

DRAS BOARD NOMINEES

Disability Rights Advocacy Service Inc (DRAS) is holding an election of nominated members for positions on the DRAS Board of Management.

The election is being run through an independent web site, Election Runner and voters require a secure log on ID to be able to vote. DRAS Members who have supplied email accounts will be emailed a link to enable them to vote when voting opens on Monday 22 November 2021. The link will be active until 5.00pm on Friday 26 November 2021.

If you have not provided an email address to DRAS or do not have access to email, please call DRAS on 8351 9500 to be registered prior to 5.00pm on Friday 19 November 2021. You will be provided with log on details to access the Election Runner site.

BRADDICK, Colleen

I am a retired lawyer who has been on the DRAS Board since 18 January 2021 and would like to continue on the Board of Management to assist DRAS.

DAVIES, Robyn Lee

I live with a disability and bring this life experience to the role.

I understand the challenges and barriers that people with a disability face on a daily basis in accessing services and information. As a previous client of DRAS I have an understanding of advocacy and the organisation.

I have worked in a customer service role over many years and owned by own businesses, so I bring a wealth of knowledge around service excellence, management and public relations.

FRATAMICO, Antonio,

No bio provided.

GRECO, Luisa

I bring over 20 years' experience working in disability, aged care and multicultural services in a community development capacity and have worked in advocacy agencies.

I have managed NDIS programs supporting individuals and families to access services. I volunteer in various capacities as a Justice of the Peace, in a community centre and also on community and government committees.

I can support the DRAS board through sound leadership and governance and have extensive experience in strategic planning, government and funding body processes and risk management.

I look forward to the opportunity to bring this knowledge and expertise to the board.

HILLE, Jeron

No bio provided

HOWSON, Lurna

Born in Murray Bridge, married with 4 Children.

I help charities and recently shaved my head for breast cancer research. I am a member of DRAS being a member of the Board is a natural progression.

I have extensive experience in customer service and was awarded a Super Star award for my work with Optus, a position I held for 11 years before retiring due to my disability. I was a school council member for four years.

I want to be a part of DRAS. With my experience in customer care and investigation and believe I will make a valuable addition to the board.

KELLY, Margaret

- Public Works Department
- Central Park Newsagency, Owner/Operator
- AWA Defence Industries, Executive Assistant to Manager of Top-Secret US Navy/Aust Navy Project
- CDM Quality Assurance Accreditation
- Orica, Various positions i.e. Secretary Chief Scientist, Y2K Administration Officer Australia wide, Procurement Department involvement in cost reduction for travel and fleet.
- Birdwood Newsagency SA, Owner/Operator
- Retired – Volunteer with Tea Tree Gully Council
- Current police checks, and during my work life with AWA Defence Industries and CDM, carried a Top Secret Security Clearance
- Prior to my husband's death, I was his full-time carer, and for 5 years have been supporting my son with severe mental issues.

KNOCK, Linda

Board experience and skills:

- 2017 – ongoing: Secretary of South Australia Telephone Collectors Society
- 2011 – 2019: Board Member / IT coordinator South Australia Retirement Villages Residents Association
- 1995 – 2012: Secretary to the Board of Community Accommodation and Respite Agency
- 1993 – 1994: Board Member of Spastic Centre of South Australia
- 1986 – 2004: Member / Special Education Representative of South Australia Association of State Schools Organisation.
- 1986 – 2002: Member Regency Park Centre School Council
- 1992 – 2004: Member Ashford Special School Council

I have been privileged to assist disabled people grow as individuals and who are now living fulfilling lives.

LORRAIN, Shaun

I am 28 and bring a younger perspective to the Board that has been missing. I manage my complex support needs and my Grandmother's affairs (since age 17). I operate an IT business and have helped DRAS with updates to the website and training staff to make updates.

I am a client of DRAS and this has taught me to advocate for myself and help others do the same. It is now my turn to give back and my understanding of finance, and DRAS's operations, will stand me in good stead on the Board to help position DRAS for the future.

OWEN, Belinda

No bio provided

PATTERSON, Marcus

My name is Marcus Patterson, I have advocacy experience in having served on Governmental advisory committees and lived experience as a person with disabilities.

Qualifications: Bachelor of Music, Graduate diploma of Education, Master of Education (in Education Administration) Educational leadership and change management.

My next challenge is to train Sebastian (as pictured) to become a certified service dog through Minddog Australia.

PONIATOWSKI, George

Mr George Poniatowski is a former client and has been associated with DRAS for 6 years.

George served on the DRAS Board of Management as the Deputy Chairperson for 2 years and then as the Chairperson for 2 years.

His disability forced him to retire from the mining industry in 2014. George now performs multiple voluntary roles and wishes to continue helping DRAS in delivering advocacy.

RENNA, Anna

No bio provided

SIMBI, Esther

No bio provided

TUCKER, Eliza

My name is Eliza Jane Tucker. I have lived with a very rare neurological and physical disability since birth.

I have spent 28 years volunteering at the Mt Barker Community Centre in childcare/ administration. In 2010 I joined the Board of Management, and became Chairperson

My passion is to advocate for others with disabilities. I recently embarked on the NDIS journey prompting me to be involved in the formation of the Disability Advocacy Resource Group.

I want to bring my lived experience, skills and knowledge to the DRAS Board of Management to make a contribution to advocacy for people with disabilities.

VINCI, Girolamo

No bio provided.