Business Development Manager Rock Up Group

Dani is part of the management team running Rock Up Group, a concrete polishing company at the forefront of the evolution of the concrete polishing industry in Australia and a growing client pool that extends to New Zealand, Europe and North America.

Dani's interest in joining the Foundation Board stems from a passion for addressing the current skills shortage we are experiencing in the industry. She views the Foundation as a fantastic vehicle to support individuals within our local communities who are currently excluded from the talent pool, our "hidden talent"! A member of the MBV Specialist Sector Committee, Dani's experience running an SME business in a fast-growing specialist trade, along with her skills in relationship development, marketing, sales and innovation and her extensive knowledge of the education and grant systems are an asset.



## Dale Kennedy

### Managing Director Harris HMC

A current MBV Committee member and Managing Director of Harris HMC since 2011, Dale leads a 250 strong team and has overseen \$1.5b of construction works. Dale has been instrumental in the growth and success of Harris HMC.

A key driver for Dale, personally and professionally, is to help people succeed in life. Being mentored by his father from a young age, he knows the value of learning and how it can drive amazing outcomes when matched with passion and purpose. As a Board member, Dale hopes to use his experience and vision, utilising his strong and varied network, to benefit motivated young people who are experiencing hardship. Dale brings a strong sense of purpose, a commitment to philanthropy and a personal and professional drive to make a difference to the Foundation.



## George Abraham

### Managing Director Hickory Group and Chair of the Foundation Board

As Managing Director, George oversees the Hickory culture, operations, and projects with contracts worth over \$1 billion. A champion of quality and safety, George continually strives to raise industry standards and set new benchmarks in Australian construction on time, cost and quality. As a champion of the culture at Hickory, George has a natural ability to empower and unlock potential in others.

George brings significant insight and knowledge of the industry, a strong reputation for quality, delivery and ethics, highly developed leadership skills, effective stakeholder management skills and a commitment to education and personal development to his role as Foundation Director. A registered domestic and commercial building practitioner and having attained a Bachelor degree, he understands the importance of education and training. He is well placed to provide strategic direction and governance in his new role.



## John Goris

### Director and CEO Kingsbridge Homes

John is the Director and CEO of Kingsbridge Homes and Hermitage Homes and the Director of TRC Australia. John has been instrumental in building and developing Kingsbridge Homes and Hermitage Homes to great success. He has implemented a significant cultural transformation throughout the business. During his tenure as CEO, the group has built thousands of homes all over Melbourne and Victoria and have won multiple awards and accreditations. These include Best Display Home, Product Review Best Builder, Australian Achiever, best Victorian Builder and ISO 9001 Certification.

John holds an MBA and Bachelor of Commerce and regularly mentors young students. His drive to support people to build a successful future was a key reason for joining the Foundation Board, and he brings outstanding leadership, knowledge and insight to the Board.



## Steve Peluso

### Managing Director Peluso Building Group

Steve is a qualified and registered builder in both residential and commercial construction. He has significant experience in property development and has worked extensively in the insurance/insolvency building sector. With over 25 years in the building industry and multiple consecutive award-winning builders, Steve has more than just accolades to his name. From selling homes to building them, Steve has done them all and, along the way, has built a team and company that share his commitment to excellence.

Steve brings a wealth of Board experience to the Foundation as a Director of Master Builders Insurance Brokers, past Chair of the MBV Housing Sector Committee, past Treasurer of the MBV Board of Management and past Board Member on the Building Practitioners Board and Trade Women Australia Foundation.



## Daniel Mazzei

### Managing Director Mazzei Homes

Daniel's passion and talent for luxury residential construction established Mazzei Homes in 2015. Mazzei Homes is founded on family values, client dedication, and dependability. They are highly regarded for their passionate commitment to placing clients at the centre of everything they do.

Daniel joined the Foundation Board to give back to the industry and support others to develop their careers within our industry. An experienced Managing Director, highly skilled and knowledgeable in all aspects of the construction industry, Daniel is also highly committed to philanthropy and has embedded a strong focus on corporate social responsibility at Mazzei. He has been actively involved in fundraising for charities since 2011.



## Viviana Hood

### Management Consultant

Viviana was the Chief Operating Officer for the Master Builders Association of Victoria, where she managed the Registered Training Organisation (MBTI), the financial and commercial operations (including sales, events and sponsorship), the advisory functions (legal, OHS, industrial relations and sustainability) and MBA Building Services Pty Ltd.

Currently, Viviana is a Management Consultant and holds Director positions on the MBA Building Services Pty Ltd (a Master Builders subsidiary) Board and the Foundation Board. She also brings experience as the CEO of a not-for-profit organisation and strong commercial insight to the role. She brings a passion for "growing people" and seeing the young enter the workforce and achieve success in their careers and personal development. She has been recognised as a valued mentor throughout her career.



## Olivia Ross

### General Manager, Rossiter Constructions

Olivia is an advocate for positive change and growth in the Construction industry and has a natural ability to motivate and connect with a large variety of key stakeholders. She joined the Foundation Board in November 2022.

Olivia brings experience and a practical approach in management of a construction business through her unique lens as a Chartered Accountant. Integrity and accountability are paramount virtues that underpin the way Olivia operates. Through living and breathing the challenges and triumphs of the construction industry from an early age, she understands that diversity and inclusivity are key to the successful growth and adaption of the industry. Through Olivia's experience and knowledge, she endeavours to assist in fostering the next generation of talent and has been a valuable mentor to past scholarship recipients.

