

Fiona Menzies CEO, Creative Partnerships Australia

Fiona Menzies commenced as CEO of the newly created Creative Partnerships Australia in February 2013. Immediately prior to that, Fiona was the Development Manager at the Wheeler Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas. Fiona's interest in private giving to the arts began when studying at the University of Melbourne where she completed her undergraduate thesis on a private arts collection donated to the State of South Australia. Fiona then completed a Masters degree at the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, again focusing on a donated collection, namely the costume designs for a groundbreaking 1914 production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Fiona also has experience in politics, working as Adviser and then Chief of Staff to two Commonwealth Government Arts Ministers. Fiona has served on the board of the Dame Nellie Melba Opera Trust and is currently on a school foundation board in Melbourne.