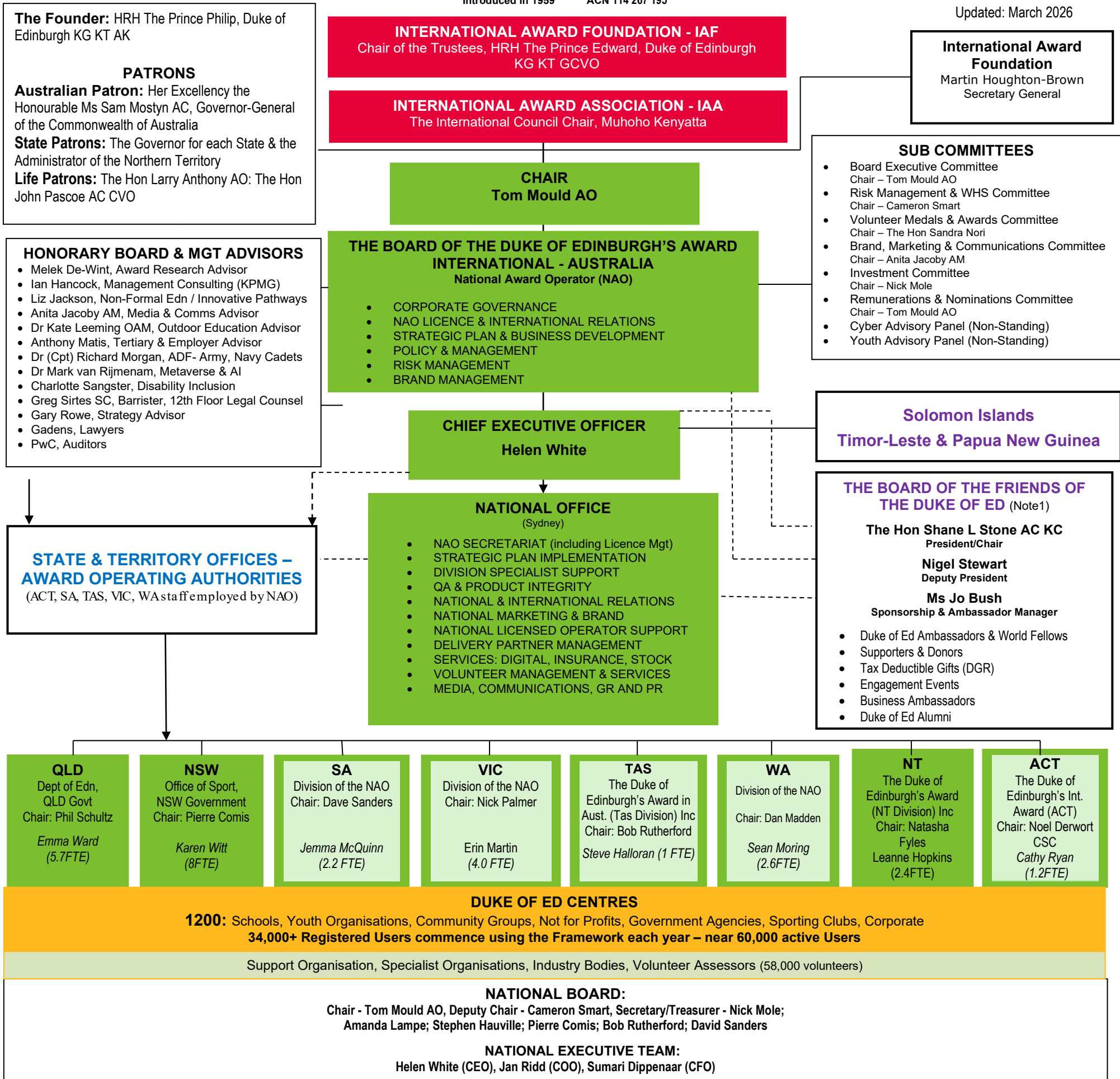


THE STRUCTURE OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD - AUSTRALIA

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KEY STAKEHOLDERS
Federal Government – State/Territory Governments – Divisions – Registered Users – Licensed Centres – Youth Sector – Parents – Education & Community Organisations – Clubs – Corporate Sector – Sponsors – Not For Profit Sector – Alumni – Ambassadors & Supporters

Governance History

- Introduced to Australia in 1958 when The Hon Sir Adrian Curlewis CBE CVO was appointed as National Coordinator by HRH Prince Philip. First schools commenced in 1959-1960. Operated initially through the National Fitness Council-Education Department in each State. The Duke of Ed was established in the United Kingdom in 1956 by HRH Prince Philip, Lord Hunt and Dr Kurt Hahn. The current company (NFP) was established in October 2004. Prior to this, the Duke of Ed nationally operated as a registered association called The Australian Coordinating Council, which first met in July 1962, following a £2000 grant from the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies. Initial not for profit charitable objects: "administer and promote the Duke of Ed Framework in Australia and coordinate at a national level the operation of the State/Territory Licence Holders".
- National Chair (appointed by the Australian National Patron, The Governor General, for a three-year term (2 terms max.) on the recommendation of the National Board);
- Maximum 15 directors. The directors of the company are also the only members of the company. Up to eight directors appointed or elected at the discretion of the respective Award Operating Authorities (one licence per State or Territory) – currently 3. Other States/Territories have local Boards with the NAO managing all licences and staff..
- Up to six Board appointed directors, who must reside in a minimum of three states, appointed to two-year terms (renewable)
- (Note 1) The Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia is a separately incorporated association. It holds the DGR status for the Duke of Ed in Australia.

FORMER NATIONAL CHAIRS: The Hon Sir Adrian Curlewis CBE CVO; Edward Booth; Major General John Broadbent CBE (Acting); Sir Robert Crichton-Brown KCMG CBE; The Hon Sir Eric Neal AC CVO; Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE; The Hon John Pascoe AC CVO; Allan Sherlock OBE OAM; The Hon Larry Anthony AO; The Hon Shane Stone AC KC, Michael Crouch AC (Chair Elect), The Hon Gary Nairn AO, Cameron Smart (Acting)