

Desert Knowledge Australia Board



Director Mr Des Rogers

Des Rogers was born in Alice Springs and is of Afghan and Aboriginal descent. His grandfather was born at Horse-shoe Bend which is approximately 150 km south of Alice Springs. His father was an Afghan cameleer and his mother was an Aboriginal lady who was born on the banks of the Finke River at a place called "Ultja" or main camp which is half way between the Idrocowra and Henbury home-steads.

Des is recognized and accepted as an Aboriginal man of the Pertame clan (Southern Arrernte). He was previously employed by the Bush-fires Council of the Northern Territory for seventeen years.

Des is the founding Director of Red Centre Produce which commenced trading in 1994. This Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable business based in Alice Springs is today the largest in Central Australia. RED Centre Produce as a vision and business commitment in improving the access to quality, variety and price of fresh produce to Indigenous people in remote areas.

Des also owns Indigenous Perspectives a consultancy firm providing professional assistance to Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people. He was the Indigenous relations Manager for the catering company on the Alice to Darwin railway and achieved a 35% Indigenous employment level.

Des is currently researching and developing a concept for an Indigenous Hospitality Academy, Indigenous Cafe and the export of Indigenous cuisine under the banner of his new business pepperedBLACK.

Des is an active member of the community and has participated on many committees and boards.

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