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Lesley Alway is an arts manager with experience in cultural organisations and special expertise in the visual arts in the government, non-profit and private sectors. Lesley is currently Director of Arts at Asialink, based at the University of Melbourne. Between 2008-2010, Lesley was the Managing Director of Sotheby's Australia. She had previously been Director / CEO of Heide Museum of Modern Art in Melbourne since 2003 where she oversaw the major redevelopment of the Museum which re-opened in July 2006. Between 1997 and 2000, Lesley was the Director of Arts Victoria where she managed the introduction of many new policy initiatives including projects for the major collecting institutions such as Museum Victoria, the National Gallery of Victoria and the State Library, new professional and artistic development opportunities for contemporary artists and arts organisations as well as a range of marketing initiatives directed at expanding local, international and tourism audiences.

Prior to joining Arts Victoria in 1995 as Manager, Industry Development, Research and Information, Lesley was Director of Artbank for four years. Artbank is a key Commonwealth Government organization for supporting contemporary Australian artists through purchasing their work and making it available for rental to both Australian and international clients. She has also worked for Sotheby's Melbourne, in local government cultural management, arts education and has also been a consultant in business planning, and cultural policy to various interstate and federal arts based organisations. She has lectured in post-graduate cultural policy and management at both the University of Melbourne and Deakin University.

Lesley's academic qualifications include a BA (Hons) in Fine Arts and BEd from the University of Melbourne, and an MBA from Monash University.