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Dagmar Schmidmaier is an innovative leader and strategic thinker. She has spent over 20 years in senior executive and academic roles. She brings a high level of creativity and experience to her work in facilitating excellence and passionate performance in others. Her experience in business development and change management in large and complex organizations in the public and private sectors gives her a potent mix to apply to her coaching. She offers specialized expertise in:

- executive leadership and coaching
- business development
- strategy
- working with boards
- leadership development for women

During her eleven years as State Librarian and Chief Executive of the State Library of NSW Dagmar developed a successful strategic vision for the library which repositioned it as a key institution of the digital world that is the 21st century. This vision was supported by a financial strategy that attracted significant funding from government and the private sector. She introduced a graduate program and a successful leadership program at the State Library based on her belief of the importance of lifelong learning.

In 1996 Dagmar supported research for a landmark pay equity test case initiated by the NSW Government. Her commitment to the case was instrumental in a favourable outcome for the library and the information science profession.

Dagmar has a BA from the University of Sydney and a Graduate Diploma in Librarianship and Master in Library and Information Science from the University of NSW. She has been awarded an Order of Australia, a Centenary Medal and a Fellowship from ALIA. The University of NSW awarded her a Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, in 1999 and the Alumni Award for Arts/Law in 2006. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Technology Sydney and Chair of the Aurora Foundation which runs an annual residential Leadership Institute. She is also involved with the Talent Development Program for women run by Chief Executive Women and is a member of an advisory committee for Alzheimer's NSW. In 2005 she was a NSW finalist in the Telstra Business Woman of the Year.

Dagmar is a member of the Australian Association of Career Counsellors Inc and the International Coach Federation Australasia.

The support and encouragement of her husband and two children, has been a key factor in her career. The family enjoys great skiing holidays - the mountains being a perfect antidote to hectic professional commitments.