

## BIOGRAPHY

### Jennifer Bott, Chief Executive, UNSW Foundation

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Jennifer Bott is Chief Executive of the University of New South Wales Foundation. The Foundation generates private income for the University from business, foundations, alumni and other sources. The Foundation is building dynamic partnerships with the community and government to support key research objectives and other University priorities. Jenny is a member of the senior executive team of the University reporting jointly to the Vice-Chancellor and to the Chairman of the Foundation Board (the Chancellor).

Prior to this, Jenny was the CEO of Australia Council, the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body. Presiding over the organization officially charged with enriching the life of the nation by supporting and promoting the arts, Jennifer oversaw a staff of 150 and an annual budget of over \$161 million.

Before joining the Australia Council in 1999, Jennifer spent seven years as General Manager of Musica Viva Australia. Previous to this she was National Director of AFS International Programs, an international student exchange program. She has also held senior management positions at Opera Australia and the Arts Council of Australia.

She is a member of Chief Executive Women, Chair of the Australasian Classical Music Managers' Association, Chair of Australians for the Return of the Parthenon Marbles, a Trustee of the Opera Australia Benevolent Fund, a Life Member of Musica Viva Australia, a Friend of Carers NSW, a Director of UNSW Press and also the UNSW Foundation Boards of Hong Kong and United States of America. She was a board member of Opera Australia and the Australian Institute of Arts Management, Deputy Chair of AFS International Programs (New York), and participated in the Sydney Leadership Programme 2002 (Benevolent Society of NSW). She was also Australia's Cultural Commissioner for the 2004 Olympics as well as a member of the Australia International Cultural Council.

An English and History teacher by training, Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (University of Sydney), a Diploma of Education (University of New England) and has trained extensively in organizational development and commercial mediation.

Jennifer is the mother of two children Anna (21) and (17) Joe Zakaras. When she's not driving a horse float, Jennifer likes walking, reading, cooking, opera, chamber music, jazz and Rugby Union.