



OUR BOARD



OUR CHAIRMAN

Michael List is proud to be a local Ipswich resident having been born raised and educated in and around Ipswich. Michael married Leanne in 1996 and they have three children, Lincoln (Born 1999), Jordon (2001) and Jonah (2003).

Currently employed as Regional Manager South West Qld for Bendigo & Adelaide Bank, Michael has a strong financial background having been in the finance industry since 1999. Michael has worked with Bendigo & Adelaide Bank since 2007 when he was initially employed as a Commercial Banking Manager. Prior to this Michael was employed by Westpac Banking Corporation as a Commercial Banking Manager.

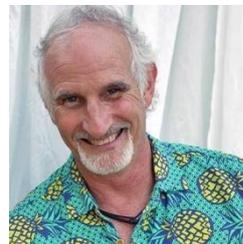
In his position with Bendigo & Adelaide Bank he has the opportunity to partner with local community leaders across South West Qld to enable financial support for many community groups, events and projects.

Michael is actively involved in the Ipswich Business Community being a member of Ipswich City Rotary, past President of the Ipswich Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Board Member of Catalyst Church Inc, City of Ipswich Community Fund Ltd & Ipswich Mayors Community Fund Inc.

With Michael's background in the finance sector and engaging within the local business community he brings a solid foundation of financial and business acumen to V.I.T.A.L. ProJeX.

But most importantly his favourite colour is Blue, favourite movie is Conair and he loves getting out on his push bike and putting some K's behind him.

Michael plays a valuable role on our board and support to the V.I.T.A.L. management team.



OUR MANAGING DIRECTOR

Russ Wright also loves being a local Ipswich resident. Russ married Cheryl in 1981 and they have three adult kids, Sally, Olivia and Jackson. Sally (and Ash) have provided 3 very "Grand" children Penelope, Theodore and Norah.

Currently employed as V.I.T.A.L. ProJeX Managing Director, Russ has been tenacious in researching the most practical and spiritual answers towards emotionally resourcing himself and others towards discovering our incredible potential.

Since his teens Russ trained as an electrical fitter and mechanic and as a youth worker. Most nights of the week he was involved in mixing and running programs with community young people.

After some formal study Russ started as a youth worker at Bremer high in 1981 under a national organisation (YFC) and in 1984 founded a successful local branch of the community youth organisation which after 28 years evolved into V.I.T.A.L. ProJeX (2012) governed now in its own right.

During this time he has experienced a wealth of training and experience in the human services field from adventure-based therapy and crisis counselling to small business management qualifications and RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) gaining a National Youth Diploma in a week.

Russ uses his depth of experience and learnings to pioneer solutions to help people find hope and positive pathways. This leads to many being personally resourced and resilient to not only grow into their own potential but pay it forward to helping other find theirs'.

After 33 years continually developing progressive strategies to make a difference, Russ is still very passionate in working towards the ever extending need for our Vision.



DIRECTOR, SECRETARY

Mark Drager is one of our longest-serving board members, and also fulfils the role of Secretary.

Mark is a management consultant with significant experience in the Not-for-Profit sector. Mark is passionate about using the VITAL training paradigm to help all people, teams and organisations and he uses this training and expertise to multiply the impact on lives for the greater good.

Mark has a double degree in Business Management and Science and also holds has qualifications in Telephone Crisis Support, Psychological First Aid and Adventure-Based Learning Instruction.



DIRECTOR

Joe Ernst is a business owner and pastor who wants people to have opportunity to be their very best version of themselves.

This has led Joe to give leadership in business and church environments over the past 33 years with a focus on providing opportunities for people to journey toward their God inspired future.

Joe is excited to serve on the Board of VITAL and hopes to contribute in ensuring that it grows in its ability to impact our communities with positive values. His wisdom and other gifts bring a depth to the V.I.T.A.L. team.



DIRECTOR

Karin Hanbidge is an educator whose passion is helping others to reach their full potential, through education, coaching and mentoring. She finds it very satisfying to watch a person learn and grow, and to play a part in that.

Her current role is with the Queensland Government where she designs, coordinates and delivers leadership programs for senior managers in public safety. Prior to that, she taught at the Bremer TAFE in Ipswich in the Business/Justice Faculty as well as having considerable experience in retail, having owned a chain of small businesses for over 25 years.

She lives in Logan City and has been married to Robert since 1982. They have 3 gorgeous sons of whom they are very proud. In her spare time she studies, plays World of Warcraft, gardens and enjoys water sports.

“I am excited and honoured to serve on the Board of V.I.T.A.L. ProJeX. It is my hope to contribute to the Board with my experience in business and leadership education, and that I can be a part of V.I.T.A.L.’s continued growth into the future.”- Karin Hanbidge