



Media Release

Our Ark Mutual Appoints Rowan Ward as Chair

TOWNSVILLE: 1 March 2021 – Our Ark Mutual Limited, a Discretionary Mutual, provides risk protection to community-focused organisations such as childcare centres, aged care providers, schools, charities, not for profits, community groups and religious organisations.

Our Ark is the first Mutual launched by Picnic, a provider of turn-key management solutions for insurance and risk protection Mutuals.

[Rowan Ward](#) been appointed Chair of Our Ark Mutual.

- In his executive career, he held the role of Chief Actuary with statutory responsibilities to the Board of Directors of Suncorp.
- Rowan has first-hand experience in the governance of mutual funds and protecting the interests of members of those funds including life insurance, superannuation, property funds management and another mutual discretionary fund.
- His current directorships and commitments include Non-Executive Director of the National Injury Insurance Scheme Qld, QInsure, Integrity Life, and Chair and Non-Executive Director of LFI Group. He is also on the Insurance Commissioner's Advisory Committee of the Motor Accident Insurance Commission QLD.
- Rowan is a qualified actuary, a Fellow of the Actuaries Institute of Australia, and brings expert understanding in liability assessment, risk-based pricing, risk management, capital management and reinsurance assessment.

Other appointees to the Our Ark Board include:

- [Melinda Snowden](#), a Sydney-based Independent Non-Executive Director with extensive experience in governance, risk management and investment management with MLC Limited, NABInvest, Mercer Investment Management and ASX listed investment companies
- **Christopher Wright OAM**, a Director and Member Representative. He is the Archdeacon of the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland. Chris was awarded the Order of Australia in 2019 for his lifelong service to the community in North Queensland.

Our Ark.

- **David Rockley**, a professional Accountant and an MCI (Mutual Capital Instrument) investor representative. He is a Fellow of both CPA Australia and Tax Institute Australia. David extensive involvement in many community groups including Nepali Family Inc, Carpentaria Freemasons, the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland, and the Sandgate Home for the Aged in Brisbane. He is also actively involved in the governance and community activities of cricket and bowls in Queensland.
- **Mark Arnold**, Founder of Picnic Labs. Based in Sydney, Mark is a serial entrepreneur who founded Picnic Labs after a less-than-satisfactory personal injury claims experience. Mark is the founder of consultancy Articulate, that was acquired by EY in 2018.
- **Charles Pollack**, CEO of Picnic Labs, and appointed CEO of Our Ark. Charles has more than 25 years' experience in insurance gained in roles including Chief Actuary of Youi, and Principal Actuary at Suncorp.

Full profiles of all Our Ark Board Members can be found at:

<https://www.ourark.com.au/company>

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