

## YMCA Canberra Darren Black - Bio



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Chief Executive Officer

I am a former Army Officer and UN Peacekeeper who transitioned from the military to community sector leadership in 2001. I am the former CEO of Outward Bound Australia and NSW PCYC and have been CEO of YMCA Canberra since September 2016.

I am passionate about the role of the “For Purpose” sector in building stronger and healthier communities and am a keen advocate and leader in cross sector collaboration. I am committed to improving the prospects of our children through quality early childhood education and care and in this capacity I Chair the ACT Children First Alliance. I have long held a passion for the development of young people so the YMCA's core *belief in the power of inspired young people* aligns strongly with my core values.

I am also the proud father of three incredible young women: Lauren, Hannah and Samantha. Lauren is currently studying to become a Paramedic; Hannah has just commenced her university studies in Psychology and Samantha, whilst still at High School is heading towards a profession in teaching or nurturing others. Each of them are unique and special and I am most proud to have played, and continue to play, an active role in their development as capable and caring young woman, and contributors to our community in their own rights.



### Qualifications

Darren is a graduate of the Royal Military College, Duntroon (1988) and the Melbourne Business School where he completed his MBA (2011). He is also a graduate of the Sydney Leadership Program (2004) – a social leadership program facilitated by the Benevolent Society and the Harvard Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management program (2006) where he was awarded a scholarship by the Harvard Club of Australia.

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