



# Royal Zoological Society Of South Australia Inc.

## Board Election 2021

### Information On Candidates

#### Chloe Reschke-Maguire



I first purchased an extended family membership with the Adelaide Zoo in 2018 when my daughter was born. I have seen first hand the ability that South Australia's zoos have in capturing and engaging attention, generating passionate enquiry and appreciation for our wildlife and habitats. It is this experience that has motivated me to nominate for the board of Zoos SA.

As the director of my own events and place activation agency, I am eager contribute over 8 years of experience in event management, placemaking and marketing strategy consulting towards growing the membership and activation of Zoos SA.

I have worked for 8 years in volunteer management, fundraising and sponsorship in the corporate and not-

for-profit sector. I bring a dual perspective on how to establish partnerships that go beyond 'giving to charity' to instead be strategically leveraged relationships that benefit both parties. This could include seeking skills based and technology partnerships for non-profit organisation advancement, through to establishing financial and educational advocates for a cause.

I have both my own business management and strategic consulting industry experience to draw upon to contribute to this board position. I am eager to continue to apply my experience to enable Zoos SA to inspire more youth, and their families, to be part of the solution to conserve and protect our environment in the future.

#### Dr David Martin



I am a life member of the Adelaide Zoo, my very first job as a fifteen year old was as a part time keeper in the old Children's zoo in the 1970s. I have continued to visit both sites, and have witnessed many changes over the years. I know how important organisations like the zoo are to help educate society in preservation of biological diversity.

I am an orthopaedic surgeon, and have held many positions in the Australian Orthopaedic Association, culminating in the role of president in 2019, and being awarded an OAM last year. I have board experience, particularly in the areas of finance, risk management, strategic planning, ethics frameworks and governance and I think these skills would be valuable for the ongoing management and future development of the

Society, especially given the many extra complexities thrown to all of us in these Covid affected times. My current role is Chair of the AOA Research Foundation.

I have travelled extensively and have visited nature reserves and zoological gardens in many countries, gaining valuable insights into both good management practices, and also some of the problems faced by organisations worldwide. I have an abiding love of animals, and am passionate about environmental preservation. I believe my skills and experience would complement others on the board, and would be delighted if I could help with the continued growth of the society for the benefit of our wonderful wildlife, and being able to show coming generations the wonders of the animal kingdom.

#### Shane Bernhardt



I have invested the past 12 years as a non-executive director on not-for-profit boards, while also working as an executive with SA's leading sporting organisation.

At board level I am in my second 3-year term on the board of Tenpin Bowling Australia. Initially holding the position of Chair, I am now Chair of TBA's Finance Risk and Audit Committee. Prior to this I was on the Board of TenpinSA for nine years (six as Chair) and was instrumental in ensuring financial sustainability and leading an inclusive strategy to combine championships for able-bodied and all-ability athletes of all ages.

As a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD), I have an excellent understanding of a board's strategic responsibility. Combined with my passion for conservation and animal protection, I am well positioned to serve Zoos SA. In an executive

capacity, I am currently General Manager of Community Cricket with the South Australian Cricket Association, my employer for the past 19 years. Prior to, I worked in the insurance industry.

My primary responsibility is to grow cricket participation and support and educate volunteers in creating sustainable clubs that deliver exciting experiences for all participants, regardless of gender, age, ability, or ethnicity. Having an exceptional understanding of generational, cultural and societal trends and the barriers to participation, I have successfully collaborated with stakeholders and influenced change to meet the needs of today.

Finally, I have qualifications in accounting and insurance and am a high performance coach in both cricket and tenpin bowling.

## Gavin Bates



I am a Senior Relationship Executive with the Commonwealth Bank, with qualifications and memberships in Accountancy, Finance and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

I have 25 years' experience as a qualified Chartered Accountant and in Corporate Banking both domestically and internationally. I am dedicated to providing client management to my high value clients. I specialise in servicing entities with large turnover and funding requirements that have complex requirements and unique needs.

The Adelaide Zoo is a wonderful part of life in Adelaide and has been a part of my life as a kid growing up in Adelaide and now as a parent of two girls aged 13 and 9 and one boy aged 11. There is nothing more joyous

than to see the delight the animals and the beautiful environment at the Zoo bring to their faces time and time again. The expansion of Monarto Safari Park opens up more exciting opportunities for Zoos SA, and also requires financial oversight from the Board.

I have strong skills in financial management for evaluating funding needs and large capital projects that may be undertaken, as well as normal financial operations. Additionally, I have a very strong corporate network that will be beneficial to the Zoo's team to assist with corporate events and partnerships. I have served as a volunteer member of the Zoo's Finance and Audit Committee since 2017 and so have a good knowledge of the operations already.

I ask for support at this election so I can serve you.

## Kristofer Helgen



Kris Helgen, an expert on mammal evolution and conservation, is the Chief Scientist of the Australian Museum in Sydney and Director of the Australian Museum's Research Institute. He was first elected to the Zoos SA Board in 2018 and serves on the Zoos SA Animal Welfare and Ethics Committee.

Originally from Minnesota, Kris received an undergraduate degree in biology from Harvard, and later a PhD in zoology from the University of Adelaide, working under Professor Tim Flannery. After this, Kris was a postdoctoral fellow at the Smithsonian, working at the National Museum of Natural History and National Zoo.

From 2008-2017 Kris served as the Smithsonian's Curator-in-Charge of Mammals in Washington, D.C., and he was later Professor of Biological Sciences at the

University of Adelaide (2017-2020). He has worked in more than 50 countries and is renowned worldwide for his work as a zoologist and conservationist. Kris has published hundreds of scientific papers, appears regularly on television and radio, and is well known for discovering and naming many species of mammals new to science.

Kris holds honorary positions at the South Australian Museum and many other institutions, including the Natural History Museum (London) and the National Geographic Society. He serves on various boards, including for Conservation International and Taronga Zoo. He has deep respect for zoos as educational, conservation, and research organizations, and has strong background working with zoos around the world. Kris and family have visited Adelaide and Monarto Zoos for more than 20 years.

## Tyson Grubb



Tyson Grubb is an analytical, pragmatic, helpful, and strategic leader. He has a wealth of experience in business management, digital technology along with a passionate focus on creating brilliant customer moments. He wants to make certain that the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia can create amazing customer experiences for every visitor, every time, so they leave one of the Zoos SA sites after a fantastic, enriching experience as a vocal supporter.

Tyson is the CEO & Founder of Instrument Choice, an internet first scientific equipment distributor that has grown from a spare bedroom to a multiple award winning, industry leading company, promoting 9000 lab & measurement tools to scientists throughout Australia & New Zealand. He credits the company's success to leading a team with an unwavering passion for creating helpful customer experiences along

with being at the forefront of digital marketing and technology.

His most recent board role was as the Learning Chair for the Entrepreneurs Organization Adelaide, demonstrating skills in strategy, creativity while creating member value, restricted by a tight budget. As a working board role, Tyson curated a quality learning program that was engaging, entertaining and results driven, leading to a 93% average satisfaction rating by members.

As a proud South Australian with young children (4yrs & 7yrs), Tyson sees our Zoos as a vital part of the fabric of South Australia. Places where families connect with nature and each other while learning the important role of wildlife within ecosystems and our responsibilities to the planet.