

Who runs Parents on Leave™

Parents on Leave™ has been conceived and developed by **Sheena Wilson** and **Catherine Brown**, both highly experienced global talent executives, and passionate about helping others succeed. They will jointly facilitate each session, for each cohort. Expert guest speakers on a range of relevant topics, is a feature of each session.



Sheena Wilson, GAICD, PCDA | Director, Parents on Leave Pty Ltd

Sheena is a highly accomplished business leader, talent executive and accredited career coach, with multi-disciplinary experience on a global scale. She is a professional Non-Executive Director and Foundation Trustee. She is Deputy Chair of a large professional services firm, and Chairs of the Board's People, Performance, Nominations and Governance Committee. She is a Mentor and Leadership Consultant for Women on Boards Australia; and coaches Board members and executives from multiple sectors in Australia and internationally. Sheena's international business career included many years working overseas at The Bank of New York Mellon (BNY Mellon) where she was a member of the firm's global Operating Committee. She was BNY Mellon's Head of HR - International for five years; CEO of BNY Mellon India for three years; and Global Head of Talent Strategy for five years. She is an international award-winning expert in Diversity and Inclusion; and has worked on the 'people aspects' of many M&A deals globally. Sheena has lived and worked extensively in Australia, New Zealand, India, the USA and Europe, in a range of sectors: Banking & Finance; Management Consulting; Engineering; Social Enterprises; and Higher Education among others.



Catherine Brown, GAICD, PCDA | Director, Parents on Leave Pty Ltd

Catherine is a leading Human Resources executive with over 30 years' experience in HR and Consulting. She has held executive HR roles in diverse sectors including Professional Services, Mining and Manufacturing and Higher Education, and has extensive experience leading global teams and working both in Australia and the UK. Catherine brings to the table sound judgement, pragmatism, deep knowledge of contemporary HR and Talent practices, all honed in highly complex operating environments. She has worked on significant M&A integration and restructuring initiatives internationally; built her own successful businesses in the consulting and retail environments as well as service in the British Royal Navy where she was instrumental in designing and implementing the Royal Navy's first centre to deliver counselling and support services to Naval staff and their families. She is a Mentor and a Leadership Syndicate Advisor for Women on Boards Australia, an accredited Executive Coach with clients globally and, until recently, led the Executive Talent and Capability function for the University of Melbourne. She is committed to assisting others achieve their career aspirations and goals and was a panel judge on one of the professional services sector's first Diversity and Inclusion programs for women.