

## **Dr Helen Nugent AO**

Helen Nugent is a full time company director of a number of leading Australian companies. She also had significant experience in education, strategy and in government policy formulation.

Currently, Helen is a Non-Executive Director of Macquarie Bank, Origin Energy and Freehills, as well as being Chairman of Swiss Re and Funds SA, the \$14.5 billion investment fund of the South Australian Government. Many of these companies are leading innovators in their industry.

Helen has had significant experience in the education sector. She currently serves as a member of the Advisory Council of the Australian School of Business. She has previously been Professor in Management and Director of the MBA programme at the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM), as well as having been a member of the Council of Monash University. She currently also serves on the Board of Cranbrook School in Sydney.

She has deep strategic expertise, having been a partner at McKinsey & Company as well as Director of Strategy at Westpac Banking Corporation from 1994 to 1999, during a critical turnaround period in the bank's history. She also taught courses in Strategic Management at the AGSM.

Finally, Helen has had significant involvement in the development of government policy in a variety of areas. In the arts, she was Chairman of the landmark Major Performing Arts (Nugent) Inquiry and as Chairman of the Major Performing Arts Board both before and after the Inquiry, helped initiate the Inquiry and subsequently oversaw its implementation. During that period she was also Deputy Chairman of the Australia Council. In addition, she has been a member of the group advising the Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister on the *White Paper on Foreign Policy and Trade*, the Defence Efficiency Review and the Council for a Multicultural Australia. At a state level, she is a director of the Economic Development Board for the South Australian Government.

Helen has a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Queensland, as well as an MBA (with Distinction) from the Harvard Business School.

In 2001 she was awarded a Centenary Medal for services to business and the arts, and in 2004 she was made a member of the Order of Australia for her services to business, particularly banking in the area of corporate governance, the arts and the community.