

# Board Members

Your Board until the conclusion of the 2021 AGM is:



Michael Sedgman, Rural City of Murray Bridge

President



Paul Sutton, City of Charles Sturt

Board Member



Andrew Cameron, Yorke Peninsula Council

Board Member



Victoria MacKirdy, City of Victor Harbor

Board Member



Henry Inat, Town of Gawler

Board Member



Dylan Strong, District Council of Orroroo Carrieton

Board Member



Mark Withers, City of Port Adelaide Enfield

Board Member



Thuyen Vi-Alternetti, City of Marion

Board Member



Debra Larwood, District Council of Kimba

Board Member



Nat Traeger, Kingston District Council

Board Member

## President

### Michael Sedgman

**Chief Executive Officer, Rural City of Murray Bridge**

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

**Reason for nominating:**

As a Local Government Professional in both Victoria and South Australia over the past 20 years I have been an active supporter of Local Government Professionals and regard LG Professionals SA as an important professional development and networking forum.

As President and a member of the Local Government Professionals SA Board I believe I can bring a significant and rich leadership experience in Local Government to enhance the benefits of membership of LG Professionals SA.



## Board Member

### Paul Sutton

**Chief Executive Officer, City of Charles Sturt**

**Length of service in Local Government: 26 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

Paul works collaboratively with the Elected Council and executive team to provide strategic leadership for the City. He thrives by creating a passionate and ambitious, achievement-oriented environment where our community is central and our staff's development and fulfillment is stretched.

He prides himself on having an energetic style of flexible and proactive leadership. Developing a highly constructive culture to achieve positive business impact, this is primarily felt through excellence in customer service, flexibility and a solution orientation. He has a passion for collaboration and working together across the Local Government sector to create a better South Australia.

Paul is a past Governing Council member and the Company Secretary of IPAA (Institute of Public Administration Australia SA) where he was a Board Member for 8 years. He was awarded a fellowship of IPAA in 2016 and is a Graduate of the AICD, has an MBA from the University of Adelaide with qualifications in Business and Engineering from the University of South Australia.



## Board Member

### Andrew Cameron

**Chief Executive Officer, Yorke Peninsula Council**

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

**Reason for nominating:**

With a Bachelor of Business (Local Government & Human Resource Management), 10 years at Broken Hill Council, 13 years at the Barossa Council and now 8 successful years as the Chief Executive Officer at Yorke Peninsula Council, I have wide-ranging experience in many fields. I am focussed on staff well-being and encourage collaborative teamwork. I am passionate about 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 to achieving objectives.

Having served over the past seven years as a Member of the LG Professionals SA Board (one as President), I believe I can continue to make a positive contribution and I am committed to working collaboratively to advance excellence in local government. Together we will approach future challenges and opportunities for Local Government.



## Board Member

### Victoria MacKirdy

**Chief Executive Officer, City of Victor Harbor**

**Length of service in local government: 26 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

Victoria is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Victor Harbor. She has over 25 years' experience in Local Government having worked with a number of Councils across the State, along with the Local Government Association of SA. Victoria's expertise and interests are in the areas of strategic planning, community engagement, economic development, governance, performance management, and organisational development.

Victoria has been a Board Member of Local Government Professionals Australia, SA for over 9 years and served as President in 2014, she is also National President for Local Government Professionals Australia. Victoria's commitment to LG Professionals is a true reflection of her passion for the Sector and for developing, supporting and showcasing the skills, expertise and opportunities within Local Government.

Victoria is also a Director on Country Arts South Australia, Chair of the Governance and Finance Committee for Country Arts SA, Deputy Chair for Regional Development Australia (Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island) and very proudly a board member of Chiefs for Gender Equity representing Local Government.



## Board Member

### Henry Inat

**Chief Executive Officer, Town of Gawler**

**Length of service in Local Government: 33 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

My last term on the LG Professionals SA Board has been an exciting time for the organisation which I am keen to continue to contribute towards.

I am the CEO at the Town of Gawler having commenced in Feb 2013. My experience in the sector spanning over 30 years offers me the chance to continue to add value to the Board and thus the entire sector more broadly.

We should be proud of what we do and what we are achieving in local government. We need to continue to focus on our strengths while also embrace aspects of our skills which need to be further developed.

That's where LG Professionals SA plays a key role in helping all of us to grow and be better at what we can do. I look forward to continuing to contribute in my capacity as a Board Member.



## Board Member

### Dylan Strong

**Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Orroroo Carrieton**

**Length of service in Local Government: 1.5 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

Local government is integral to our social fabric. I feel privileged to work within a sector which has a hands-on role in ensuring our communities meet the challenges we face and optimise the opportunities ahead of us. The Local Government Professionals SA network provides us with a vehicle to connect and share experiences, and also offer our people innovative and practical development opportunities.

Having worked across the tiers of government over the past ten years, I am keen to share my experience in business, engagement, economic development, leadership and personal development. I also welcome the opportunity to work with LG Professionals SA to strengthen the relationship with our regions to ensure the sector supports our people across the State in achieving their goals.



## Board Member

### Mark Withers

**Chief Executive Officer, City of Port Adelaide Enfield**

**Length of service in Local Government: 36 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

I have 36 years LG experience, tertiary qualifications in Management and Social Science. I have worked in 9 different Adelaide Metropolitan Councils and held CEO positions at Port Adelaide Enfield, Charles Sturt and Unley Councils. I am a current Board Member of LG Professional SA and a past National President of LG Professional Australia. I am also a current member of the LGA CEO Advisory Group and Board Member of Environmental Protection Authority SA.

I believe to be successful in your professional life you must commit to your own development, share knowledge, encourage growth in others and take opportunities to lead whenever they present themselves. I am fundamentally committed to delivering public good and improving the quality of life for communities I serve. This is my commitment as a member of the LG Professionals SA Board.



## Board Member

### Thuyen Vi-Alternetti

**Manager City Property, City of Marion**

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

**Reason for nominating:**

I am currently Manager City Property at the City of Marion and have previously worked at the City of Salisbury and City of Mitcham.

I am extremely passionate about our sector, gender equity and developing and empowering people and teams. I am the chair of the LG Professional SA Women's Network Committee, a member of the LG National Women's Advisory Group, Chiefs for Gender Equity Implementation Leader and an alumni of the Emerging Leaders Program (2016).

Working in LG has given me the opportunity to meet many intelligent, motivating and inspiring leaders who have challenged and supported me to grow and further my career in the sector, this I will forever be grateful for.

It is my time to give back to the sector and support those who are trying to navigate their way through Local Government, I want to also bring gender balance back onto the Board, represent women in the sector and that is why I nominated to be on the LGP SA Board.



## Board Member

### Debra Larwood

**Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Kimba**

**Length of service in Local Government: 13.5 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

I have worked in Local Government for in excess of 13 years at the District Council of Kimba, four as CEO, served on a number of boards and am a current member of the LGA CEO Advisory Committee and EPLGA Executive Committee. I love my job and am a passionate advocate for the sector with a strong belief in what we can achieve collaboratively.

As an Alumna of last year's Executive Leaders Program and previous programs such as the Professional Leaders Program I am committed to the importance of ongoing professional development and would like to use my experiences to explore opportunities to build capacity within local Government through LG Professionals SA. As the CEO of a small regional council I believe I can bring a different perspective to the Board as well as provide a depth of geographical diversity and see it as an opportunity to expand my networks and to work closely with a dedicated group of professionals to not only challenge myself but the sector as a whole.



## Board Member

### Nat Traeger

**Chief Executive Officer, Kingston District Council**

**Length of service in Local Government: 33 years**

**Reason for nominating:**

I am an allrounder, with some 33-year local government experience and was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Kingston District Council in mid-2019, after a long-term role with the Coorong District Council.

I am well renowned for my passion and commitment to regional renewal and resilience as well as being an ambassador for mental health, community well-being the arts and breast cancer. I share the same commitment to the local government sector, having been a member and supporter of LG Professionals SA, particularly the Rural Management Challenge and Leadership Excellence Awards for many years.

This nomination is intended to bring my enthusiasm and experience to the LG Professionals SA Board and to give back to the sector that has been my life's work for over three decades.

