



# John Oberhardt

John has over 30 years' experience in local government, with over 20 of those years being in high-performing Executive Teams.

He commenced his local government career at Logan City Council in 1984 as a cadet straight out of school and worked his way through the entire business to become Chief Operating Officer.

John held the Chief Operating Officer/ Deputy CEO position at Logan City for over 15 years until 2017. At this time, Logan City Council was the 5th largest Council by population in Australia and had the 3rd largest local government budget in the country. It was also one of the fastest-growing local government areas in the nation for over 40 years with significant socio-economic and multi-cultural challenges.

John held management positions in every Council department, so he knows the business of local government intimately.

John filled the key role of Director of Organisational Services at Redland Council from 2017 until 2022.

John is currently providing specialist consultancy services to local governments across Australia.

John also has commercial experience, including owning and running hotels and property development, as well as holding Directorships in both industries.

John is passionate about helping bring people together to find solutions to complex problems. His key focus areas are good governance, financial diligence, audit, understanding team dynamics, authentic leadership and organisational culture, professional mentoring and development, performance Management and Accountability, mediation and strategic planning and decision-making.

John holds a Masters in Public Administration, a Bachelor of Commerce Degree and is a Certified Practising Accountant – CPA, a Graduate and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) and a Justice of the Peace (qualified).

John is a Fellow of Local Government Managers Australia (FLGMA) – he is an LGMA Queensland Past President, a former National Director and National Audit Committee Chair.