

## Your 2018 Board Members



### President

Beth Davidson-Park

Director Operations, City of Adelaide

**Length of service in Local Government: 25 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

Local government has an essential role in every community in Australia. To meet the challenges and opportunities we face and to ensure the very best outcomes are realised for our local communities I believe it is critical that we advocate for and offer our employees connected, innovative and evidence based training and development through the national network of Local Government Professionals. I am very keen to be a part of this as President Elect for LG Professionals, SA.



### President Elect

Nigel Morris

Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Yankalilla

**Length of service in Local Government: 25 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

I started in Local Government at the age of 19 and for my first 17 years focused on Information Technology. In 2007 as Team Leader in the Adelaide City Council IT Department, I completed the then LGMA Emerging Leaders Program which opened up the world of opportunity that Local Government offered. In 2008, I was awarded 'Highly Commended' in the Emerging Leader of the Year category at the then LGMA awards. When represented the award at an ACC Council Meeting, I stayed the whole Council meeting and was absolutely fascinated, by the end knew I wanted my career to go into Local Government Executive Management. LG Professionals, SA has helped to get me there.



## Immediate Past President

Mark Dowd

Chief Executive Officer, City of Onkaparinga

**Length of Service in Local Government: 6 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

After spending time now at Onkaparinga I would welcome the opportunity to work with peers and share my experiences and observations as a relative new comer to the sector and see how we can further progress our sector.



## Board Member

Andrew Aitken

Chief Executive Officer, Adelaide Hills Council

**Length of service in Local Government: 17 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

Having served as an executive member of the board over the last 3 years I'm heavily invested in the exciting strategic direction that our association is embarking on and I feel I have more that I can contribute as a board member to achieving that direction and my seeking a further board term reflects my passion for the development of us all as local government professionals and the advancement of our sector as a whole.

I have:

- A passion for leadership, people development, equity and diversity
- A respect, risk and reputational approach to governance
- An interest in partnering and relationship building
- A love of musical theatre



## Board Member

Andrew Cameron

Chief Executive Officer, Yorke Peninsula Council

**Length in service in Local Government: 30 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

With a Bachelor of Business (Local Government & Human Resource Management) and 10 years in Broken Hill Council in Corporate Services, then serving 13 years at the Barossa Council as the Director Corporate and Community Services and now 6 ½ successful years as Chief Executive Officer at Yorke Peninsula Council. I have demonstrated broad range of experience, across local government in a number of fields, including finance and human resource management, I am particularly focussed on staff well-being and encourage collaborative team work. I have a keen interest in the development and enhancement of Local Government, with proven strengths in networking, community engagement and project management, together with a strategic and team based approach

Having served over the last five years as a Member of the Board, with one of those as President, I believe I can continue to make a positive contribution to the Board and I am committed to fostering excellence and improvement in Local Government.



## Board Member

Henry Inat

Chief Executive Officer, Town of Gawler

**Length of Service in Local Government: 30 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

Having the benefit of working in several Councils and more recently as the CEO at the Town of Gawler, has given me a wide spectrum of experiences which I'm confident will allow me to be an active contributor to LG Professionals ongoing drive to serve and enhance the sector. The profession finds itself at an exciting time which with a strategic alignment in the delivery of targeted services and support activities will see LG Professionals, SA grow and enhance its 'value proposition' to its members.



## Board Member

Cate Hart

Chief Executive Officer, City of Prospect

**Length of service in Local Government: 20 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

I have been an active member of the LG Professionals, SA Board for 10 years and was privileged to be its President for 18 months from 2009-2011 and Treasurer from 2012-2014.

Over this time I have focussed on sound decision making to ensure the organisation can maintain its delivery of high quality and targeted training and development to local government employees. In particular, I have focussed on the overall governance of the organisation, its strategic plan and have worked closely with the CEO and staff to support them in their objectives and goals.

I have been pleased to actively participate in the Women's Network and have been working with the Committee to ensure the training opportunities through the council forums and State Conference deliver the training and development staff are seeking to refine their skills and expertise. This network is growing in strength and value.

Having worked as a consultant and in local government, I am committed to the sector and consider it to be one of the most exciting areas to work in. I am also engaged in determining appropriate support for CEO's across the State through establishing networking and training opportunities, an area which requires a lot more work and clarification.

As CEO of the City of Prospect I have the opportunity to foster the connection between LG Professionals, SA and regional locations given my previous employment at Wakefield Regional Council to ensure the sector can meet the needs of all employees across the State. I look forward to pursuing this further should I be re-elected.



## Board Member

Kate Jessep

Project Leader Regional Hub Delivery,  
Mount Barker District Council

**Length of Service in Local Government: 8 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

LG Professionals, SA has an important role in leading, learning and linking its members. As such, I have a focus on growing our membership base, expanding our network opportunities and increasing our training offering. With three years' experience on the board and more than 8 years' experience working in a range of roles in Local Government, I am a strong advocate for the important role of Local Government Professionals.



## Board Member

Victoria MacKirdy

Chief Executive Officer, City of Victor Harbor

**Length of Service in Local Government: 27 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

As a passionate member of Local Government, I would like to continue to represent and advocate on behalf of the professional officers within our sector. I have served as a Board Member on the SA Board for the past 7 years, including two years as National Director for LG Professionals Australia. I have enjoyed the opportunities I have been given to participate in and present at a number of programs and events offered by this organisation. I will continue to advocate and raise the profile of Local Government as a career choice.



## Board Member

Sarah Philpott

Director Corporate Services, City of Port Adelaide Enfield

**Length of service in Local Government: 21 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

I love my work in local government and have had enormous personal and professional growth from my involvement in this sector. I bring to the Board my extensive local government experience and involvement in many sector-wide initiatives, including the Management Challenge, Emerging Leaders programs, coaching and mentoring programs, collaborating with colleagues in other councils and most importantly, making a real difference for people in the communities I have served.

I value the work of LG Professionals, SA with a strong focus on professional development, creating links and connections and driving excellence in the sector. I have been on the board for one year and that time has reinforced the strong alignment to my interests and to what I value about local government. After a year on the Board, I feel I have only just started to make that wider contribution back to the sector and to LG Professionals, SA and would enjoy the opportunity to help us grow a vibrant, responsive and respected local government profession, as well as continue to develop personally and professionally.



## Board Member

Mark Withers

Chief Executive Officer, City of Port Adelaide Enfield

**Length of service in Local Government: 32 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

I would like to continue my commitment to professional development in local government. I have 32 years' experience in the sector and for many of those years fostered and supported the development of young professionals in local government and by serving on the LG Professionals, SA Board I can continue that career aspiration. I have also served as the National President for LG Professionals Australia. I am an experienced Executive/CEO focused on improving leadership capacity across the sector. I believe to be successful in your working life you must share knowledge, encourage growth in people and take opportunities to lead whenever they present themselves. This is my commitment if I'm re-elected to the LG Professionals, SA Board.

## Your Board until the conclusion of the 2018 AGM is:

Beth Davidson-Park, City of Adelaide	President
Mark Dowd, City of Onkaparinga	Immediate Past President
Nigel Morris, District Council of Yankalilla	President Elect
Andrew Aitken, Adelaide Hills Council	Board Member
Andrew Cameron, Yorke Peninsula Council	Board Member
Cate Hart, City of Prospect	Board Member
Henry Inat, Town of Gawler	Board Member
Kate Jessep, Mount Barker District Council	Board Member
Victoria MacKirdy, City of Victor Harbor	Board Member
Sarah Philpott, City of Port Adelaide Enfield	Board Member
Mark Withers, City of Port Adelaide Enfield	Board Member