

## **BOARD ELECTIONS 2020 CANDIDATES**

### **Shaynee Dennis**

I was admitted as a solicitor in the ACT in April 2017 and have practiced personal injury litigation for Blumers Lawyers since then (excepting 9 months maternity leave). I specialise in cases relating to medical negligence, workers compensation and public liability law. I am a member of the Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA) and the Women Lawyers Association of the ACT (WLA).

While I only have practiced within personal injury law, my legal qualifications should permit me to assist the board in relation to any legal related matters that come before the board.

My daughter loves Baringa, and I would like to give back if I can assist Baringa to continue to improve on the already fantastic service it provides.

### **Jillian Flinders**

Since July 2020 I have been on the Baringa Board as a Co-opted Director, given my governance and legal experience. I have completed the Baringa Governance Training and was a part of the Baringa Strategic Planning Workshop. This has given me insight into the workings of the Board and the direction in which Baringa is moving forward. I am now nominating to become an ongoing Board Member for a full term.

I have 3 children, aged 12, 8 and 1. My youngest child attends Baringa (currently in the Melaleuca room), while the older two children attend Fraser Primary School. I am actively involved in the Fraser Primary School community, and have been the President of Fraser Before and After School Care committee for 5 consecutive years, as well as a general member of the Committee, giving me 6 years of experience with another service regulated by the National Quality Framework. This has given me governance skills, as well as experience in working with not-for-profit organisations on a level similar to that of the Baringa Board. Further, this gives me an ability to bring a unique perspective of being able to understand the application of the National Quality Framework in a similar setting. I am also a member of the Fraser Primary P&C Committee. I am also currently the parent representative on the Care and Education Committee for Fraser Primary School. This gives me experience with

dealing with both the National Quality Framework and the broader regulations which apply to education (including early education).

I have an undergraduate psychology degree, as well as being a qualified lawyer. I have been a public servant for 16 years, across a range of departments, and am currently a Principal Lawyer at the Department of Social Services. My experiences as a public servant provide me with strong analytical abilities, plus a problem-solving focus and strong communication skills. Throughout my career, I have spent time in roles which focused on commercial law, employment law and regulatory compliance which gives me a unique understanding of the regulatory and compliance environment in which Baringa operates.

All of the above provides me with a unique perspective to add value as a Baringa Board Member, in that my governance and legal experience provides me with a solid understanding of the National Quality Framework, the operational needs of Baringa and a relevant point of comparison.

### **Kate Moskal**

I have been working in the Early Childhood sector for 18 years. I began as a trainee in Children's Services, before completing a Diploma and then finally, a Bachelor in Early Childhood and Primary Education. I have worked in various settings, including Long Day Care Centres, family homes as a Nanny, and most recently as a teacher for the A.C.T Education Directorate.

I am very passionate about Early Childhood Education, firmly believing the importance of rich and holistic education in the Early Years. I am fortunate to have my son attend Baringa, with my other son to join next year too. Baringa has an amazing team of Educators and support staff who strive for excellence and set themselves apart as leaders in quality care and education.

If selected as a Board Member, I aim to continue supporting Baringa with my experience, knowledge and passion to ensure the best educational outcomes for all children. I also endeavour to aid Baringa in advocating for more professional recognition of Early Childhood Educators-the role they play in fostering our children's development and well-being is paramount.