

BIOGRAPHY

Mr Warren Mundine CEO, NTSCORP Ltd Chairman, Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce

Warren Mundine is from the First Australian Nations of Bundjalung and the Gumbaynggirr people on the North Coast of New South Wales (NSW).

Mr. Mundine is a highly respected and influential businessman, political strategist and Indigenous advocate for empowering First Australians to build a sustained Indigenous economy.

His life and career have been shaped by a deep-seated personal commitment to community, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and he has more than 26 years experience working in the public, private and community sectors.

Mr. Mundine is currently the Chief Executive Officer of NTSCORP Ltd., a company in NSW that assists Traditional Owners to achieve social justice and promote economic, environmental and cultural development through Native Title and other avenues.

He is also the Chairman of the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce, and in this role, Mr Mundine provides national leadership for initiatives to help Indigenous people break the welfare cycle, such as the Australian Employment Covenant.

Mr. Mundine has had considerable involvement in local, state and national government, including a term as National President of the Australian Labor Party (ALP). He has served as national convenor of the ALP National Indigenous Labor Network and as Chair of the ALP (NSW) Indigenous People & Reconciliation Policy Committee. He also has Honorary Life Membership of the NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network.

Mr. Mundine's expertise is widely recognised and he has played leadership roles and served on national, state and local boards and committees providing business, operational and strategic advice. Chief among these are as an Executive Member of the National Native Title Council; and as a Director of the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and the Australian

Employment Strategy. Mr. Mundine also sits on the Indigenous Advisory Committee of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Mr. Mundine's community work often extends beyond his natural boundaries, such as his contribution to the Save the Children Australian Board and as a member of the National Leadership Group and Ambassador of the White Ribbon Day Foundation, which stems from the global campaign to eliminate violence against women.

Equal to his community spirit is Mr. Mundine's passion and love of football, both the 'world game' and rugby league. He is one of Football Federation Australia's Indigenous Football Ambassadors and in earlier years Mr Mundine was fundamental to establishing and managing local football competitions in country towns, particularly women's football.

Mr. Mundine also has a strong passion for the Arts. He is the Chair of NAISDA, the training school for First Australians dancers for the Bangarra Dance Company, Australian Ballet and Sydney Dance Company; Chair of the Redfern Arts & Film Festival Foundation and is an Ambassador for the Song Room, which is an Australian not-for-profit organisation that provides opportunities for enhanced learning and development for disadvantaged children through music and creative arts.

Mr. Mundine has been recognised for his community, government and business achievements by being awarded Doctor of the University (honoris causa) Southern Cross University. He has also been awarded the Centenary Medal for services to the community and local government and the Bennelong Medal for Leadership in Indigenous Affairs.

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