Robert Tickner
Australian Business Roundtable Ambassador

Robert Tickner was formerly the Acting Under Secretary for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Federation and the former Chief Executive Officer & Secretary General for the Australian Red Cross - a position he held from February 2005 to August 2015. A founding CEO of the Australian Business Roundtable, Robert is now the Roundtable’s Ambassador.

Prior to taking up his role with the Australian Red Cross, Robert was the CEO of Job Futures Ltd. Robert served as Federal Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs from 1990-1996 and is Australia’s longest serving Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

Before being elected to the Federal parliament in 1984, Robert was a lecturer in the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business Studies at the Institute of Technology. He later served as Principal Solicitor to the NSW Aboriginal Legal Service. Between 1977 and 1984 he served as a Councillor on the Sydney City Council including a very brief period as Acting Lord Mayor. Robert holds Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Economics degrees from the University of Sydney, and has undertaken the first stage of an Executive MBA at the Australian Graduate School of Management.

Dr. Greg Holland
Engineering for Climate Extremes Partnership (ECEP) Director

Dr Greg Holland, ECEP’s Director, also leads the Regional Climate Prediction Program at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). He was previously Director of NCAR’s Earth System Laboratory. His career in tropical meteorology has included forecasting, teaching, research, and community service, including chairing the Tropical Meteorological Program of the World Meteorological Organization. Dr Holland worked for many years for the Bureau of Meteorology in Australia, and was on duty at the BoM’s Darwin office when Cyclone Tracy struck on Christmas Eve, 1974.

Dr Holland’s current research focuses on regional climate prediction, hurricanes and applications of extreme value theory. His publications include major contributions to six textbooks and forecast manuals, and more than 100 peer-reviewed research papers.

Dr Scott Power
Head of Climate Research & International Development Manager, Australian Bureau of Meteorology

Scott Power is the Head of Climate Research and the International Development Manager in the Bureau of Meteorology. He was a Coordinating Lead Author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fifth Assessment Report for Working Group I (The Physical Science Basis).

Scott has published extensively in the international scientific literature on global warming, El Niño, decade-to-decade climate variability, Pacific climate, and historical changes in severe weather. He is the former head of operational climate monitoring and prediction in the Bureau and a former acting head of
Australia’s National Climate Centre. He previously coordinated the Bureau’s participation in the Australian Climate Change Science Program, led the development of a project to enhance climate prediction services in numerous Pacific Island countries, and co-led the development of the Pacific Climate Change Science Program that has assisted 15 vulnerable countries adapt to climate change.

**Professor Jean Palutikof**
**Director, National Climate Change Adaption Research Facility (NCCARF)**

Jean Palutikof is Director of the National Climate Change Adaption Research Facility (NCCARF) at Griffith University. She took up the role in October 2008, having previously managed the production of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fourth Assessment Report for Working Group II (Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability), while based at the UK Met Office.

Prior to joining the Met Office, she was a Professor in the School of Environmental Sciences, and Director of the Climatic Research Unit, at the University of East Anglia, UK, where she worked from 1979 to 2004, and a Lecturer at the Department of Geography, University of Nairobi, Kenya, from 1974 to 1979.

Her research interests focus on climate change impacts, and the application of climatic data to economic and planning issues. She specialises in the study of changes in extreme events and their impacts, especially windstorm. She was a Lead Author for Working Group II of the IPCC Second and Third Assessment Reports. She has authored more than 200 papers, articles and reports on the topic of climate change and climate variability. Her proudest moment to date was attending the ceremony in 2007 at which the IPCC was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

**Beck Dawson**
**Chief Resilience Officer, 100 Resilient Cities**

Beck Dawson is Sydney’s Chief Resilience Officer, hosted by the City of Sydney Council. Beck leads the development and implementation of the Resilient Sydney Strategy across all of metropolitan Sydney. Prior to assuming her current position in 2015, Beck served as the General Manager, Corporate Sustainability, at Investa Property Group.

As a property sustainability expert, Beck has a background in long-term planning and investment in the natural and urban built environments. She has served on numerous committees within the Australian property sector, worked as a consultant to business and industry in the UK, and served as Sustainability Manager for the Science Museum in London.

Beck holds a Masters degree in Sustainable Architecture (University of East London), a Graduate Diploma in Scientific Communication (ANU), and a Bachelor of Science degree (University of Adelaide).

**Professor Andy Pitman**
**Director, ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science**

Andy Pitman is the incoming director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate Extreme, a national centre involving numerous Universities, major Australian research agencies and many international groups. Andy is a member of the Academy of Science’s National Committee for Earth System Science and the NSW Minister for the Environment’s Science Advisory Committee. He is closely affiliated with the World Climate Research Program (WCRP), and was chair of the WCRP’s Land Committee for the Global Land Atmosphere System.
Study from 2006 to 2008, and is now on its Science Steering Committee.

Andy a regular invitee for keynote presentations and is a passionate communicator about science, contributing regularly to the media on the science of climate change. He was a lead author for Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment reports three and four, contributing to the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to the IPCC in 2007, and was a Review Editor for the latest report.

Awards and accolades include: NSW Scientist of the Year Award (2010), the Australian Meteorological and Oceanographical Medal (2009), the Priestly Medal for Excellence in Atmospheric Science Research (2004) and the Geoff Conolly Memorial Award (2004). In 2010, Andy jointly won the International Justice Prize for his work on the Copenhagen Diagnosis, an Australia-led update of the science of climate change, and was among Sydney Magazine’s list of the 100 most influential people.

Andrew Coghlan
National Manager, Emergency Services
Australian Red Cross

Andrew has over 20 years of experience in the emergency management sector. In his current role, Andrew ensures that Australian Red Cross is able to promote resilience and build community capacity, both in preparation for and in response to disasters throughout Australia.

Andrew has played pivotal roles in:

- the development of Red Cross’ Emergency REDiPlan project, a four step household preparation program aimed at fostering individual and community resilience throughout Australia
- coordinating the Red Cross response to a number of major emergencies and disasters, including Cyclone Larry (2006), the Black Saturday Victorian Bushfires (2009) and Queensland Floods and Cyclone Yasi (2011).
- the development of Red Cross leadership in long term, community based recovery.

Andrew has also contributed to the development of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Global Resilience Strategy and is a key contributor to the work of the Australian Business Roundtable for Disaster Resilience & Safer Communities.

Prior to joining Red Cross, Andrew was the National Recovery Consultant with Emergency Management Australia, providing advice to both State and Federal governments following a range of emergencies and playing a key role in coordinating recovery assistance to Australians impacted by events such as the Boxing Day 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami.

Andrew is also Chair of the Australian Emergency Management Volunteer Forum, a Board member of both Volunteering Australia and Asia Australia Mental Health, and a former Vice-President of the International Research Committee on Disasters.

Nina James
General Manager, Sustainability Group, Investa

Nina’s journey from country upbringing to commercial property investment professional included career stops in Landscape Architecture and strategic open space planning, and sustainability and urban land development.

In her current position, Nina is responsible for the strategic direction of the
sustainability vision for Investa, encompassing people, environment and financial objectives. In addition, Nina is directly responsible for delivering sustainability strategies for the Group’s investments funds.

Nina sits on the Australian Urban Land Institute Executive Committee, and Chairs the Women’s Leadership Institute (WLI) leadership programme. She brings a passionate interest in building resilience in cities to her work with the Australian Business Roundtable for Disaster Resilience and Safer Communities.

Nina holds a Bachelor Degree in Landscape Architecture and a Masters Degree in Environmental Management from the University of New South Wales.

Anna Kilmartin
Senior Manager, Corporate Affairs, Insurance Australia Group (IAG)

Anna joined IAG in 2012 to provide expertise in corporate affairs. She became Project Manager for the Australian Business Roundtable for Disaster Resilience & Safer Communities when it was launched in 2012. Since then, Anna has collaborated with its six high-profile member organisations and guided the Roundtable to work constructively with government to improve Australia’s resilience to natural hazards.

In this role, Anna has overseen the production and release of four Roundtable reports. The 2013 white paper, and ensuing reports, have been quoted extensively by the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements and continue to influence the development of policy in the area. Based on the Roundtable’s work since 2012, the Roundtable was awarded a National Resilient Australia Award (2013) and the Certificate of Distinction in the prestigious 2015 United Nations Sasakawa Awards for Disaster Risk Reduction, the first private sector organisation to do so in the 30 year history of the awards.

Anna has more than 20 years experience in corporate affairs. She has run her own consulting business and worked within and across a range of industries. Her expertise is in strategic planning, issues and crisis management, corporate communications, stakeholder and project management.

Anna also job-shared as Chief Executive Officer at Sydney Foodbank where the organisation was taken from start-up to a viable food distribution network. She has worked as a rural communications specialist with Cox Inall Communications where she was responsible for a range of high profile rural accounts and instigated major cotton industry conferences. Anna worked as a broadcast journalist compiling interviews and reading the news for Cox Inall’s specialist radio program – ‘Cottonweek’ (ABC broadcast).

She has a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Canberra University, a Bachelor of Health Science from Charles Sturt University and is a qualified naturopath.

Andrew Buay
Vice President, Group Sustainability
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd (“SingTel”)

Andrew is Vice President, Group Sustainability, at SingTel and, in the last three years, has served as a Talent Coach to over 100 Optus Future and Emerging Leaders. Prior to assuming his current position, Andrew held senior positions across the SingTel Group in Singapore, Australia and the Philippines. Between 2007 and 2013, he was the Optus Chief Information Officer, Managing Director for Optus Technology and Products Division, Managing Director for Optus Products and Delivery Division, and Managing Director of Optus Wholesale and Satellite Division. From 2003-2007, Andrew was the Chief Operating Advisor at
Globe Telecom, SingTel Group’s mobile associate in the Philippines. He has also held various other senior management positions in the SingTel Group including VP Consumer Marketing, CEO SINGNET, CEO Multimedia Group, Director Corporate Development, Director Business Marketing and Director Corporate Account Management. Andrew also started and ran SingTel Ventures from 2007-2000, a S$150m fund that invests in emerging information and communications technologies to drive innovation and develop new spin-off businesses for the company.

Andrew holds a Bachelor of Arts (First Class) Honours from the National University of Singapore and Masters in Management from Stanford University, USA (Sloan Program). He is a certified Level 2 coach with the Institute of Executive Coaching and Leadership and an LSI Accredited practitioner with Human Synergistics.