



Dear CMS Members and Families

I am writing to confirm a change of location for next Tuesdays AGM. Please be advised that it will be held at the Overture Hall of Orana School, Hickey Street Weston, from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

If you will be coming to the AGM please RSVP to Board.chair@board.cms.act.edu.au by 5pm Sunday 18 March 2018

RSVP's are required to enable adequate preparation for the meeting.

Continuing Board members who are not up for re-election at this AGM include Felix Pirie, Tony Butler, Mel Buswell and Martin Drinkwater. Please find below the nominees for Board positions for the 2018 elections.

Tara Wood

Tara can bring to the CMS Board three years of experience as a Sub-committee Chair, Deputy Chair and Governance Sub-committee member, 14 years in Government including more than a decade at Executive levels and periods of acting in the Senior Executive Service. Tara also teaches speech and drama at four schools around Canberra, coaches privately in public speaking from her home studio and mentors teenagers in state care who are preparing for independence. Tara has positive, trusted and productive relationships with the school's executive, office team and multiple teaching staff. Tara has consistently demonstrated the experience and skills to lead, support and implement the work of the CMS Board and her strengths lie in the areas of governance, strategic planning and delivery, facilitation and communication. Tara works from a foundation of authentic, two-way engagement and would enjoy supporting CMS Board / community relationships to mature further in this regard.

Christine Harrison

Christine is a former Principal, parent, grandparent, committee and board member with a 33 year involvement with the school. She is the founding president of Montessori Australia and on the board of Montessori International College, Qld, Montessori Children's Foundation and the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). She was a board member of the Independent Schools Council of Australia, on the board of AISACT and the Conflict Resolution Service Inc

Christine is a registered mediator, principal mentor, AMI Montessori Administrators Course developer and presenter and has extensive knowledge of the development and implementation of the Montessori Quality Assurance Programme through Montessori Australia.



Rose Nairn

In brief: Following a 44 year career in banking and small business, Rose retired from Westpac Banking Corporation in September 2017 to further pursue her passion for innovative affordable housing solutions through her DWELL for AUSTRALIA. Her retirement from banking also gave her the opportunity to further assist a number of not-for-profit organisations that she had become involved with over many years. Rose's previous 8 years as a Relationship Director with Westpac saw her develop a substantial portfolio of industry and charity organisations with her work being recognised via a number of awards including Westpac's Women of Influence Award in 2014.

Professional Experience

DWELL FOR AUSTRALIA – Founder and Managing Director (September 2014 – Present)
Developed a business model to assist low income earners into the housing market through innovative shared equity involving the philanthropic and investor sectors. This game changing model has a ten year cycle after which the dweller will have the equity to repay DWELL's investor. Commencing in the ACT region, DWELL intends replicating the model Australia wide.

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION – Relationship Director, Commercial ACT (January 2009 – September 2017)

Developed, grew and managed a portfolio of not-for-profit commercial customers. Implemented corporate strategy by leading a dedicated local team as well as representing social sector policy across Canberra. Positioned the brand and myself as a leading authority on sustainability and diversity.

Jane Lombard

Jane Lombard offers many years of experience within the Montessori community, both locally, nationally and internationally. Having parented 2 children through 3 different Montessori schools over a total of 11 years.

Jane comes to the board with 18 years' business and finance experience as a Director of a successful privately owned Proprietary Limited Company. She has experience in both paid and voluntary committee roles including the Franchise Council of Australia, Fifo Capital Franchise Advisory Board, Canberra Women in Business and Canberra Business Chamber Small Business Advisory Task Force.

“Privately and professionally I have always approached life with a collegial, respectful attitude and have been acknowledged in my committee roles as someone who contributes at a high level and gets things done while looking at the big picture, and for achieving outcomes that benefit the whole society rather than the individual.”