

Pole Depot Community Centre Board 2009/10

Pole Depot Community Centre is managed directly by the community via a voluntary community-based Board. This structure encourages participation from people in the community and service users. Membership of Pole Depot Community Centre is open to people who work in the St George area and to residents of St. George area or users of the services provided at the Centre. Only eligible members can join the Board.

The Board is responsible for the governance of the organisation, with a focus on strategic planning and policy development. The Board is accountable to the community it serves and the funding bodies who provide the funds to operate the services it offers. The Board exemplifies the quality of the people who undertake such a responsibility and workload in a voluntary capacity considering the time constraints we are all under.



Lesley Pullen

Lesley became a committee member in 2001. She has lived in the area for more than 25 years and has worked in and around Hurstville for much of that time. Lesley is the Women's Health and Community Development Program Officer for the St George Division of General Practice, whose mission is to promote General Practice and support GPs, so as to enhance their ability to provide quality primary healthcare to the community. The current projects Lesley is involved with are the Division's Women's Clinic at Rockdale, the UpZone Youth Health Centre co-located with YouthZone, and GP Antenatal Shared Care. Lesley has been involved in the community sector over the last 20 years including as a volunteer group leader and breastfeeding counsellor and a parenting group facilitator.

Catherine (Sue) Swankie – Vice Chairperson

Sue became a Board member in 2004. Sue lives in Hurstville municipality and cares for her disabled daughter. Sue and her husband own a business in Peakhurst and she bring business and accounting to the committee. Sue spent 20 years in various positions on the Ladies auxiliary board of the Handicapped Childrens Centre and also served on the day program sub-committee. Sue is also a member Paraquad and Wesley Mission



Robin Bevan

Robin and her husband are retired and live in Bexley. Robin's husband suffers from dementia. Robin's career experience has been in stock control, accounts, training officer and computers, with 4 1/2 years with QANTAS as their Recruitment and Public Relations Officer. Robin has been an active member of the community through various voluntary roles such as: voluntary counsellor with AI-A-Non for 10 years; Tinnitus; assisting seniors in operations of computers with Hurstville Seniors Computer Club and teaching quilting. Robin has a Diploma in Counselling. Robin joined the management committee in 2004 as a result of her involvement in our Carers Support Service, which she joined in 2002.



William (Will) Osmo

Will became a committee member in 2006. Will lives in Kogarah municipality and is originally from Egypt and has lived in Australia since 1959. Will is a civil engineer and managing director of a consulting structural engineer company in Hurstville. Will has 25 years experience with many community organisations particularly for the Jewish community and Masonic Brotherhood. He is a past President of St George Central Rotary Club and is the current St George Central Rotary Club Community Director.

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Norm Sandstrom

Norm became a committee member in 2003. He lives in Bankstown municipality with his wife for whom he is the carer. He has been the Welfare Officer at Penshurst RSL for the last 15 years. Norm's qualifications are in engineering and owned his own business. He is a life member of four non profit organisations. Norm has been involved in the local community for the last 46 years. These include President of a Ward Committee for 4 years at Concord hospital, Welfare Office Sutherland TPI Association, Special Age Care Office Southern Metropolitan District Council for RSLs, 14 years on Youth Club Committee Penshurst RSL and a patron of Penshurst Red Cross.



Chris Lyon

Chris has recently joined the Board and sees it as an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the community he works in. He has 30 years experience in various roles at Social Security/Centrelink, with the last 20 years as Manager. He possesses skills related to people management, resource management, project management and strategic planning.



Greg Kent

Greg is a qualified accountant and managing director of a Training consultancy company. Greg recently joined the Board and brings financial and business development skills and a wealth of experience with government programs and has previously served on other boards.



Bruce Terlecki

Bruce has 35 years experience in working for the Commonwealth Government. He brings managerial skills and project management as well as experience on school councils.



Karen Mack

Karen came to Australia from New Zealand in 1988. She became a Board member in 2009. She is a local radio announcer on 2NBC Narwee. Karen brings to the Board a range of skills and expertise in the areas of finance, experience on Boards, marketing and fundraising. Karen is a registered nurse and was a Regional Manager at Westpac bank for 18 years. Karen has a commitment to community and will be an invaluable addition to our Board.

Hurstville Council Delegates—Councillor Steve McMahon

Councillor David Perry

Councillor Con Hindi