

# Meet the facilitator

Gilbert Lorquet

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Gilbert Lorquet is a dynamic philanthropy leader, strategist, social entrepreneur, and grassroots football champion. With over 28 years of experience spanning marketing, communications, law, mediation, fundraising, and philanthropy, he brings a powerful blend of commercial acumen and community passion to every endeavour.

Gilbert has built a formidable track record, driving growth and impact for some of Australia's most respected organisations. He has held senior leadership roles at the Australian Cancer Research Foundation and JDRF Australia (Type 1 Diabetes Research). In 2018, he was appointed the inaugural Chief Executive Officer of the NORTH Foundation, the philanthropic partner of the Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD). Under his leadership, the NORTH Foundation has transformed from a \$2 million operation to a \$20 million+ powerhouse, raising over \$86 million in just six years to fund groundbreaking medical research and clinical services. His efforts continue to bridge the gap between today's needs and tomorrow's possibilities, delivering better health outcomes for the community. Gilbert also chairs the NSLHD Cultural and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Network, driving health equity and inclusion for multicultural communities.

A lifelong advocate for community football, Gilbert is the Chairman of Football NSW, the largest state sporting organisation in Australia, representing over 350,000 registered participants. Under his leadership, Football NSW champions inclusivity, diversity, and growth, with a clear mission: to lead and support football across all cultures and communities. Gilbert is fiercely committed to ensuring football remains Australia's largest participation sport, leads in female team sports, and achieves gender parity across the game.

An academic and thought leader, Gilbert holds an MBA (Social Impact) from UNSW's Australian Graduate School of Management and is pursuing a PhD at the UTS Business School, researching the social impact of grassroots football in Australia -

focusing on inclusion, wellbeing, and belonging among migrants, women, and older adults.

He teaches Business and Social Impact, and Sport and Society at UTS, sharing his knowledge with the next generation of changemakers. He also facilitates the Fundraising Institute of Australia's (FIA) Fundraising Essentials course.

Deeply engaged in philanthropy and leadership networks, Gilbert is a proud Member of Impact100 Sydney, contributing to high-impact collective giving, and an Associate Member of the Harvard Club of Australia, reflecting his commitment to lifelong learning and global best practice.