

# INVITATION



## Non-Government Schools Seminar Project Procurement Methods

Construction of new facilities is likely to be the single largest capital investment of a school. Construction projects are inherently complex and expose a school to significant risk. Procuring projects in a way that balances quality, time, value and risk through a process that is efficient, transparent and manageable is challenging.

There are many factors that will influence the success of a project. Making the right decision about how to procure the construction work is a very important decision.

EPM is hosting a seminar to raise awareness of the various construction procurement methods, the strengths and weaknesses of each method, and the matters that should be considered in choosing the preferred method.

We have assembled a panel of experts who will explore this topic, share their experiences and answer your questions. Our panel members are:

- Andrew Pender, Director of PMDL Architecture
- Helena Golovanoff, Partner at Holding Redlich Lawyers
- Neil Harding, CEO of ADCO Constructions
- Andrew Graham, CEO of EPM Projects

The seminar will be moderated by John Weeks, the former Headmaster of Knox Grammar School and the Principal at Weeks Education Consultants.

I hope you can join us from 2:30pm to 5:30pm on Thursday 15 November at the offices of EPM Projects, Level 2, 146 Arthur Street, North Sydney. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the seminar which should present the opportunity for you to network and discuss your views about this important topic with other schools and members of the panel.

**Please RSVP to Angelique Abbenbroek by 29 October to [aabbenbroek@epmprojects.com.au](mailto:aabbenbroek@epmprojects.com.au) or (02) 9452 8300.**

Andrew Graham  
CEO

## Moderator



**John Weeks, Principal  
Weeks Education Consultants**



John Weeks has a career in education spanning over 40 years in both government and non-government schools. John was the Headmaster for Knox Grammar School from 2004 to 2018 and prior to this was the Headmaster at Illawarra Grammar and Hunter Valley Grammar School.

John has also been a contributing member of many professional associations including NSW History Teachers Association, Member of the Australian College of Education, Member of Australian College of Educational Administrators, Chair of Heads of Independent Schools (NSW), Co-Founder of the Hunter Region for Independent Schools (HRIS), Co-founder of New Anglican Schools association (NASA), Member of AIS, Member of the AHISA and Chair of the CAS on multiple occasions.

## Guest Speakers



**Andrew Pender, Director  
PMDL**



Andrew is a founding director of PMDL Architecture + Design, a leading Australian education design practice with studios in Sydney, Melbourne and Hong Kong.

Andrew's work in education covers a wide range of projects, predominantly in the K-12 sector, representing varying scales and scopes, from masterplanning and developing new greenfield facilities to the adaptive re-use and restoration of heritage facilities. Andrew was the founding Chair of the Council of Education Facility Planners International (CEFPI) Australasia NSW Chapter 2008-2009 and was Chair of the Australasian Region 2011-2012. From 2004-2013 Andrew was a member of the NSW Independent Schools Block Grant Committee and remains an advisor to the Block Grant Authority.



**Helena Golovanoff, Partner**  
**Holding Redlich**



Helena is a partner in Holding Redlich's Construction and Infrastructure group. With over 15 years' experience in large scale construction and commercial disputes throughout Australia, she provides dispute resolution, transaction and advisory services. She has particular expertise in complex negotiations and contract structuring, including drafting and negotiating development agreements, design and construction contracts, project delivery agreements, early contractor involvement agreements and consultancy agreements. Helena's expertise also extends to advising education institutions in relation to development, facilities and other operational matters.



**Neil Harding, Chief Executive Officer**  
**ADCO**



Neil is the CEO of ADCO Constructions, a leading national construction company successfully delivering projects across Australia since 1972. With annual revenues in excess of \$1 billion and over 500 direct employees, ADCO is rated as one of Australia's top 50 private companies.

Neil has over 20 years' experience in the construction industry and has undertaken several executive roles in the tier 1 contracting environment both in Australia and overseas. Neil is conversant of all aspects of the industry. He is a strong leader of teams and enjoys building a cohesive, performance driven and supportive culture. He develops and maintains industry wide relationships and is an advisory board member to the International Association for Contract and Commercial Management in Australia and New Zealand and is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.



**Andrew Graham, Chief Executive Officer**  
**EPM Projects**



Andrew has over 35 years' experience in the property and construction industry in Australia in roles as a contractor, client and consultant. During this time, Andrew has held a wide range of positions in large and small public and private companies. Andrew's most significant achievement before founding EPM in 2001 was as the Manager, Corporate Services for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and Venue Manager, Games Headquarters. Andrew is committed to excellence in everything that he does and makes this not only a personal goal but a company one also. Andrew's blend of commercial and practical skills and experience allows Andrew to communicate at all levels and understand practical solutions to day-to-day problems.