

# PROFILE

## **SIMON LEWIS**

### Head of Philanthropy and Community



Simon Lewis joined The Trust Company in 2006 as Corporate Strategy Manager and was subsequently appointed to the role of Head of Strategy and Communications in 2008. He has been a member of the Executive Team since 2009.

At the beginning of 2011 he moved to Melbourne to focus on building relationships with stakeholders across the non-profit sector and launched its “Engaged Philanthropy” strategy for discretionary charitable trust distributions

Appointed Head of Philanthropy and Community in early 2012, Simon is now responsible for developing the Company’s philanthropy proposition and overseeing its responsibilities for a sizeable charitable trust portfolio. He also oversees corporate events, marketing and communications including public and investor relations. As one of the two Executives based in Melbourne, he is working on building the profile of The Trust Company as a thought leader and trustee of choice in the city where the Company was founded in 1885.

Simon holds a Bachelor of Business Science (Actuarial Honours) from the University of Cape Town and a Master of Arts (Politics, Philosophy and Economics) from Oxford University, where he attended as a Rhodes Scholar representing his country of birth Zimbabwe.

Simon’s career in financial services started at the Corporate Actuarial Dept of Old Mutual in Cape Town. He then spent five years with the Transaction Services Division of KPMG in both London and Sydney where he provided commercial due diligence and post-deal integration support to a wide range of transactions for Corporate and Private Equity clients.

With a strong interest in community initiatives Simon established an international charity movement called ‘hike4hunger’ in 2009 with his family which has since extended to 16 countries. Staffed by a team of volunteers hike4hunger has raised over AU\$300,000 for community outreach and food relief charities in Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique.

He lives in Melbourne with his wife Jeannine and three young children.