

Bio – Joseph Skrzynski



Mr Joseph Skrzynski studied economics at Sydney University and then embarked on a career in finance leading to establishing Australia's first private equity and venture capital fund CHAMP Private Equity with co-founder Bill Ferris in 1987. He is, Co-Chairman of the Funds which have invested some A\$5 billion in private companies in Australia and South East Asia. He and Mr Ferris have been recognised for their pioneering of venture capital with the inaugural Life Time Achievement Awards by both the Australian and the Asian Venture Capital Associations.

He has had extensive community involvement outside of his business career.

He has served on the boards of Aboriginal Arts and Crafts, the Sydney Dance Company, Belvoir Street Theatre, the Major Organisations Board of the Australia Council, The Australian Film Commission and Film Australia and as well as Chairing the Broadcast Council of Australia, the Australian Film TV and Radio School and the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS). He has served on the Senate of the University of Sydney, and the chaired the National Capital Planning Authority and the Sydney Opera House Trust.

He is currently a member of the global boards of The Conversation, Human Rights Watch and the board of Philanthropy Australia.

He was awarded Member of the Order of Australia in 1993, and in 2008 became an Officer in the Order of Australia for services to the industry and philanthropy.