




## Board profiles

At October 2009

	<p><b>Chairperson - Graham Smith</b></p> <p>Graham is a small business owner, with extensive experience in community development including working with disadvantaged communities in western Sydney and remote Aboriginal communities. Graham has experience in service and needs based planning; service development; financial management; program and project management; facilitation and negotiation; and human resource management.</p> <p>Graham joined the Board in 2001, became Chair in 2005. Graham is also a member of the Finance &amp; Audit and Corporate Governance committees.</p>
	<p><b>Vice Chairperson - Joseph Litwin</b></p> <p>Joseph is Executive Manager, Community Partnerships with Hawkesbury City Council. Joseph is a skilled and well-informed community services practitioner with over 26 years of field experience in the human services sector (public sector and local government management experience). Joseph has expertise in contracting, monitoring and evaluation; working within regulatory frameworks; managing public sector services in accordance with legislative and statutory requirements; organisational governance and accountability.</p> <p>Joseph re-joined the Board in March 2007, having previously served on the Board of Wentworth between 1998 and 2001 including its Chair in 2001.</p>
	<p><b>Treasurer - Shirlene Bennett</b></p> <p>Shirlene is currently Financial Accountant – Dixon Sand (Penrith) Pty Ltd and is a registered Tax Agent &amp; Public Accountant. She has 26 years working in Taxation, Auditing &amp; Management Accounting. Shirlene's accounting experience has included auditing of government funded community bodies and providing advice to many community organisations on employment, tax and funding issues.</p> <p>Education &amp; qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bachelor of Commerce – Accounting</li><li>• Member Association of Taxation and Management Accountants.</li></ul> <p>Shirlene joined the Board in September 2003, is Treasurer and also is a member of the Finance &amp; Audit committee.</p>



### **Secretary - David Currie**

David has lived and worked in the Penrith local district for over 40 years. He is currently the Managing Director/CFO, Planetary Naturals Australia Pty Ltd. He holds a range of business qualifications and affiliations (see below) and has expertise in finance and treasury; financial planning and reporting; corporate governance; business management; risk management; IT management and audit.

#### Education & qualifications:

- Bachelor of Business, University of Western Sydney
- Approved Sub-Major in Law, University of Western Sydney
- Associate of the Society of Certified Practising Accountants Diploma – (ASA) Member no 1357780
- Fellow (FCPA) of the Society of Certified Practising Accountants.

David is also a committed advocate for people with disabilities. He is currently a member of Penrith City Council's Disability Access Committee and has served as a Director on Paraquad's Board for five years.

David joined the Board in 2004 and is a member of the Finance & Audit committee.



### **Director - Susan Palmer**

Susan has trained and worked locally and at a state level in the field of consumer rights for consumers of mental health services. She is currently a research assistant with Sydney West Area Health and a Member of the Access to Allied Psychological Services Project Committee, Blue Mountains Division of GPs.

#### Education and Qualifications:

- Graduate Certificate Editing and Publishing, University Southern Queensland. (completion Nov. 2009)
- 2007 BA. (C. Sturt) Social Welfare – Drug Alcohol and Addiction
- 2002 NSW TAFE, Diploma of Community Services, (Alcohol and other Drugs Work)
- 1979 Associate, Institute of Personnel Management, London

Susan joined the Board in 2003 and is a member of the Corporate Governance committee. Susan has also been a tenant of Wentworth for over 10 years.



### **Director - Michael Eade**

Michael has been a licensed builder for over 25 years, running his own company, managing contractors, marketing and financial management.

Michael joined the Board in 2002 and has been a key participant in Wentworth's Asset committee during this time. Michael has also been a tenant of Wentworth for over 10 years.



**Director - Gail Sadler**

Gail has been a senior executive of a number of large private sector international companies. She brings extensive knowledge and expertise in the areas of business development and management; Strategy and business development; Change management; Financial management; IT management; audit and compliance; communication and negotiation; human resource management.

Education and qualifications:

- Bachelor of Business (double major in Logistics and Accounting), Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
- Various management training programs
- Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Past member of Logistics Management Association and the Australian Quality Council

Gail joined the Board in 2007 and is a member of the Corporate Governance committee.



**Director - Derek Jobson**

Derek has worked for Housing NSW since 1990 and is currently a Team Leader working in Mt Druitt. Derek brings knowledge and expertise in housing management and community development, working closely with communities to develop innovative solutions to enable communities to be self-sustainable.

Education and qualifications:

- Graduate Certificate Business Administration, Deakin University
- Certificate 4 Business Management, NSW TAFE

Derek has been a member of the Board since 2003 and is a member of the Asset committee.



**Director - Pat Smith**

Pat has previously worked in Housing NSW, local government and the community sector, working with disadvantaged people and communities. She has also been on a number of community Boards. Pat brings significant skills and expertise in social housing, social planning, community development, human resource management, corporate governance and asset management. Pat is a trained mediator and conflict coach. Pat is also passionate about quality client service provision and is a strong advocate for Aboriginal people.

Education and qualifications:

- Graduate Diploma in Housing Policy and Management, Swinburn University,
- University Certificate in Management, Deakin University.
- Bachelor of Arts (Social Welfare), Charles Sturt University.

Pat joined the Board in 2009 and is a member of the Asset Committee.

Note: The Board also purchases in expert Legal advice, and is developing additional opportunities to strengthen asset management expertise