



BOARD ELECTION 2024 Candidate Statements

(alphabetical order)

Daniel Featherstone – Individual Member

I'm a passionate advocate for equitable access to affordable and reliable communications services. I've been actively involved in communications, media and digital inclusion projects, advocacy and research for over 20 years, particularly in remote and regional First Nations communities.

Since 2021, I've led the 'Mapping the Digital Gap' research on remote First Nations digital inclusion at RMIT University, within the Australian Digital Inclusion Index team. This Telstra-funded project is helping to measure progress on Closing the Gap Target 17, aimed at First Nations digital equity by 2026. It also informs policy and program design through the First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group to the Minister for Communications. I am on the Expert Panel supporting that group.

I live in regional Victoria and have first-hand experience of the challenges for regional communications consumers. Previously I lived in central Australia for 19 years. My roles included Manager of Indigenous media organisation Ngaanyatjarra Media in remote WA (2001-2010), where I coordinated regional media, communications and digital inclusion programs, and then as General Manager of remote media peak body Indigenous Remote Communications Association in Alice Springs, overseeing its transition to national peak First Nations Media Australia (2012-20).

During this period, I completed a research PhD on Indigenous media and communications policy and evaluation. I also initiated the inDigiMOB program to support digital mentors in remote communities, and helped establish advocacy group Broadband for the Bush Alliance. Collectively we organised an annual B4B Forum and Indigenous Focus Day, supported by ACCAN.

I've been a long-time supporter of ACCAN's fantastic advocacy and programs. This included attending forums, contributing to policy submissions, supporting the Indigenous Steering Group, and authoring the Remote Indigenous Communications Review (2020).

I welcome the opportunity to contribute further within the Board, helping to strive for affordable, accessible and appropriate communications services for all.

Nadia Moffatt OAM – Individual Member

Nadia Moffatt OAM GAICD FGLF-A leader with a diverse background motivated to demonstrate the benefits of diversity on productivity and performance.

Nadia has lived experience of commerciality, Nadia is a person from a culturally and linguistic diverse background and overcoming adversity, Nadia's first language is Italian. Nadia's diversity of thinking has resulted in the successful initiation and oversight of projects and delivering outcomes.

Nadia Moffatt OAM is a highly experienced and qualified Non-Executive Director, chair and committee member with more than fifteen years' experience in business, government and the Not-for-Profit sectors across Australia in telecommunications, energy and water, health and community services.

Nadia has a tertiary background in Economics and Accounting and formal qualifications as a company director. Nadia's scholarships include the Leaders for Tomorrow program and the Copland, Centre for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA) leadership program. Nadia's global insight into social innovation through research and policy was enhanced by attending a forum in Helsinki in June 2015. Nadia completed the Governor's Leadership Foundation program in 2018. Nadia is a trustee member of the Committee for Economic Development of Australia.

Nadia was previously a member of the ACCAN board from 2015-2021, progressing from the Standing Advisory Committee for disability (SACDI). During Nadia's two board terms, Nadia was a member of the Finance and Audit, governance and grants committees, including a period of being the Convenor of the governance committee.

Nadia is passionate about ensuring that telecommunications continues to be an enabler of choice and independence.

Robert John Morsillo – Individual Member

I have been encouraged to offer myself for the ACCAN Board and would bring the following expertise and experience.

- BSc.,BD., Grad Dip Community Development, Grad Dip Public Policy, MA (Communications)
- 40 years in not-for-profit governance roles including chair, secretary, finance and risk management (e.g. Infoxchange, University of Divinity, CAFCA, AFCCRA).
- 15 years in community work, including financial counselling casework with people on a low income, consumer advocacy in credit management, social security and telecommunications (e.g. Council of the TIO, Telstra Consumer Consultative Council, CTN)
- 28 years in telecommunications (Telstra) majoring in consumer affairs, community engagement, digital inclusion, social innovation and public policy (e.g. credit management and disability equipment industry codes, remoter indigenous telecommunications, low-income measures, Australian Digital Inclusion Index).
- 3 years as a research fellow, part-time, Swinburne University, focussing on communications public policy for social inclusion and now as a PhD student at RMIT University focussing on digital social innovation in Australia (e.g. *Submission to the Blueprint Expert Reference Group on the Not-For-Profit Sector Development.*)

I would bring to the Board my interest in encouraging cross-sector collaboration by the not-for-profit sector in social innovation projects to improve communications access outcomes for vulnerable groups in Australia. As a member of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society (ADM+S), I would contribute to the Board's knowledge of the ongoing work of the Measuring the Digital Gap and Australian Digital Inclusion Index teams, as well as other research on the social impacts of new information, communication and social media technologies.

The media and communications landscape is changing rapidly and the situation of those most vulnerable more precarious. ACCAN must continue to bring the voice of the consumer to the table, particularly those at risk of exclusion, in the development, deployment and regulation of new information and communications technologies.

Victoria Rubensohn AM – Individual Member

I am presently Deputy Chair of ACCAN and Convenor of the Governance Committee. I have been involved with ACCAN since its inception. I have been honoured to be nominated by ACCAN as its representative on a range of entities, including Code Review Panels and regulatory body Nomination Committees.

My professional legal career has been mainly in the area of Communications/Media regulatory policy, and more recently, the Digital regulatory area. I have served as a Media/Communications Regulator and have extensive experience of co-regulatory and self-regulatory communications /digital entities.

I have a long history of governance experience, as Chair and Director, on Not-for-Profit Boards. These include NFPs which are ACCAN members or associated with the interests of ACCAN members, especially in the disability/accessibility sphere. I have lived disability experience.

I am presently acting Chair, Deputy Chair or director of three NFP entities and sit on the Advisory Boards/Councils of an additional two.

I have had extensive experience chairing Federal Government Statutory Agencies and Policy Advisory Committees in the Media/Communications area.

Over my professional career I have gained comprehensive experience of the creation/ review of Consumer Protection Codes and the creation/ administration of Consumer Complaints Processes. I currently serve as Consumer Representative on entities overseeing Consumer Protection Codes in the Telecommunications and Digital areas.

My involvement with ACCAN has been consistently fulfilling while traversing a constantly changing environment. I believe my experience has benefitted both the Board and the organisation in adapting to this dynamism. I have had the great benefit of serving with excellent colleagues and exceptional Chairs. If re-elected, this would be my final term as an ACCAN Director, and I would very much value the opportunity to continue to contribute to the organisation's capacity and strategy for protecting consumers in the very challenging dynamic environment ahead.

David Spriggs, Infoxchange - Organisational Member

I bring over 25 years of experience in the not-for-profit and technology sectors, currently serving as the CEO of Infoxchange, a not-for-profit social enterprise with the vision of technology for social justice.

My passion lies in fostering a digitally inclusive society, where technology serves to empower communities and enhance the effectiveness of the not-for-profit sector. Throughout my career, I have championed cross-sector partnerships to tackle some of our biggest social challenges.

In addition to my role at Infoxchange, I serve as the Chair of the Australian Digital Inclusion Alliance (ADIA) and as Deputy Chair of Specialisterne Australia, working to create neurodiverse-friendly workplaces and harnessing the talents of people on the autism spectrum. I am also a Non-Executive Director of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, committed to keeping children and young people free from violence and trauma wherever they live, learn and play.

My academic background includes a Bachelor of Information Technology, Certificate in Theology, Harvard Business School Executive Education and I am a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

I have been fortunate to work with ACCAN for over a decade in my role as CEO of Infoxchange and through the Australian Digital Inclusion Alliance (ADIA).

I believe ACCAN has a critical role to play in a rapidly changing landscape – evolving from a focus on telecommunications and the internet to representing consumers and consumer organisations in the broader world of communications technologies which is increasingly dominated by large technology and social media companies.

I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to ACCAN's mission and give consumers a more powerful voice. I would support a stronger voice in advocacy (backed by research), strengthening partnerships across sectors, promoting consumer education and encouraging a deeper exploration of emerging challenges in the communications sector.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Jessica Wilson, Good Things Foundation Australia - Organisational Member

With over 20 years of executive social impact roles, I have extensive experience in governance, strategy development and implementation, risk management, and partnership development with government, corporate, and community sectors.

In my current role as the CEO of Good Things Australia, I have led the organisation's growth from inception to being a national leader in digital inclusion. My experience in driving digital inclusion programs, research and advocacy aligns with ACCAN's vision of communications services that are trusted, inclusive, accessible, and available for all.

I am committed to advancing equitable access, particularly for marginalised groups, through strategic partnerships and innovative solutions. I am on the Australian Digital Inclusion Alliance's Governance Committee and NBN's Low Income Digital Inclusion Forum and have in the past held Board positions in domestic and family violence services. I bring a focus on social impact measurement and advocacy with a strong belief that organisational vision and impact should be centred in all strategic and governance decisions.

If elected, I will bring a strong track record in governance, strategic leadership, and stakeholder engagement to help shape ACCAN's direction and support it to remain a powerful advocate for consumers across Australia.