

Rafael Koenig is a dual Australian/German citizen and the Managing Director of Weidmueller Australia, subsidiary of a German “Mittelstand” company and responsible for all Australian operations, R&D, local production, sales and marketing.

Weidmueller is an expert in IIoT connectivity from “Sensor to the Cloud” and a leading enabler of vital digitalisation strategies in a multitude of industries and applications.

Rafael has held several senior roles in Australia since migrating from Germany in 1996. From 2010 to 2016 he was the Chairman of the Profibus and Profinet Association of Australia, a chapter of the world’s largest association for industrial Fieldbus and Ethernet communication networks and vital technology for Industry 4.0 communication standardisation.

Holding a degree in electrical engineering attained at the University of Paderborn, Germany and a Master’s degree in Business and Technology from the University of NSW, Australia, Rafael has more than 25 years’ experience in automation technology and innovation management in Australia and Germany.



Leonie Wong is Head of Digital Enterprise for Siemens Australia and New Zealand. In Digital Enterprise, Leonie goes about looking at how to unlock the potential in your operations through the implementation of hardware and software together with services, including digital consulting, digital twin development, industrial cybersecurity and data science.

Prior to this, she was responsible for Food and Beverage Business Development. Leonie holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Infomechatronics) from Queensland University of Technology. She has worked in a number of industries including logistics, general factory automation and oil and gas, and has a real passion for Food and Beverage.

Her involvement in this market encompasses working with consultants, OEM’s, integrators and manufacturers to have access and understanding of the technologies and proven solutions that Siemens can offer in this space. She facilitates ideation and co-creation workshops to help translate the concepts of Digitalization and Industry 4.0 into actionable plans that will allow manufacturers to adapt to the evolving marketplace, transform and lead in their respective fields

Andrea Galt has been with Woodside for eight years and for the past four years, Andrea has been growing Woodside’s new energy strategy. Commencing with the Korean market in 2018, Andrea built Woodside’s growth opportunities for hydrogen export to South Korea. In 2019, Andrea became the inaugural Program Director for the Woodside Monash New Energy Partnership and in 2021, Andrea became the Head of New Energy - Europe, building Woodside’s business for New Energy in Europe.

Prior to Woodside, she worked at Boeing and WorleyParsons in the US in the business development and renewable energy space.

Andrea has a passion for new energy and is excited to see Woodside play a key role in enabling the future energy transition.





Dr Fiona Simon is the CEO of the Australian Hydrogen Council (AHC), the peak body for the Australian hydrogen industry.

AHC connects the hydrogen industry and its stakeholders in building a secure, clean and resilient energy future based on hydrogen. AHC's members are from a range of sectors, including energy, transport, consulting, banking and technology.

Prior to joining the Australian Hydrogen Council, Fiona worked for close to 20 years in energy policy and regulation, specialising in energy retail competition and consumer protection matters.

Fiona holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Melbourne. She has published a well-regarded academic book on retail energy regulation in Australia.

Gavin Mooney, Utilities Industry Advisor at SAP Australia:

Gavin has been working with utilities companies for 19 years across Europe, the Americas and Australasia. Initially an SAP consultant, he joined SAP itself in 2014 and is now an industry advisor for utilities in Australia and New Zealand.

Gavin is passionate about climate change and the energy transition and the way this is disrupting the industry. He works with utilities to help them transform digitally and reimagine their business models so they can adapt and remain relevant in this changing and volatile market environment.

Gavin enjoys connecting with other industry professionals and is always up for a lively discussion. He has a masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Cambridge



Dr. Sierk Poetting is our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer. Dr. Poetting joined BioNTech in September 2014 from Novartis, where he served from May 2012 to August 2014 as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for the Sandoz Division in North America. Dr. Poetting started his career as a consultant with McKinsey & Company. A German citizen, Dr. Poetting holds a Master of Science in Optical Sciences from the University of Arizona and a Ph.D. in Physics from the Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich.

Andrew Spinks has over 25 years' professional experience in Australia, Asia and Africa on a range of commodities including speciality and industrial minerals.

Andrew has worked in a range of diverse roles across exploration through to successful project developments, and has held a number of board positions on both ASX and TSX.V listed companies.

Andrew was co-founder of TanzGraphite Pty Ltd and has been Managing Director of EcoGraf since its acquisition.





Sarah Fardy has been working as an industry leader in life science marketing and communications for the past 6 years. She is a senior member of the Merck Life Sciences ANZ Leadership team. She has also worked with every major university and biological research institute in Australia and New Zealand, including clinical research and diagnostic laboratories and manufacturers. But first and foremost, she is a Scientist. Sarah's passion for science kicked off during her time at CSIRO in Geelong, where she undertook her PhD studies on pandemic H5N1 avian influenza. She is a dedicated and passionate science communicator to her peers and the broader community on her digital platform 'Fardy Facts'.

Amanda Lacaze is CEO and Managing Director of Lynas Rare Earths.

Lynas was established as an environmentally responsible producer of Rare Earth materials which are essential to future facing and green technologies, including electric vehicles, wind turbines and electronics.

Appointed in June 2014, Amanda successfully led the company through a challenging turnaround and Lynas is now the world's 2nd largest producer of separated Rare Earth materials and the only scale producer of these materials outside of China.

Lynas is uniquely positioned with its high-grade long life Mt Weld resource near Laverton, WA, a proven processing facility in

Kuantan, Malaysia, and a well progressed growth plan including a Rare Earth Processing Facility project in Kalgoorlie, WA, and a proposed facility in the USA.

Amanda is a board member of the Minerals Council of Australia. She is also a member of Chief Executive Women and the AICD.

