



### Australian Province of the Society of Jesus – Professional Standards Consultative Panel



**Mr David White**

David White has been involved with mentoring young people at risk since 1984. Formally the Founder and Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters Australia, in 1985 he started with the fledgling Big Brothers Big Sisters Melbourne and over the following 15 years built it into a strong and viable service.

Building on his significant experience (25 years) in mentoring marginalised young people he became manager of youth mentoring for YMCA Victoria, designing and establishing bespoke mentoring programs for isolated young people and later for those exiting youth justice. David also established community-based and school-based models of mentoring in various sites across the YMCA network.

He is Chair of Startout Australia Ltd. (support organisation for those of “diverse sexuality and gender”), a board member and ex-Chair of the Australian Youth Mentoring Network, committee member and ex-Chair of the Victorian Community Services Panel for the Churchill Fellowship Foundation (a Churchill Fellow himself), and was Chair of the Board for the Sisters of Charity Community Care Inc.

Following 5 years as the National Programs Manager for Ladder working in youth homelessness and designing, establishing and delivering programs for Ladder young people across four states, David has recently become the mentoring consultant for Ladder and YMCA Vic. He continues to design and deliver innovative and cutting edge mentoring programs for young people requiring additional support in the community.

Prior to his career in mentoring young people at risk, David worked in youth justice, child protection and homelessness.

Following the receipt of a Churchill Fellowship, David focused on best practice principles in the development of mentoring and homelessness services across Australia with a focus on child safety, professional practice and measurable outcomes.