

## Question 2

### On reflection, what can you take back to your organisation from the Summit?

#### COMMENTS

- Handling risks and relationships.
- There are three specific learnings I will be taking back – one from each day. 1. Issue of understanding demographics. 2. Development of team building. 3. Focus on mission.
- Networks – good connections to follow up.
- The huge challenge of getting all three sectors mobilised – my organisation needs to review its strategy in addressing this.
- Hope, future, inspiration and much, much more. I loved every moment.
- There are a number of potential solutions to common industry problems.
- That I have become too engrossed in management and need to re-balance energy into leadership.
- Clear thinking on measuring outcomes, aligning with partners and issues of risk.
- Reinforced understanding of mission/ strategy. Need to continue with broad restructure ie with Board too large. Need to continue with improved reform.
- Focus on mission, vision and values.
- Optimism.
- The value of carefully researching and assessing the risks and benefits of partnering.
- Case studies of successful social entrepreneurship. Measurement tools.
- Importance of structured risk management system.
- More charities to work with.
- Many thoughts about clarity and focus. A list of 40 ideas to discuss with others.
- Tools to better strategise and measure to achieve more realistic and rewarding outcomes.
- Affirmation of current practice in our organisation. New focus on sustainability. Need to do less and achieve more.
- A great deal because through the intellectual experience there is time to draw breath about own organisation direction, leadership, change management processes etc.
- Positive leadership challenges and lots of inspirational thoughts.
- A focus on strategy as opposed to mission. Look toward 'setting the temperature' rather than 'reading it'.
- Need to re-clarify mission to ensure we're all clear about it.
- PASSION and what commitment and a clear MISSION can do.

- I have gained many useful leadership ideas for my range of involvements – really got me thinking in the area of mission and measurement of success of work in achieving objectives. Also – clarifying mission.
- Better understanding of partnership value; better leadership position for nurturing future leaders.
- Inspiration.
- A change of direction.
- Re-focus on our structure, strategy and board.
- Info about X and Y generation – will deal with my staff differently. Info about risk management.
- Ideas on sustainability and risk will be very helpful for my organisation.
- Personal contacts for sponsor support, awareness of diversity in the sector.
- Better understanding of issues faced by other not for profits.
- New relationships, higher level thinking about some issues.
- Insights on measurement and evaluations; partnership management, and sustainability.
- A great chance to reflect on key issues and challenges.
- Re-examination of structure. Re-examination of priorities.
- Elements for our new three year strategic direction plan, move detailed understanding of risk management, better insight into how to 'match up' partnerships/ relationships.
- A lot of great wisdom, connections, new perspectives and ideas.
- An understanding of the key challenges and tensions that all non-profits face.
- Tony Surtees input, partnership issues, metrics, Circus Oz experience.
- Ideas about how to ensure our young organisation is sustainable and managing some of the risks.
- Trends. Proven innovation. Academic and research based information.
- A reassessment of how the business operates and a more strategic approach to moving forward.
- A different way of looking at and encompassing mission and strategy.
- Better planning for the future.
- Reaffirm what we are doing. New contacts. Inspiration.
- Think bigger, strategic plan, overview. Emphasise mission on a t-shirt.
- The need to innovate.
- Optimism, lots of ideas re governance eg risk management, collaborative partnerships, sustainability and renewed energy for the task.

- Greater awareness of the role of Boards in leading non profits. The need to assess risk and have a skilled board constituency.
- Mission before strategic planning. Ideas on sustainability.
- Information about other not for profits, networks etc.
- Our challenges are not unique!
- Some good insights, new energy and commitment to approaches.
- Breadth and depth of experience and commitment of not for profit sector.
- Better understanding of holistic issues facing the sector and in particular where government's role is.
- A sense of where the domestic not for profit debate is at.
- A broader understanding of the context non profits operate in.
- Fresh ideas on partnership, awareness of the STANFORD Program for not for profit leaders, HOPE for the future.
- Circus Oz feedback regarding corporate partnerships.