

General Directors

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1. BOWMAKER, Janine

Banora International Group



With over 30 years of experience in the Australian tourism and international education sectors, I am passionate about using my expertise to create meaningful impact. As the founder and leader of Banora International Group, I've developed a diverse portfolio of businesses, collaborating with local suppliers and international partners to create world-class programs that have benefited over 110,000 students globally.

I'm a strong advocate for experiential learning, and my company designs itineraries that showcase our local cultures, sustainable development goals, and world heritage icons. Living in such an incredible destination, I feel fortunate to

have the opportunity to share it with the world. My local leadership roles have included serving as President of Study Cairns and currently as Treasurer, where I worked with stakeholders and organisations to drive regional opportunities and key initiatives, particularly as part of the regional recovery plans.

Over the past two years on the TTNQ board, I've provided unique perspectives to support and enhance this outstanding organisation. However, it's been about recovery and now I'm eager to continue my efforts to strengthen the tourism industry and help achieve our goals, especially within the youth, student, and education markets.

2. WALLISH, Alan

Passions of Paradise



I have been involved in Cairns tourism for more than 35 years as Founder/Part-Owner of Cairns Great Barrier Reef tour company, Passions of Paradise.

Passions of Paradise is a former Australian Tourism Award Winner, has been inducted into the Queensland Tourism Hall of Fame and is a Marine Park Authority High Standard Operator. The company holds Eco-Tourism Australia's highest award of Climate Leader Status and is a PADI 100% Project Aware and a Green Star award winner.

I have had a long interest in the development of tourism and our environment in the Cairns region and have been a passionate advocate for our industry at all levels of Local, State and National governments. I hold the position of Assistant Chair for the Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators and am a qualified Skipper and Diving Instructor.

The GBR is a treasure, but the messages are mixed. As someone who has visited the reef for over 35 years and taken more than ¼ million tourists to the reef, I hope my grassroots experience will be a useful addition to the board.