

Peter Burns OAM

PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN

Peter is honoured to serve as the honorary President and Chairperson of Fernlea Community Care. An advocate for local community involvement and volunteerism, he is dedicated to facilitating an effective governance environment to enable the unique services the operational team offer at Fernlea to thrive.

A seasoned consultant specialising in aged care service innovation and realignment he has extensive experience in collaborating with local government to achieve community service objectives in aged care, recreation, childcare, and youth services. Most recently the CEO of Bridges Connecting Communities Ltd, a charity and CHSP provider, Peter has consulted widely including the Asia-Pacific, South America, North America and Europe.

His expertise and experience include:

- **Aged Care Reform:** Deeply involved in aged care reform, Peter recently orchestrated the successful acquisition of a community CHSP provider by an HCP provider, ensuring uninterrupted service provision for clients in Knox and the Yarra Ranges.
- **Leadership:** As a senior executive of a large community services organisation working collaboratively with dozens of Victorian local governments, and recently as the CEO of Bridges Connecting Communities a CHSP program provider based in Knoxfield. Peter brings extensive governance leadership and strategic vision.
- **Sector Knowledge:** Peter possesses expert knowledge in both the aged care and disability sectors. His practical experience working through ongoing reforms and sector changes is timely, current and thorough.
- **Service Reviews and Strategic Planning:** Proven track record in conducting comprehensive service reviews, gap analysis, and strategic planning to enhance service delivery.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Excellent communication and facilitation skills enable Peter to effectively engage with stakeholders, fostering collaboration and ensuring aligned goals.
- **Organisational Assessments:** Extensive experience in conducting organisational and service reviews, identifying areas for improvement and implementing strategic solutions.

Peter's commitment to driving positive change and his ability to navigate complex regulatory landscapes make him an ideal consultant for this project. His strategic insights and pragmatic approach will ensure that the paper presents innovative, effective, and resilient options for stakeholder consideration.

Awarded the Order of Australia medal in 2022, for service to the community and youth, Peter holds Master of Professional Education and Training (Business) and completed the AICD Company Directors Course™.