

## **Dr Christopher A. Bell**

Christopher is a Director of The Sanciollo-Bell Group and has more than 20 years experience in leadership and executive development. He is also an adjunct faculty member for the Australian Graduate School of Management at the Australian Business School, University of NSW.

From 2000 to 2012 Christopher was the CEO of The Leadership Consortium and in this position led the design and was part of the delivery team of leadership programs for the Consortium's exclusive membership. This membership included key organisations within the private sector such as Telstra, IBM, Boral and Shell as well as public sector organisations such as Victorian Public Service, Roads and Maritime Services NSW, Queensland Health, Australian Tax Office and the Department for Finance and Deregistration.

From 1989 to 1999 Christopher held a number of senior Organisational, Leadership and Executive Development roles within Telstra. Christopher was one of the lead authors on the Telecom Manager's Planning Guide Workbook - Strategies for Continuous Improvement and was accountable for the background research and writing of Telstra Leadership Matrix (Telstra Quality Approach).

Christopher was also instrumental in founding and developing Telstra's Centre for Leadership where he had joint responsibility for the design, development and delivery of best practice leadership and executive development programs for the 1000 most senior managers within Telstra.

He is a nationally acclaimed public speaker and researcher on leadership and has presented for the American Academy of Management, Australian Institute of Company Directors, National Organisational Development Conference, National Personal and Organisational Development Summit, the Business and Higher Education Roundtable and at the inaugural Governance Risk and Compliance conference in 2012. Most recently Christopher was the Australia contributor to the "Learning and Leading in a Global Marketplace" chapter in the American Society for Training and Development Handbook II. He is also a member of AICD, FAIM and AITD.

Christopher's formal qualifications include Master of Organisational Development, Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, California, Graduate Diploma Arts Management, University of South Australia and Bachelor of Arts (Hons), Flinders University Drama Centre, In 2008 Christopher was awarded a PhD from the Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara California – his research focus being 'The Effective Leadership of Geographically Dispersed Work Teams'.

Christopher's earlier career was as an arts manager and theatre and operatic director and he continues to actively work with the Arts Industry. He was Chair of the Next Wave Festival from 2006 to 2010 and is currently Chair of St Martins Youth Arts Centre, one of Australia's leading youth arts organisations and is a life-time member of the Adelaide Festival Fringe.