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Wits Australia presents the

SECOND ANNUAL GALA BUSINESS LUNCH

to be held in conjunction with



Supporting the Wits Australia Foundation

Driving a deeper sense of connection between Wits University, its Alumni, friends and partners.

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

A day of inspiring presentations featuring South African and Australian leaders, “From Wits to the World: Journeys of Leadership and Impact in Australian Business”



Tim Netscher, Chair of Gold Road Resources Limited

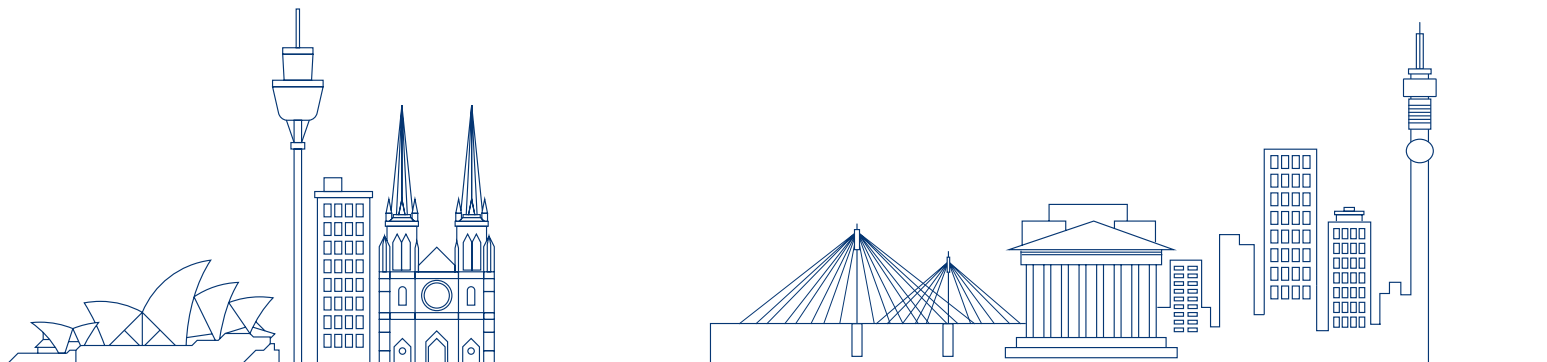
Tim has a BSc (Eng) in Chemical Engineering from the University of the Witwatersrand. Tim Netscher is a highly respected business leader with over four decades of international and Australian executive and board experience across the mining, resources, and industrial sectors.

He has held senior leadership roles with some of the world’s largest mining companies, including **Impala Platinum, BHP, Vale/PT Inco,** and **Newmont Mining**, where he was Senior Vice President for the Asia-Pacific region. Tim later served as **Managing Director and CEO of Gindalbie Metals**, guiding the company through complex project development and industry challenges.

In governance, Tim has been a **Non-Executive Director of Gold Road Resources since 2014** and became its **Chairman in 2016**, overseeing its growth into a leading Australian gold producer and its recent multi-billion-dollar takeover from Gold Fields. He was also **Chairman of St Barbara Limited** from 2015 until 2023, steering the company through significant strategic shifts and transactions.

Most recently, he has been appointed **Chair of Alluminous Pty Ltd**, where he is leading the commercialisation of the HiPurA® high-purity alumina technology, a breakthrough innovation targeting future-facing industries such as batteries and semiconductors.

Throughout his career, Tim has been recognised for his **crisis leadership, strategic vision, and impact in building resilient, globally competitive Australian businesses.**





Dr Jenny Gray AM, Chief Executive , Zoos Victoria

Dr Jenny Gray AM is an inspiring leader renowned for transforming **Zoos Victoria**—comprising Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary, Werribee Open Range Zoo, and Kyabram Fauna Park—into a globally respected **zoo-based conservation organisation**. With a dynamic background spanning **transport, airlines, and banking**, Dr Gray began her senior leadership journey early—becoming CEO of a bus company at just 27—before transitioning into the zoological sector.

As **CEO of Johannesburg Zoo** (2003–2008), she spearheaded a 10-year strategic revitalisation that boosted visitor numbers from **285,000 to 440,000** in just three years.

Since taking the helm at Zoos Victoria in 2009, she has led its evolution from traditional zoo operations to conservation-first missions. Her stewardship has seen visitor numbers grow from 1.5 million to over 2.6 million, and annual memberships surge from 72,000 to 365,000.



Dr Emmanuel (MANNY) Pohl AM, Executive Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of ECP Asset Management

Dr Emmanuel “Manny” Pohl AM is a distinguished Australian investment leader and philanthropist with over 30 years of experience in fund management and stockbroking. He began his career in South Africa, excelling at Ed Hern Rudolph Inc. and later at Davis Borkum Hare & Co., even representing South Africa at a World Bank/IMF annual meeting in 1991.

After migrating to Australia in 1994, he joined Westpac Investment Management and then led Wilson HTM Asset Management—renamed Hyperion Asset Management—in 1996. As CEO, MD, and Chairman, he grew Hyperion to over AUD 3 billion under management, earning multiple accolades for performance and investment strategy.

In 2012, Dr Pohl founded EC Pohl & Co (ECP), where he serves as Chairman and Chief Investment Officer. Under his leadership, ECP has consistently ranked in the top tier of Australian fund managers—delivering superior long-term returns and managing significant institutional capital across listed investment companies such as Flagship Investments, Global Masters, and Athelney Trust.

In recognition of his leadership in finance and philanthropy, he was made a **Member of the Order of Australia (AM)** in the 2019 Queen’s Birthday Honours list.

Beyond finance, Dr Pohl is an active philanthropist—founding the Pohl Foundation, supporting institutions like the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, and Bond University, and serving in trustee and board roles across educational and conservation organisations.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Platinum Sponsor - \$25,000

- Two x Tables of Ten with preferential VIP seating
- Two x Full page advertisements in the event program
- Company logo prominently positioned on all event collateral including ticket booking site, programs and PowerPoint presentations
- Verbal recognition at event
- Company logo shown on screen throughout the event
- Three-minute combined video and presentation
- Two x free standing Company banners to display at the event
- Exclusive social media post on Wits and Southern Crossings LinkedIn page
- Company Profile with logo displayed on Wits and Southern Crossings websites with a link to your website
- Featured thanks in Wits e-newsletter (introduction of company as Platinum sponsor, during event promotion and post event thank you)
- Opportunity to provide promotional brochures and/or business cards at event

Gold Sponsor - \$15,000

- Table of Ten with preferential VIP seating
- One x Full page advertisement in the event program
- Company logo and acknowledgement in the event program
- Logo shown on screen throughout the event
- Verbal acknowledgement during the event
- One x free standing Company banners to display at the event
- Featured thanks in Wits e-newsletter (introduction of company as Gold sponsor, during event promotion and post event thank you)
- Opportunity to provide promotional brochures and/or business cards at event

Silver Sponsor - \$7,5000

- Table of Ten, Prominent position
- Quarter page advertisement in the event program
- Logo and acknowledgement in the event program
- Logo shown on screen throughout the event
- Opportunity to provide promotional brochures and/or business cards at event

TICKETS

Early Bird Individual Tickets -
\$225 per person or

Early Bird Table of Ten - \$2,250
(Early bird tickets available until Tuesday 30 September)

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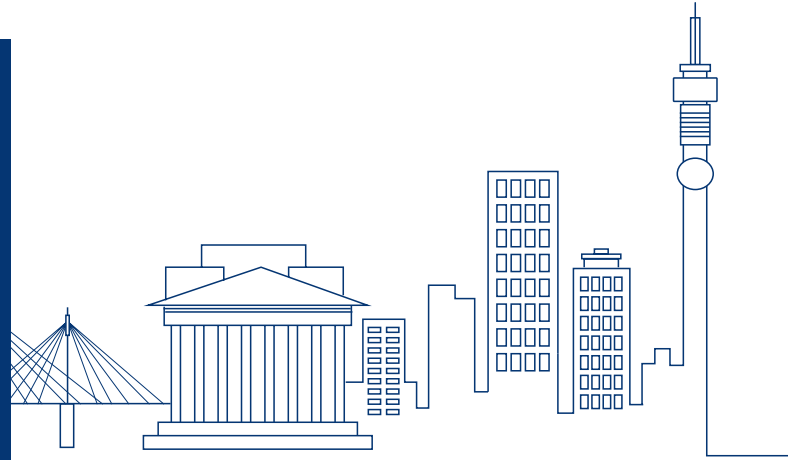
28 NOVEMBER 2025

Pre-Luncheon Drinks from 12noon - 12.30pm

Lunch from 12.30pm - 3pm

The Heritage Ballroom. The Fullerton Hotel
Sydney, No. 1 Martin Place Sydney

Dress. Business Attire



DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION

Proceeds from this lunch will be used to support Wits University Scholarships and Bursaries, helping academically deserving, high potential students access higher education. Funds raised will cover tuition and living costs, empowering students to pursue their dreams, graduate, and make a lasting impact on their communities and the world.

Throughout our history, Wits has produced local and global leaders across civil society, business, health and politics. We have transformed lives by developing people from marginalised communities and equipping them to lead society.

The future of our country and our continent depends on our ability to continue to nurture the next generation of leaders so that they can continue Wits' tradition of making an impact on our world.

Wits has been enrolling more postgraduate students to develop the high-level skills needed to move South Africa forward.

We need to provide scholarships, data and devices, ensure food, health and housing security, expand facilities, and increase the availability of sophisticated technologies to encourage and facilitate more scientific research.

Your support can make a difference.

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If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation, please click [here](#).