



ALISON EVENDEN
LLB (HONS)
CHAIR

Alison Evenden is the proprietor of Evenden & Associates Solicitors and Conveyancers which operates in the North East and specialises in business and commercial law, conveyancing, estate planning and administration. She has over 20 years experience in commercial and property legal practice and has a strong commitment to encouraging growth and opportunities for people in the North East.

Alison regularly speaks to community groups about legal matters of interest and is a member of the Property and Probate Committees of the Law Society. She has served as a member of the Residential Tenancies Tribunal and is a founding member of North East Women (NEW), a group established to assist women in business in the North East.

Alison joined the Board of North East Development Agency in June 2002 and was appointed Chair in 2007.



JIM MYHILL
B Ec, FAMI, CPM
DEPUTY CHAIR

Jim is the Director of XLR8 Marketing and Communications, a marketing consultancy addressing the varied needs of small business and Local Government. He has a long background in marketing, working at IBM for nearly 20 years in various roles including marketing management and business partner development.

After leaving IBM in 2000, Jim spent the next 10 years in marketing and senior management roles in Local Government, with a particular focus on market research, community engagement and council branding. During this time he also spent four years as a board member of the Local Government Manager's Association (SA).

Jim began a close involvement with NEDA in his Local Government role, and enjoyed a fruitful working relationship for many years before joining the board in 2010. He has a keen interest in developing and assisting small businesses in the North East through training and sound business advice.

He is a Fellow of the Australian Marketing Institute and a Certified Practising Marketer (CPM).



STEPHEN TONKIN
BA (ACCTG) FCPA, FTIA, CPA
SECRETARY/TREASURER

Stephen Tonkin is the principal of Tonkin Accounting at Tea Tree Gully. He has been a member of the Board of North East Development Agency since 1992 and has served as Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, Member of the Investment Sub-Committee and the North East Vocational College Public Gift Fund Committee.

Stephen is also a former Councillor of the City of Tea Tree Gully. He is very passionate about training and youth employment and has a long history of community involvement, particularly in the north east Adelaide area, having served on the Boards of Avago Youth Employment Program Incorporated, Maxima Group Training and Kings Baptist Grammar School.

Along with Bob Day he is one of the two founding members of the North East Development Agency still serving on the Board.