

2022 Judging Panel Member



JOE SPROATS

Owner

Platypus Wealth Institute

Joe is a Ngarigo man and an Australian South Sea Islander descendant from Lifou Island, and currently works as a psychologist with Wakai Waian Healing Services in Central Queensland. He is passionate about the empowerment and healing of First Nations people, a cause which has been at the core of his extensive career and volunteer work throughout Queensland.

Joe is an active participant and promoter of First Nations tourism and is a member of the Queensland Tourism Industry Council's Indigenous Employment Champions Network. He has held a number of management positions throughout his career with organisations in the Commonwealth, State, community and private sectors. With his wife Jennie, Joe has owned and operated State and National award-winning tourism establishments and currently operates Dreamtime Learning which creates and provides training courses for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander people in hospitality, tourism, business, and mentoring.



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