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Committee of Governance

Profile of Candidate for Election 2023-2024

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Why did you nominate for the SNH Committee of Governance?

I am already a committee member and have thoroughly enjoyed this role, believing there is still much work to be done, particularly as we move towards a new phase of leadership (manager) and hopefully beyond Covid.

What areas, groups or special interests will you represent while on the Committee?

I am particularly interested in a number of areas, interest groups including: communication, improving IT, enhancing and broadening the House's role within the community – particularly with youth, CALD and Aboriginal families.

I have a keen interest in all things Green and would love to be involved in the CoG's role in improving the House's policy in this regard. I am also very interested in how we maintain traditions - ensuring everything people love about the House, the culture, is maintained and encouraged how do we capture other voices, interest groups eg older people, single parent families, older men, - and lots to get involved in.

What do you wish to achieve during your tenure and as an active member of Committee?

I wish to achieve a greater sense of community for myself, SNH and for the CoG, the House. I would love to be able to walk around the community and for the general public to 'know' there is SNH. I still think there is a general lack of knowledge and understanding about Sussex NH.

I would hope my tenure achieves an implementation of systems and mechanisms which extend to safety, security and stability of the staff, community and CoG regarding risk management, IT and communication, ensuring there is an updated computer and software package to meet the needs of above; train the trainer...etc

Qualifications, Certifications & Associations

- Bachelor of Social Work
- Certificate IV TAE 2017
- Diploma of Family History

Work & Activity History over the last 10 years

I work at both DET: LOOKOUT Centre as a Practice Lead for Children & Young People in out of home care while also working at DFFH: Child protection with various roles namely as Practice Leader working with children, families regarding identifying risk, improving outcomes for safety, stability and developmental needs for children and young people particularly for those in out of home care.



Claire Martin

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After retiring from 30 years of full time employment in office administration, management and private assistant roles within the mental health sector of the health industry, where I gained a vast knowledge of management project structures, I realized that there was an opportunity to bring that expertise to the House and assist in maintaining the standing of SNH within the community in promoting programs and projects.

What areas, groups or special interests will you represent while on the Committee?

I will continue to give ongoing support to the SNH by advocating for and being a representative of the House at Seminars, Focus Groups, Presentations and Fundraising opportunities. Also, in being part of the House offering the very best quality programs, projects and events to every member of the local community.

Advocate for the different generations and multicultural diversity of the community surrounding the House community.

What do you wish to achieve during your tenure and as an active member of Committee?

To actively support the House in its endeavour to deliver interesting, and challenging programs and events to all the community.

Qualifications, Certifications & Associations

- Highly developed Office Management skills.
- Professional training in Human Resources, Public Relations/ Communications, and IT.
- Trained in, and implemented, a new electronic program to replace a paper based system of
- Critical Incident reporting for the Health Industry.
- Administering a large budget in a program supplying financial support to carers of clients with a mental illness.

Work & Activity History over the last 10 years

In 2007 I returned to a part time position in the mental health sector until 2016. At the same time until present, I became an active member and volunteer of the House, and joined the Committee of Governance, holding roles of Assistant Secretary, Secretary and Chair.



Elisabeth Ta

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My parents, who are both refugees, instilled the importance of giving back to the community that embraced them when they arrived to Australia. During the pandemic I was searching for a way to reconnect with my local community and SNH was a perfect fit, as it looked like a great opportunity to use my skills to make a difference.

What areas, groups or special interests will you represent while on the Committee?

I've lived in the local area for over 30 years and have seen how the demographic has changed. I love art and music and love learning new skills. I believe that once you are determined to learn no one can stop you.

What do you wish to achieve during your tenure and as an active member of Committee?

I hope to see SNH become a place for the local community to meet and learn again. SNH during covid was a little quiet. I would love to see the facility being used to its full potential and help the local community, whether its upskilling or connecting with people. I hope to see SNH thrive and ensure the longevity of the House.

Qualifications, Certifications & Associations

- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Bachelor of Business

Work & Activity History over the last 10 years

I have over 10 years' experience in financial services, working in both public and private practices. I was an auditor for NFP for a number of years and gain a great appreciation for the work charity perform in society.

I started volunteering at a young age with my parents at local fund raisers. As I matured, I started using my financial services background to help local charities like Don Bosco and Australian Vietnamese Christian Association Incorporate.



Stuart Polwarth

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I contacted SNH to discuss ESL options for an asylum seeker I have been assisting. I found the response from SNH to be compassionate, inclusive, and purposeful. I had been considering options for engaging in more volunteering and how I could make the best contribution based on my interests and experience. The values demonstrated and the way support was provided by SNH aligned strongly with my personal values and beliefs regarding community. This motivated me to explore how I could become part of SNH and my nomination for the Committee of Governance.

What areas, groups or special interests will you represent while on the Committee?

Having worked in the Community Mental Health Sector for over 25 years I have an interest and experience in supporting the marginalised and vulnerable. I have specific interest and experience in diversity (LGBTQIA+), asylum seekers and refugees, family violence, mental health, and wellbeing. Being the Founder of two start-up businesses I have an interest in exploring how for-profit and not-for-profit can work together to build healthy communities. My work in both physical and mental health has led me to an interest in community wellness and healthy societies.

What do you wish to achieve during your tenure and as an active member of Committee?

Increase awareness of SNH as an inclusive and progressive resource that is responsive to and can assist community leadership. Establish dynamic networks, affiliations, collaborations, and partnerships with external organisations that support the values and purpose of SNH and bring benefit to the local community. Increase wellbeing in the SNH community by incorporating holistic principles in committee processes. A strong financial position that will allow SNH to take advantage of opportunities of benefit to the community when they arise and into the future.

Qualifications, Certifications & Associations

- Executive MBA
- Leadership Council Developing Dynamic Youth for the Future
- American Chamber of Commerce/Big Brother Big Sister Charity Partnership
- Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health
- Certificate IV in Fitness & Small Business Registration

Work & Activity History over the last 10 years

- Founder/Director Stuart Polwarth Wellness Advisory
- Program Lead Voices Vic, Peer Cadet Project, and Outminds Uniting Vic. Tas
- Program Facilitator Psychosocial Support Services cohealth
- Pro bono wellness and mental health training and support delivered to asylum seekers, LGBTQIA+ community members, and survivors of family violence
- Founder/Director Recovery Fit PTY LTD
- Area Manager Melbourne North Mind Australia

Jay Balakrishna

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I would like to contribute to this neighbourhood committee in some meaningful way, given my experience and expertise in areas like risk management, compliance and governance.

What areas, groups or special interests will you represent while on the Committee?

Risk management, governance, and compliance as well as refugee rights and advocacy.

What do you wish to achieve during your tenure and as an active member of Committee?

I would like to see some positive developments, render assistance in these areas for the benefit of this organisation and the practice of some best standards including align with strategy.

Qualifications, Certifications & Associations

- Legal practitioner of Supreme Court of NSW.
- Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia
- Member of RMIA
- Associate member of Law Society of NSW
- Bachelor of Economics (hons)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Law
- Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Risk Management & Corporate Governance

Work & Activity History over the last 10 years

- International Programs Risk Advisor, Save the Children Australia
- Contractor undertaking Assurance Review for HESTA - mapping risk/assurance following Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA) and Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (AIST) standards
- Compliance Specialist, Monash College P/L
- Senior Analyst, (Regulatory Compliance, Investments) AustralianSuper
- Executive Director, Compliance, Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM)
- Head, Regulatory Business, KFH Asset Management
- Assistant Head, Trusts & Investment Management Department of the Issues and Investment Division of the Securities Commission Malaysia (SCM)



Kate Lamont

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To use my skills to help a community organisation and give back to my local community. With over 20 years' experience in working across the healthcare and policy continuum, I am passionate about quality and safety with a focus on clinical governance and consumer engagement to drive continuous improvement.

What areas, groups or special interests will you represent while on the Committee?

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What do you wish to achieve during your tenure and as an active member of Committee?

To help set strategy and oversee action/progress against strategic goals.

Qualifications, Certifications & Associations

- Master Health Service Management - Charles Sturt University
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy - La Trobe University
- Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment - Flexible Training Solutions
- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Member - Registered Occupational Therapist
- Australasian College Health Service Management
- Golden Key National Honour Society

Work & Activity History over the last 10 years

- Current Director and Registered Occupational Therapist (OT), Thrive Aged Care Consultants
- Chief Operating Officer, Advisor/Registered OT, Harcourt Aged Care
- Acting Manager Strategy and Innovation, Safer Care Victoria (SCV)
- Manager, Health & Wellbeing, Department of Health and Human Services
- Senior Project Officer, Aged Care Quality Improvement, Department of Health and Human Services
- Program Manager, It's About Time, Western Health
- Manager, Communications and Partnerships, Subacute Services, Western Health
- Manager, Best Care for Older People, Subacute Services, Western Health