

## Jim Varghese



Jim Varghese is the National Chair of the Australia India Business Council and the Executive Director of the Springfield Land Corporation, where he served as the Chief Executive from 2008 -2012.

Jim recently completed a three-year term as the part-time Executive Director (Business Development) for the Australia India Institute on September 22nd, 2017. Prior to 2008 Jim worked for 30 years across transport, main roads, education, training, employment and primary industries in both the Victorian and Queensland public sector.

Jim is on the Board of Mind Hive, Deputy Chair of the Puuya Foundation (serving the indigenous community of Lockhart River in North Queensland) and is a director of the Qld Mental Health Foundation. Jim is Co-Patron of the Federation of Indian Communities and Chairman, Mahatma Gandhi Memorials Committee (Qld). Jim is the Chair of the Gandhi Salt March Company Ltd which will be delivering its inaugural Festival of Peace celebrating global Mahatma Gandhi in Brisbane on October 28-20, 2017.

Jim was awarded the Centenary Medal and the Order of Australia for services to the public sector and community.