

# BARINGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Baringa Early Learning Centre is a not-for-profit, community organisation and registered charity operating as an Incorporated Association.*

*The Baringa Board of Directors provide a diverse range of expertise, intertwined with a common commitment to enhancing the education and care of the most important members of our community – our children.*

*The Board are engaged on a voluntary capacity. They mentor our Centre Management to ensure Baringa continues to build on its rich history in early childhood education and care, and to support families and Educators to provide the best early learning experience to our children.*

#### **Jolanta Moore, Chair**

Jolanta has extensive experience in managing national programs and policy development, implementation and evaluation. She is the National Sporting Schools Coordinator at Touch Football Australia, and previously worked in community engagement for Volleyball Australia and Swimming Australia. She has a Bachelor in Sports Management and has been the President of University of Canberra Hockey Club for seven years. Jolanta is a parent at Baringa with her four year old son and year old daughter attending the Centre.

#### **John Mercer, Public Officer**

John is experienced in business advisory services, as well as developing and advising on national and international programs. He is the President of Rotary Club of Belconnen with a keen interest in bringing together community and helping upcoming generations grow in respect and understanding. He was the General Manager at Snowy-Monaro Business Enterprise Centre for 15 years, then was a consultant in the Middle East for 10 years, prior to returning to Canberra. He now lives locally in West Belconnen and has two grandchildren.

#### **Hairul Lutfi, Treasurer**

Hairul is the Owner/Managing Director of NumberGroup Chartered Accountants and Principal Consultant at Pride Advice. Previously he was a Partner at Benchmark Financial Group and Senior Manager at The Firm Chartered Accountants. He has a Bachelor of Management, Advance Diploma of Accounting, a Professional Member of the Institute of Public Accountants, and Affiliate Member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. Hairul has three young children aged 4 years, 2 years and a 6 month old.

#### **Christine White, Board Director**

Christine is a Clinical Psychologist at Corinna Chambers Psychologists. With a background in nursing, midwifery and maternal and child health, she then moved into mental health as a psychologist over 17 years ago. Christine has a strong interest in mental health starting with infants, young children and adults including family relationships. She has a Bachelor in Psychology, Graduate Diploma and Master of Arts (Psychology). Christine has three grandchildren, who live in West Belconnen.

#### **Victoria Kane, Board Director**

Victoria is a Business Strategy Officer at the Behavioural Insights Unit, Australian Taxation Office. She has highly skilled leadership and communications expertise with experience in government and the private sector. She has managed national marketing campaigns including Women in Superannuation campaign which won MoneySmart's financial literacy award. She has a Bachelor in Hotel Management, and is a parent at Baringa, with her two sons attending, aged 4 years and 2 years.

#### **Sheena Ireland, Board Director**

Sheena is a communications specialist and Owner/Director of Specialists in Communications, providing strategic advice to government, industry bodies and the community sector. She has held senior positions in the Federal Public Service including as an Advisor to a Cabinet Minister. Sheena has a passion for mental health support and is a trained volunteer crisis supporter at Lifeline Canberra. Sheena is an Affiliate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, has a Bachelor of Media Communications Degree and lives locally in West Belconnen.

#### **Sally Rice, Board Director**

Sally is very experienced in providing strategic policy advice, developing and implementing national programmes and policies. She is an Advisor at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet specialising in Indigenous Grant Policy. She has held strategic roles in the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations and was a Research Scientist at the Australian Institute of Sports. Sally studied Medical Science (Pathology) and has a Graduate Diploma of Business. Sally has two sons, aged ten and three years, and is a parent at Baringa.

#### **For More Information**

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