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Royal Zoological Society Of South Australia Inc. Board Election 2016 Information On Candidates

Julieann Riedstra BEc FCPA MAICD



My commitment to conservation and the work of Zoos SA goes back to my childhood and the many visits my family made to the Zoo. I have been a Life Member since 2008 and I am a passionate supporter of our conservation work at Adelaide and Monarto. I was honoured to be

co-opted to the Board in 2013 to contribute to the Master Plan. Our first stage, the fantastic Natures Playground, is a great start to the exciting plans we have for the two Zoos. As the Deputy Chair of Nature Play SA, I am particularly pleased to see how popular the playground has become.

Not only do I want to ensure that future generations of children have the same opportunity and access that I had to the zoo, but also I want to ensure that experience

constantly improves. The way young people interact with nature and animals, and how we care for this relationship can have multiple benefits for our community and future conservation. I am keen to continue contributing to the ongoing development of the Zoos through my experience in managing major building projects and my corporate experience on a number of Boards. As a conservation charity, Zoos SA is unique in its relationship with the community and the important role volunteers play in zoo operations. I would like to be considered a committed volunteer listening to the voices of the membership, staff and visitors and guiding the conservation, education and care work of Zoos SA.

Tom Wilsdon



Tom Wilsdon is the Group Information Officer at Southern Cross Care. He leads the information systems and technology services teams across this leading not-for-profit organisation. Tom is also the SA state lead for the AIIA Health SIG focusing on the way in which

the Australian ICT industry can work in collaboration with Australian governments and broader health system stakeholders to demonstrate true technology partnership, in the transformation of the healthcare industry.

Tom has experience in roles as a business and technology consultant, project manager and business analyst for an investment bank in the United Kingdom. This provides Tom with a solid business background, understanding of regulatory obligations and progressive business acumen.

Returning to Adelaide to raise a young family has reminded Tom of the unique quality of life we have in SA. Born and raised in Port Pirie, he has a sense of community and recognizes the importance of contributing to those organisations that give back. This was the reason for Tom joining a not-for-profit organisation and the purpose of nominating to the Zoos SA Board.

With over 14 years of technology and business experience, it is Tom's ambition to help the Zoo to maximize the opportunity technology provides in delivering high levels of customer experience, achieving operating efficiencies in reducing business costs and helping the Zoo connect with the community to achieve its objectives.

Tom is committed to focus solely as a member on the Zoo Board and not apply for other Board roles during his tenure if nominated.

John O'Brien



As a long standing member of the Society, I would like nominate for one of the Board positions that will become vacant in November.

The opportunity to utilise my skills and experience working with governments, in education, capital project management and effective

communications to help the Society to thrive is one that excites me. Delivering and communicating effective environmental solutions is an area about which I have been passionate for over 20 years. Over this time, I have made a significant contribution to how the sector is perceived across Australia and beyond.

I am an experienced company executive and have worked extensively with governments at all levels. With a background in engineering and project management, I gained significant line-management

experience through my strategy, growth and finance roles at Origin Energy. Since establishing my own corporate advisory business in 2007, I have worked as a strategic advisor to governments, investors and companies to drive cleantech industry growth in Australia and around Asia.

In addition, I have sat on a number of private and government boards, including the Premier's Climate Change Council since 2008, and advised leading financial, corporate, academic and government organisations.

Finally, I have recently published a book and launched a global project on how to deliver effective environmental communications with contributions from some of the world's leading environmental thinkers.

The combination of these roles is fairly unique and I believe that I would add significantly to the connections and discussions of the Board with benefits to the Society.

Gavin Bates



I hold the position of Senior Relationship Executive, Top Tier Corporate Banking - Adelaide, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and I sit within the Business and Private Banking Business. I specialise in servicing entities with large turnover and funding requirements

that often have complex requirements and unique needs.

I service a considerable percentage of South Australia's largest private companies and have strong, long term relationships with the leaders of these organisations.

Academic Qualifications

- Bachelor Accountancy, University of South Australia
- Graduate Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance (major Corporate Finance) FINSIA
- Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors

Memberships

- Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Member of Australian Institute of Company Directors

I was delighted to become a member of Zoos SA 8 years ago when my first daughter was born, and now have another daughter (4) and son (6). We spend considerable time there enjoying the animals and now the fantastic new playground. The rabbits are the children's favourites.

I feel I am duly qualified with my 25 years' experience as a qualified Chartered Accountant and in Corporate Banking. I can contribute significantly through evaluating the Zoo's funding needs and large capital projects in addition to normal financial operations. I also have a very strong corporate and personal network that I can call on to benefit the Zoo's marketing and fund raising area.

I ask for your support at this election so I can serve you and ensure Zoos SA can continue to achieve positive conservation outcomes.

Dennis Mutton JP



I am an independent consultant in the fields of natural resources, primary industries, sustainable growth and leadership. I contribute through board directorships in government, business and community at state and national levels including the Development

Assessment Commission, WPG Resources, CRC Pork, and the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society. Previous board roles included Chair NRM Council, Landcare Australia, Grape and Wine R&D Corporation and Director Elders Australia.

My work career spanned both the private and public sector culminating in 15 years as CEO in State Government including the Environment Department. I was appointed a Board Member of ZoosSA from 1994 to 1998 during the time of the establishment of Monarto Zoo.

I have an honors degree in science and post graduate qualifications in business management. I am a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Foundation Member of the Leadership Institute of SA.

I am strongly committed to contributing to the achievement of sustainable communities and landscapes and delivering outcomes that make a real difference. ZoosSA along with other research and conservation organisations have and continue to be a key part of my interest, focus and support. I am currently a member of ZoosSA's Finance and Audit committee. The role that ZoosSA plays in education, research and connecting people with nature strongly aligns with my values and where I expend time and energy. Three generations of my family are current members. I look forward to further utilising my skills and experience for the future development of ZoosSA.