

John Levine – Director

Background

John Levine is a Director of PhillipsKPA and has over twenty-five years experience in budgeting, planning and financial analysis in the higher education sector both in Australia and overseas. He has an in-depth knowledge of tertiary education institutions, including strategic planning and management processes. He has worked on projects involving major change and innovative approaches to financial management.

Prior to moving into consulting in 2006, John was Director of the Financial Management Resources Division at Monash University. At Monash, he was instrumental in rolling out a new financial management approach which significantly improved the university's financial planning and management processes. Before joining Monash, John was a financial analyst for 8 years at Israel's Council for Higher Education, the State accreditation and funding body for the higher education sector. This role provided some valuable insights into the funding and development of institutions in a rapidly growing higher education market. During this period he completed his MBA specialising in marketing and organisational behaviour. John has an in-depth knowledge of tertiary education institutions, including strategic planning and management processes. He has worked on projects involving major change and innovative approaches to financial management.

Areas of special focus

- Financial analysis and evaluations
- Financial resources planning and budget process review
- Management reporting frameworks
- Resource allocation methodologies
- Approaches to costing and pricing

Academic and professional qualifications

Master of Business Administration (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)

BA (Joint Honours) Economics and Accounting (University of Wales)

Professional affiliations

Member CPA Australia (CPA)

Summary of professional experience

Elan J Pty Ltd

Established a financial management consultancy company in April 2006 to provide financial management services to educational and related institutions.

Monash University - Director Financial Resources Management (1991 – 2006)

Responsible for the development and management of the university budget, with an annual turnover of \$1billion; university insurance services; procurement services; financial analysis and executive reporting.

Previous roles

Director Budget and Statistical Services (1998-2000), Monash University

Deputy Director Financial Services (1995-1998), Monash University

Assistant to Director of Budgets, Council for Higher Education – Planning and Budgeting Committee, Israel 1983 – 1990

Significant consulting assignments (examples only)

Australian Council of Deans of Education – Submission to the Higher Education Base Funding Review (2011)

University of Tasmania - Strategic analysis (2011)

Victoria University – Due diligence stocktake (2010-11)

Victoria University - Measuring financial returns of industry and community clusters (2010)

The University of Sydney – Review of student experience (2010)

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre – Strategic Directions 2010-2013 (2010)

Victoria University – ‘International Futures’ report (2010)

Charles Sturt University/ Southern Cross University - Feasibility study for a National University for Regional Australia (2009)

La Trobe University – Development of a Financial Management and Corporate Management Framework (2008-2009)

University of Canberra – Financial diagnoses (2007)

Monash University – various projects undertaken, including:

- a costing and financial analysis of a proposal to establish a major animal research platform for the provision of rodents to support whole of university research activities
- advice on the development of overall university financial targets
- a profitability analysis of core university activities (teaching, research and other)
- financial review of the Monash Immunology and Stem Cell Laboratories
- provision of strategic and financial planning advice to the faculty of Information Technology including oversight of the financial planning process and development of 3-year financial plans
- senior consultant on an external review of sourcing practices undertaken by Phoenix IT&T Consulting identifying significant savings opportunities in a range of major spend categories.

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