Committee of Governance (CoG)
Candidate Profiles 2026–2027

Angela Collier-Gioulekas - Secretary



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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.	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 e.g. older people, single parent families, older men, - and lots to get involved in.	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	• Bachelor of Social Work • Certificate IV TAE 2017 • Diploma of Family History	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.

Kristina Didelis - Chair



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I have a genuine interest in helping people and value their wellbeing no matter their age, gender or ability. This is by encouraging people's talents and wisdom and by enabling them to enrich their careers, educational, learning and creative journeys. It is a great way to strengthen community…by supporting people and empowering them to 'live their lives and be in their best'.	Work with SNH to continue to make the House a safe and neutral haven for people in regard to creating social connection and inclusion and everyday learning for whether it be for pleasure, gaining new skills or just a friendly get together and chat over a cuppa. As the career transitions coach, I would like to see a strategy for local and sustainable jobs and assistance for those who are experiencing employment barriers and courses for Job apps, resumes and interview skills. Finally as the artist and maker I would like to build on the existing arts and crafts offerings by establishing immersive and creative community projects.What better way to induce collective healing than by making something together, telling stories and by using our hands and hearts to create.	Work with SNH to continue to make the House a safe and neutral haven for people in regard to creating social connection and inclusion and everyday learning for whether it be for pleasure, gaining new skills or just a friendly get together and chat over a cuppa. As the career transitions coach, I would like to see a strategy for local and sustainable jobs and assistance for those who are experiencing employment barriers and courses for Job apps, resumes and interview skills. Finally as the artist and maker I would like to build on the existing arts and crafts offerings by establishing immersive and creative community projects.What better way to induce collective healing than by making something together, telling stories and by using our hands and hearts to create.	• Graduate Diploma Vocational • Education and Training (Melb Uni) • Bachelor of Fine Arts (RMIT) • Cert 1V Training • Accreditations: • NLP Practitioner and Coach	• KMD Associates – Director and Contractor 1998 – Current • Client Base – Higher Ed, Public & Private Sector. Provision of targeted learning and development solutions to organisations. Soft Skills approach, encouragement of continuous learning, managing • change and coaching and mentoring • Project Ed People 2014 – Current. People and learning solutions, building high functioning and engaged people and teams • Career Transition and Outplacement Services. Coaching support • for career transition and redeployment. Employment Services. • 'Create and Make' provision of running workshops/installations that promote wellbeing/mind fullness in workplaces, the community and in schools. Helping to build individual resilience, coping with ever changing world and working together in teams.

Colin Lenton - Treasurer



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I believe I can contribute to the ongoing and future of the organisation	Governance and Finance	To contribute with the future of the organisation	• Fellow Institute of Company Directors (FAICD) • Fellow Australasian Mutual Institute (FAMI) • Bachelor Business - Accounting	• Director Platform Youth Support • Chair Family First Bank • Chair Bridge Business College • Chair Huizing Harvest Australia • Director Hotwork Australia • Director Lucrin Australia • Director Tawaqu Pty Ltd

Amanda Thomas – Ordinary Member



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As a Pascoe Vale resident, I look forward to bringing my skills and experience to the committee. Our community is lucky to have such a wonderful resource available, and I want to help SNH thrive in any way I can.	As a parent with a young family, I have a particular interest in supporting other young families, children and CALD community members. I would love to bring my experience working with children and in public policy to the committee; to help ensure SNH supports young families from different backgrounds in our community to thrive.	I aim to help improve the profile of the Neighbourhood House locally and with political decision-makers. Neighbourhood houses bring incredible benefits to their communities, and I would love to help this to be more widely understood to secure more sustainable funding.	• Bachelor of Laws • Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and Spanish) • Admitted to the High Court of New Zealand as a Barrister and Solicitor	• Policy Manager at the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (2023-2024) • Senior Policy and Engagement Advisor at Development Initiatives, UK (2019-2021) • Senior Policy Advisor at Oranga Tamariki, New Zealand (2017-2019)

Dot Norbury – Ordinary Member



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I applied for the Sussex Neighbourhood House Committee of Governance because I love supporting and helping the community thrive. I find volunteering and advocacy very fulfilling. Furthermore, I believe that community houses are of great importantance as they provide the space for connection, creativity and happiness.	While on the Committee, I will represent the interests of young people in the Merri-Bek community. I believe that young people have many insightful ideas that should be taken seriously and put into action. An interest I will represent while on the committee is art and craft. This is an amazing accessible way to build friendships, develop mindfulness and be apart of the community.	I want to make a meaningful change and accurately represent the views and ideas of young people. This will foster a richer and more diverse committee and neighbourhood house that will thrive for many years to come.	•	2017 Merri-Bek Youth Award 2020 Junior School Council Representative 2021 Sport House Captain 2022-2023 Regional Basketball and Cross Country teams 2024 Humanities Award 2025 Peer Support Leader 2025 Sculpture Award 2026 Art Making and Exhibiting Award Unit 1

Petras Harvey – Ordinary Member



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Because I truly care about our community's wellbeing and believe my skills can help create a positive, supportive, and forward-thinking committee for Sussex NH.	CALD, foreign community	Help create a better experience for attendees and ease the pressure on the finance/treasury team	• CPA, • CMBD, • 3 years of treasury experience	• Treasurer of Mississaugas Of the New Credit First Nations | 2020-2023 • Saint Mary's Food Bank | 2010-2015

Jane Nixon – Ordinary Member



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I agreed to be nominated because I want to contribute my skills and experience to support the work of Sussex Neighbourhood House. I value the role neighbourhood houses play in fostering inclusion, connection, and opportunity, and I am keen to help guide the organisation strategically and ensure strong governance practices are upheld.	I will represent the interests of the local community with a focus on fostering participation, connection, and inclusion. Drawing on my background in community development, I am particularly interested in supporting initiatives that empower residents to contribute their skills and ideas, strengthen volunteer engagement, and ensure programs respond to the diverse needs and aspirations of the community.	During my tenure, I aim to support the Committee in fostering greater community participation and inclusion. I hope to contribute to initiatives that empower local residents to be actively involved in shaping programs and services, and build meaningful connections across the community. Through a community development lens, I want to help ensure the Neighbourhood House remains a welcoming and accessible space where everyone has the opportunity to contribute, learn, and thrive.	• Master of Community and International Development. • Bachelor of Social Science (Policy & Research).	Over the past 10 years, I have worked in local government and community services, progressing through roles in community development, volunteer management, strategic policy and program leadership. My experience includes leading work in inclusive employment, social enterprise, community development and local partnerships. I have also volunteered with the Australian Red Cross Emergency Services program (2012–2020), supporting communities affected by emergencies.

Nic Portaro – Ordinary Member



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Without community, there is no liberation." - Audre Lorde. As soon as I saw that Sussex Neighbourhood House was looking for new committee members, I put in my application. As a neighbourhood house Programs Coordinator, I was familiar with Sussex through the network. The breadth of the program suite is incredible and I feel quite aligned with the values of the House. I'm so excited to be in collaboration with other people who are passionate about strengthening community and bridging the gap of social isolation into social connection.	As a queer person, I would love to elevate inclusive programming across different intersecting identities. I'm a quilter and a poet, so I'm excited to help build and strengthen existing creative programming for all ages at Sussex. I'm also deeply invested in disability politics and would love to support any and all programs for disabled people. Creativity gives us hope in dark times!	As this is my first time on a Board of Governance, I am really excited to learn more about the inner functions of community organisations. I'm hoping to find what area of the committee I feel pulled towards so I can make my mark and work in collaboration with the rest of the committee to support Sussex now and into the future.	• Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing/Poetry • Diploma Community Services • Lived experience: queer, disability, mental health	• Team Lead of Youth Programs at Darebin Youth Services (current) • Programs Coordinator at Reservoir Neighbourhood House (2025 to 2026) • Disability Support Work (2023 to 2025) • Programs and Outreach Officer at Yarra Libraries (2018 to 2023) • Head Facilitator at Transmissions Community Quilt Project (Volunteer) (2025)

Daniel Brugaletta – Ordinary Member



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"Life is short – the fruit of this life is a good character and acts for the common good." - Marcus Aurelius As a long-time resident of Pascoe Vale, I am motivated by the opportunity to make a positive difference in my community. I am drawn to the opportunity to support SNH's impact and its commitment to fostering local involvement and providing a valuable resource and support to our community.	Governance, Risk Management, Not-for-profit, Financial Management.	To make a positive difference and be supportive to the Committee and Management of the organisation in fulfilling its strategy.	• Bachelor of Business (Accounting)– Completed 2005 • Graduate Diploma of Chartered Accounting (CA) – Completed 2007 • Advanced Diploma of Financial Planning – Completed 201	• Chief Financial Officer/Company Secretary at Australian Communities Foundation (Jan 2018 Present) • Client Director at Myer Family Company (Feb 2009 Dec 2017) • Client Advisor/Company Secretary at The Myer Foundation & Sidney Myer Fund (Oct 2015 - Dec 2017) • Volunteer Treasurer at Moonee Ponds United SC (Oct 2022 – Present)