

Capability Statement

Partnering with not for profits and charities for success



Next Dimension
ACCOUNTING



INTRODUCTORY SUMMARY

Next Dimension Accounting was established in 2021 to provide outsourced financial solutions to Australian Not-for-profits (NFPs). Our approach is technology-driven and client focused, empowering our clients to concentrate on their key strengths, adapt swiftly to change and prosper.

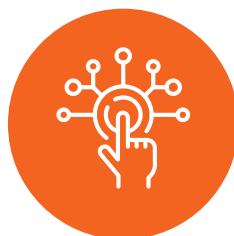
Next Dimension continues to receive accolades for its services, and our experienced team has produced excellent results for our clients. In a few short years, we have achieved our goal of being known as an expert provider of accounting services and advice for Australian NFPs.

OUR MISSION

To supply decision makers with timely access to information they understand, empowering them to make informed decisions and achieve success.



Accounting
Expertise



Tech-savvy
team



Innovative
solutions



Trusted
advisers

ABOUT NEXT DIMENSION ACCOUNTING

Next Dimension Accounting (NDA) is a team of expert accountants who provide business analysis, insights, and advice that enable strategic growth. With a focus on delivering timely and relevant business information, our mission is to empower our clients to make informed decisions and achieve lasting success.

NDA was established to lead and innovate in the accounting space. Our clients represent many leading NFP organisations.

NDA provides highly skilled services in the areas of bookkeeping, payroll, reporting, data analysis, financial modelling, taxation compliance, and advice, along with an On Demand CFO service.

As Xero experts, we seamlessly facilitate transitions from your current accounting system to Xero, leveraging the latest software and AI-driven processes to enhance efficiency.

We prioritise personalised service, tailoring our solutions to meet each client's unique needs.

Our service provides exceptional value for money, enabling NFPs to optimise their financial resources effectively.

We offer innovative solutions to help our clients adapt swiftly to changing market dynamics and achieve sustained growth.

EXPERIENCE

Our team has decades of experience in the accounting industry. We have served numerous clients during our journey and are proud to continue our support.

Utilising cutting-edge technologies such as Xero, ApprovalMax, DEXT, Weel, Power BI, Deputy, XBert, plus many more, we offer secure data storage, real-time access and improved collaboration for our clients.

We are committed to continuous learning and development, ensuring our team remains at the forefront of industry trends and best practices.

We have accumulated valuable experience working with a broad range of NFP clients across multiple sectors.

We have been recognised for our achievements in the accounting industry and were finalists in the Australian Accounting Awards for the Start-up Firm of the Year, Fast-Growing Firm of the Year, and Boutique Firm of the Year (Less Than 20 Employees) categories in 2023. In 2024, we were also finalists in the Boutique Firm of the Year (Less Than 20 Employees) and Marketing Program of the Year categories.

NFP and Charity Experience

We specialise in serving various NFPs and understanding their distinct financial and compliance requirements and challenges.

NDA applies accounting standards throughout the year, so clients are not blindsided by year-end audit adjustments. We stay on top of current matters relevant to our clients, which empowers us to contribute to discussion papers on accounting and compliance for NFPs and present at national conferences.

We work with NFP clients to:

Minimise outlay through cost-effective accounting technology

Ensure effective reporting to the Board and ACNC

Satisfy ATO and compliance requirements

Strategise for future growth and stability with our On Demand CFO service

Assist with grant budgets and acquittals

Our NFP clients highly recommend our services:

// Our experience with NDA has been nothing but positive and we have gained confidence in knowing our financial future which includes monitoring and controlling budgets in a more resilient way. //

- Patsy Wilshire, CEO of Star Community Services

PACKAGES

Bookkeeping	STARTER	ADVANCED	ULTIMATE
Accounts Payable - Starter	✓	✗	✗
Accounts Payable - Complete	✗	✓	✓
Accounts Receivable	✓	✓	✓
Bank Reconciliation - Starter	✓	✗	✗
Bank Reconciliation - Complete	✗	✓	✓
Fixed Asset Management	✓	✓	✓
Unlimited Bookkeeping Support	✓	✓	✓
On Demand CFO			
Annual budget	✓	✓	✓
Audit Liaison and Support	✗	✓	✓
Board Meetings outside of business hours	✗	✗	✓
Board Meetings within business hours	✗	✗	✓
Cash Flow Management	✗	✗	✓
CEO Meetings	✓	✓	✓
Finance Sub-Committee Meetings	✗	✗	✓
Forecasting	✗	✗	✓
Management Meetings	✗	✗	✓
Unlimited CFO Support	✗	✓	✓
Reporting			
ACNC Annual Information Statement	✓	✓	✓
ASIC/ACNC/ATO Agent	✓	✓	✓
Board Reporting	✗	✓	✓
Compliance Reporting	✗	✗	✓
Financial Dashboards	✗	✗	✓
Grant Acquittals	✓	✓	✓
Management Reporting	✗	✓	✓
Registered Office	✓	✓	✓
Tracking Reporting	✓	✓	✓
Tax Services			
BAS and IAS	✓	✓	✓
Fringe Benefits Tax Return	✓	✓	✓

All packages come with the option of add on services.

STARTER PACKAGE

BOOKKEEPING

Accounts Payable - Starter	Processing and tracking of supplier invoices and payments, weekly
Accounts Receivable	Creating sales invoices using a standard import data file and format, monthly
Bank Reconciliation - Starter	Coding transactions for linked bank accounts and credit cards, weekly
Fixed Asset Management	Maintaining accounting fixed asset register.
Unlimited Bookkeeping Support	Unlimited minor ad-hoc advice on bookkeeping related matters, provided they can be addressed within an hour and do not require immediate action.

ON DEMAND CFO

Annual budget	Development of annual profit & loss and cashflow budgets with input from your management team, including 2 x revisions prior to final approval.
CEO Meetings	Monthly meetings with the CEO to review financial performance, discuss business operations, and address strategic priorities.

REPORTING

ACNC Annual Information Statement	Preparation and lodgement of your ACNC Annual Information Statement.
ASIC/ACNC/ATO Agent	Acting as your ASIC/ACNC/ATO Agent where applicable, which enables us to lodge and receive documents on your behalf and assist with managing your compliance requirements.
Grant Acquittals	Complete grant acquittals , including related calculations, with assumed complexity based on current funding structure and frequency.
Registered Office	Acting as your nominated office for legal and ASIC correspondence.
Tracking Reporting	Breakdown of financials by agreed tracking categories such as state, business unit, project or funding source.

TAX SERVICES

BAS and IAS	Preparation and lodgement of monthlys Business Activity Statements and Instalment Activity Statements.
Fringe Benefits Tax Return	Calculating and preparing your FBT return including motor vehicle and salary packaging components.

ADVANCED PACKAGE

BOOKKEEPING

Accounts Payable - Complete	Accounts payable basic 4 x per week, + managing approval workflows and payment scheduling
Accounts Receivable	Creating sales invoices using a standard import data file and format, monthly
Bank Reconciliation - Complete	Coding transactions for linked bank accounts and credit cards, 4 x per week.
Fixed Asset Management	Maintaining accounting fixed asset register
Unlimited Bookkeeping Support	Unlimited minor ad-hoc advice on bookkeeping related matters, provided they can be addressed within an hour and do not require immediate action.

ON DEMAND CFO

Annual budget	Development of annual profit & loss and cashflow budgets with input from your management team, including 2 x revisions prior to final approval.
Audit Liaison and Support	End-to-end support with financial year end audits, including being the first point of contact for audit queries.
CEO Meetings	Monthly meetings with the CEO to review financial performance, discuss business operations, and address strategic priorities.
Unlimited CFO Support	Unlimited minor ad-hoc advice on CFO-related matters, provided they can be addressed within an hour and do not require immediate action.

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Board Reporting	Preparation of Monthly board-ready financial reports, commentary, analysis and insights, including reports such as: YTD and Projected Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet and Cashflow.
Grant Acquittals	Complete grant acquittals , including related calculations, with assumed complexity based on current funding structure and frequency.
Management Reporting	Detailed Monthly internal financial reports to enable decision-makers within the organisation make informed decisions.
Registered Office	Acting as your nominated office for legal and ASIC correspondence.
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ULTIMATE PACKAGE

BOOKKEEPING

Accounts Payable - Complete	Accounts payable basic 4 x per week, + managing approval workflows and payment scheduling.
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Bank Reconciliation - Complete	Coding transactions for linked bank accounts and credit cards, 4 x per week.
Fixed Asset Management	Maintaining accounting fixed asset register.
Unlimited Bookkeeping Support	Unlimited minor ad-hoc advice on bookkeeping related matters, provided they can be addressed within an hour and do not require immediate action.

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Audit Liaison and Support	End-to-end support with financial year end audits, including being the first point of contact for audit queries.
Board Meetings outside of business hours	Attendance at scheduled board meetings (based on your current frequency) to discuss financial matters and participate in general discussion. If you require us to attend board meetings held outside standard business hours (8am-6pm NSW), this will come at an additional cost. Click upsell packages to add.
Board Meetings within business hours	
Cash Flow Management	Monitoring and planning for your organisation's cash position to ensure sustainability and effective use of working capital.
CEO Meetings	Monthly meetings with the CEO to review financial performance, discuss business operations, and address strategic priorities.
Finance Sub-Committee Meetings	Participation in Finance sub-committees to provide insight and input on financial matters.
Forecasting	Quarterly revisions of forecasted profit & loss and cashflow budgets with input from your management team.
Management Meetings	Regular check-ins with operational or senior leadership to discuss performance, issues, and financial health.
Unlimited CFO Support	Unlimited minor ad-hoc advice on CFO-related matters, provided they can be addressed within an hour and do not require immediate action.

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Board Reporting	Preparation of Monthly board-ready financial reports, commentary, analysis and insights, including reports such as: YTD and Projected Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet and Cashflow.
Compliance Reporting	Monthly report of status of financial-related compliance obligations to assist with governance report to the Board.
Financial Dashboards	Visual representations of key financial and operational metrics using Power BI which is accessible to upto five members of your organisation.
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OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL SERVICES

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Payroll - Assistance	General assistance with payroll processing queries such as first and final pays. Your team remain responsible for payroll compliance.
Payroll - Complete	Payroll processing based on approved timesheets or salaried employees including leave tracking using Xero or other software as agreed, including Single Touch Payroll (STP) reporting.
Uploading ABA files	Uploading ABA files for payroll and creditors for signatory for approval.
Unit Costing Analysis	Analysis of per-unit or per-service delivery costs to inform pricing and funding strategies.
Benchmarking Reporting	Compare your financial and operational performance against sector benchmarks or similar-sized organisations.

ONE-OFF SERVICES

Xero Conversion / Implementation / Optimisation	Set up, migration and tailoring of Xero for best practice use and reporting.
Tech Stack Review / Add On Advice	Review of current finance systems with recommendations on apps like ApprovalMax, DEXT, Weel, etc.
Xero Training	Tailored staff training to ensure effective and confident use of Xero.
Processes Review	Reviewing existing workflows and recommending improvements for efficiency and compliance.
Board Finance Training	Equipping board members with the financial literacy needed for governance and decision-making.
What If / Scenario Analysis	Modelling potential future outcomes to support informed decision-making.
Form new entities	Assistance with establishing new NFPs or subsidiaries, including structure advice, registrations, and setup.
SMSF setup	Assistance with set up of a Self Managed Superfund, we do not provide financial or structuring advice but can facilitate the administrative setup process to ensure compliance.

CLIENTS

NFP types:

 <p>Community transport providers</p>	 <p>Sporting groups</p>	 <p>Humanitarian aid organisations</p>
 <p>Support organisations</p>	 <p>Peak bodies</p>	 <p>Clubs</p>
 <p>Schools</p>	 <p>Health Services providers</p>	 <p>Arts</p>

NFP clients:

Activus Transport

Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia

Bankstown Canterbury Community Transport Ltd

Bathurst Community Transport

Benefolk Foundation

Coast & Country Community Services

Community Connect Transport

Community Links Wellbeing Ltd

Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia

Delta Therapy Dogs

Go Gentle Australia

Infrastructure Sustainability Council

International Institute of Communications Australian Chapter

Jubilee Community Services

National Allergy Council Limited

One Girl Australia

Prostate & Breast Cancer Foundation Ltd

Ranges Community Health

Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre

Star Community Services

Talent Development Project

The Survivor Hub Ltd

Wheelchair Rugby League Australia

ACHIEVEMENTS AND CLIENT RESULTS

Case study: WRLA – Support services at the World Cup

Next Dimension Accounting (NDA) has worked closely with not-for-profit organisation Wheelchair Rugby League Australia (WRLA) for six years and is a valued partner.

Wheelchair Rugby League is an inclusive sport that is a variation of the running game. People with and without disability play the sport from social to elite level. NDA has helped to build WRLA's success and resilience as an international sport.

NDA provides accounting support such as organisational budgeting, reporting, grant budgeting and acquittals, international sports funding applications and developing scenarios and projections to assist the WRLA board with strategic decision-making and planning.

WRLA Director Joseph Chidiac says, "Next Dimension Accounting is an indispensable part of our team. Their team's expert guidance and invaluable insights have powered our organisation's continuous growth and success in the fiercely competitive world of sports funding, grants and donations."

Like many organisations, WRLA is mainly run by volunteers. Nevertheless, the organisation has secured some significant grants and receives affiliate funding through the NRL. It also receives funding when the Australian Wheelaroos team participates in major tournaments like the Rugby League World Cup. This funding needs to be managed well to ensure that the funder's objectives are achieved and that funding ultimately catalyses the growth and development of WRLA. Reporting requirements in the form of grant acquittals need to be managed well to ensure WRLA meets all compliance requirements and can apply for future grants with confidence and a good track record.

"A really valuable contribution was Next Dimension's support of our World Cup campaign," says Joseph. "For WRLA to send Australia's national team to the UK in 2022, we had to fundraise in advance and apply for major grants."

With the welcome fiscal backing in place, more financial management was required to keep managing the budget for the Wheelaroo's tour of the UK. "As the figures changed, we had to stay focused and spend responsibly," adds Joseph.

NDA stepped up its accounts support. Brendan says, "From helping develop the budgets, we were soon managing funds received through sponsorships, coordinating team allowances and recording funding expenditure for acquittals. In the lead up to the team's international tour, we had regular meetings with WRLA Directors to ensure the organisation's requirements were met."

Thanks to NDA's support, WRLA's national team secured a remarkable top-three position at the prestigious Wheelchair Rugby League World Cup. "Next Dimension's outsourced accounting team played a pivotal role, providing the essential staffing and financial advice that transformed our World Cup dream into a triumphant reality," says Joseph.

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- Joseph Chidiac, Director, WRLA



Case study: Activus Transport – Outsourced accounting enables expansion

Activus Transport is a leading community transport provider that was first established in the Sutherland Shire in 1979. Since that time, the organisation has grown and developed to service more than 3,000 clients with a fleet of 22 vehicles, 30 staff and more than 80 volunteers.

When a long-term employee retired, the organisation was on the lookout for an accounting firm that could replace the role of an internal bookkeeper with an outsourced accounting service. A presentation from Brendan Lucas from Next Dimension Accounting (NDA) detailed the expertise and ideas that could assist Activus Transport, and highlighted the value of harnessing technology and engaging outsourced accounting services.

The NDA team has since played an integral role in ensuring that Activus Transport meets all financial compliance requirements, manages the organisation efficiently, and accesses real-time information that the management team needs to support the organisation's growth and resilience.

One of the first actions taken by NDA was to replace the organisation's outdated accounting software with Xero software. The adoption of Xero transformed the way that volunteer reimbursement, payroll and reporting occurred.

Volunteer reimbursements had been handled manually, resulting in a significant input of time and coordination. NDA automated this process, so the volunteer reimbursements occurred every fortnight by electronic funds transfer. This development improved outcomes for both volunteers and Activus Transport by providing consistency and freeing up staff to focus on other tasks.

When NDA came on board, he transformed the organisation's ability to analyse and measure. CEO Greg Stanger said, "The systems that Next Dimension Accounting set up have allowed me to access the data I need to make informed decisions, and that analysis has been behind every major decision we have made.

"Whether that is changes to fee pricing and to the types and mix of vehicles, or changes from volunteers to paid drivers, this analysis brought a higher understanding of our costs and what we could and couldn't do. It has allowed us to understand the unit per costing within our organisation."

The Activus team was very impressed by NDA's willingness to truly understand the sector and what the organisation was going through at a higher level. Greg comments, "That means the Next Dimension team did not just look at our operations; they also took the time to understand our contract terms that contained complex funding arrangements. They really go that bit further, understanding outside factors that are impacting us."

Led by recommendations from Activus Transport, word has spread about the benefits of engaging the NDA team who now supply outsourced accounting services to six community transport organisations across New South Wales and Queensland.

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CEO, Greg Stanger



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HOW WE WORK

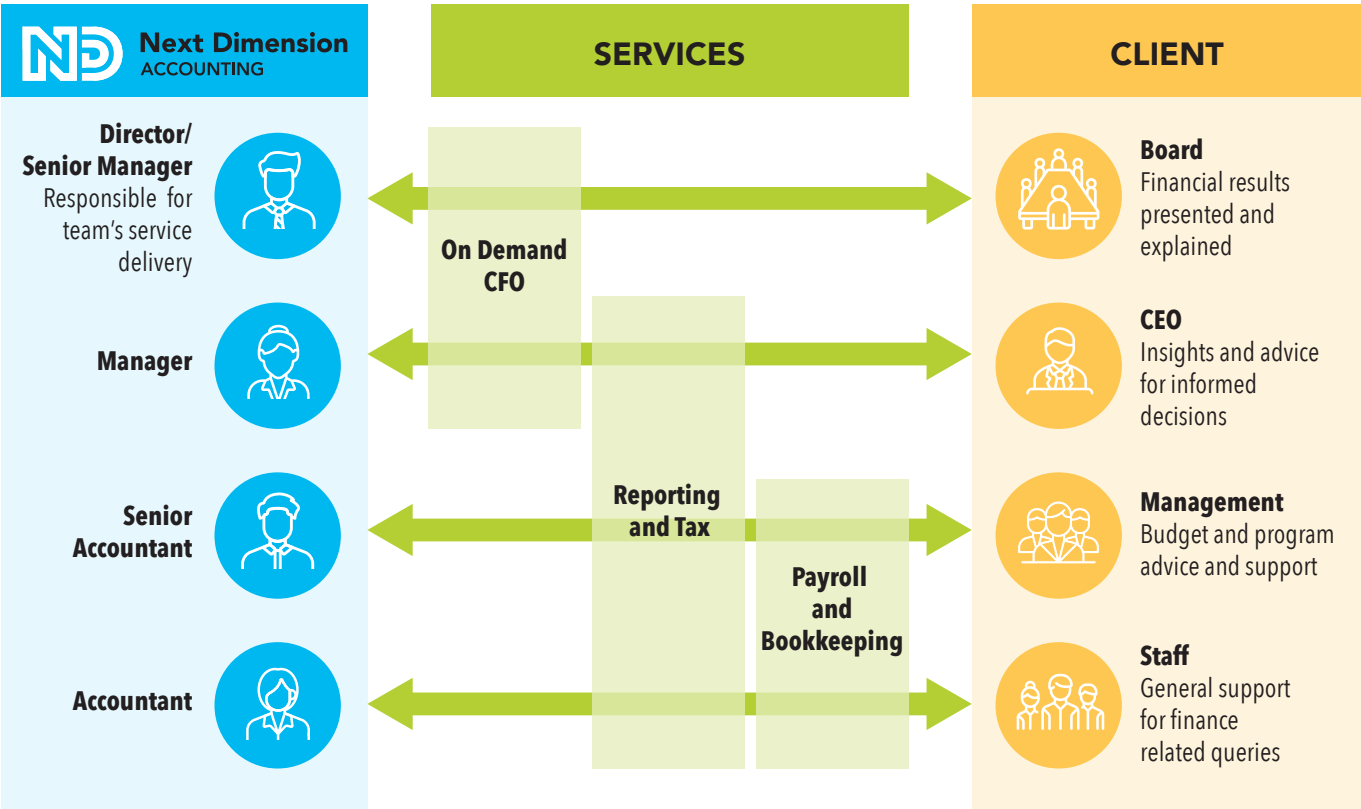
At Next Dimension Accounting, our team of experienced accountants, bookkeepers, and support staff works alongside clients as partners. We are committed to delivering tailored solutions that help organisations stay focused on their objectives, mission and activities.

Your Next Dimension Accounting Support Team

At NDA, we provide timely and easily understandable information to decision-makers and their organisations, enabling them to make informed decisions and succeed.

Our multi-dimensional support team helps mitigate the risk of key person dependency within our clients’ organisations.

We work across various touchpoints, offering independent expert advice to boards to assist them in their oversight duties. Our team also supports CEOs and Senior Management by helping them plan, build, and meet all compliance requirements. Internal processes and operations, including reporting, tax, payroll, and bookkeeping, are seamlessly supported to boost compliance and operational efficiency.



SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES

Our team comprises qualified and experienced accountants, including professionals who are Registered Tax Agents holding CA or CPA certifications. We hold all necessary insurance and are committed to continuous learning and development, ensuring our team remains at the forefront of industry trends and best practices.

The Next Dimension Accounting team is led by:

Founder and Managing Director Brendan Lucas CA

Brendan's approach is shaped by his 20 years+ commercial and NFP experience.

From nine years at PwC, advising private business owners on complex tax and business issues to his expertise guiding early-stage NFPs or those looking to expand.

Brendan has served in key voluntary roles, including Treasurer of the Sutherland Shire Business Chamber and the Manly Warringah Rugby League Referees' Association.

As a tech-savvy accountant, he excels in leveraging technology to streamline accounting processes, reduce costs, and enhance the timeliness of financial reporting to facilitate better decision-making.

His adeptness at numerical analysis and technological applications empowers clients to perform necessary financial analyses much more efficiently.

With his comprehensive experience and strategic insight into growth, team development, and innovation within the NFP sector, Brendan is well-equipped to help organisations stand out and achieve their goals in a competitive landscape.

Formal qualifications:

Chartered Accountant

Bachelor of Commerce Accounting

Registered Tax Agent



Professional Memberships and Community Support



Our Business Awards



Client Services Director

Joanne Fahd CA



Client Services Director Joanne Fahd CA Jo is an experienced professional with an extensive background in public practice, banking, financial services, and commerce, particularly in the non-profit sector. With over 29 years of diverse experience, she is well-equipped to provide comprehensive support to NFPs committed to making a difference in their communities. Her firsthand experience with various NFPs, including those in community transport, aged care, childcare, and other special interest sectors, has given her a deep understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities these organisations face. She is passionate about aiding their missions and dedicated to assisting them in navigating financial complexities, optimising operations, and maximising impact. Offering personalised attention and strategic guidance tailored to the specific needs of each NFP client, Jo acts as a trusted partner. Her support allows clients to redirect their focus from accounting and tax concerns to their core missions.

Formal qualifications:

Chartered Accountant & Registered Tax Agent
Bachelor of Business

Senior Manager

Tina Webb CA



Senior Manager Tina Webb CA Tina has a passion for numbers and analysis. She brings 25+ years experience from working with both NFP and business clients, ranging from small enterprises to large corporations. She thrives in diverse sectors and enjoys collaborating with cross-functional teams. Previously, Tina held positions in finance and sales at Unilever and currently volunteers as the Treasurer for her local football club. Her expertise is centred on tax and reporting compliance, particularly in identifying and addressing gaps in financial reporting to deliver effective solutions to her clients. With over a decade of experience in both paid and voluntary roles with NFP clients, Tina is committed to ensuring that these organisations fully understand the financial information crucial for their success. She enjoys providing valuable insights to help NFP clients achieve their objectives and optimise and simplify their financial operations.

Formal qualifications:

Chartered Accountant & Registered Tax Agent
Bachelor of Commerce

BROAD CAPABILITIES AND NETWORKS

Benefolk Membership

Next Dimension Accounting is a specialist member of Benefolk, Australia's only multi-disciplinary consultant collective for the not-for-profit and charity sector. The collective has helped more than 300 organisations find professional services and support over the past five years. Members work together to create tailored, personalised approaches that suit client needs. Benefolk is a certified Social Enterprise and invests back into the sector through its sister charity, Benefolk Foundation, Australia's only Health Promotion Charity focusing on the mental health and wellbeing of those who work and volunteer in the social sector.

Our team can introduce clients to the Benefolk network, empowering their success via access to its qualified members.



Technology

Next Dimension is a technology-focused company that streamlines processes to ensure your NFP operations are cost-efficient, accurate and compliant. We have the expertise to unlock the potential of data to help you manage the future.

Some of the most valuable tools in our technology toolkit include:

Some of the Apps we work with:



Beautiful accounting software with an ecosystem of over 1,000 apps



Purchase Orders



Replace petty cash with virtual cards



Extracts data from your supplier invoices





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