

ULI Australia – Young Leaders Group

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At this Power Hour with Josephine Sukkar AM we discussed a breadth of topics from what it takes to be a leader on a Board, to innovations in construction, to how practices on the rugby field can enhance corporate Australia.

Josephine talked us through her early days founding Buildcorp during Australia's last recession in the 90's after having studied in fields well outside the space – though credits this background in science and education as a great grounding for the analytical nature of running a business.

We talked about family, values, priorities, “being raised on rugby”, and more recently how her philanthropy through organisations including the Buildcorp Foundation have helped progress diversity, rights and assist people with mental health issues.

Innovations that Buildcorp and Josephine are looking into include 3D printing with which Josephine is heading to Israel to seek out what a 3D printed building looks like in the flesh, as well as Buildcorp implementing a quality control app to provide a live time view of a project to ensure that the project is defect free throughout the process right through to handover.

Some the traits highlighted to help progress careers in business and on Boards included being able to evidence proficiency, demonstrate the skills needed to succeed in a role, and show the ability to lead and influence.

Tips for transitioning between working for someone to running a business, keeping balance and enacting change; learn what your priorities are, “you can't give responsibility without authority”, work on how to not just lead but to be able to influence effectively and above all nothing beats “time in the saddle”.

Thanks to our sponsors, Urbis and Rothelwman, and to Josephine for the amazing insights into her diverse career.

