

Management Committee

*Help from those with
enthusiasm and vision.*

Chair: Bevan Dellar - BBus, Dip Admin

Bevan has had extensive senior management experience in both the private and public sectors as a Director and Consultant. In addition he has served for over 20 years as a Director, Advisor and Consultant on National and State Boards, Committees and Working Groups [government and non-government] in particular those associated with people with disability.

He has as a consequence been a strong advocate at all levels including Government for people with disability, their families and carers. Bevan has been a member and officer bearer [Secretary/Treasurer and Chair] and has been with the Group for over 20 years. Bevan and wife Dianne is the Carer of Dianne's brother Kevin.

Deputy Chair: Lesley Postma

Lesley is a mother of an intellectually disabled son Jonathon. Lesley worked for many years as a registered nurse and was instrumental in setting up and running a centre for disabled children in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. She has also served for many years on committees for people with disability e.g. Slow Learning Children's Group (Bunbury), Bindi Centre for Disabled (Alice Springs), Milford Parent's & Friends Association, member and office bearer with the Group. Lesley has served on many external Committees and Working Groups.

Secretary: Rachel Ivic – Dip Bus (NZ)

Originating New Zealand, Rachel moved to Perth in 1998 after completing her secondary education. Developed strong administrative and secretarial skills during the 8 years spent working for one of Australia's largest agricultural exporters, and is currently employed as a Bookkeeper within the earthmoving and mining industry.

Rachel first joined the Group in 2001 and has been on the Management Committee since 2003 undertaking the role of Secretary in 2005. Together with family Rachel and husband Shane assist in caring for their sister Katica, an intellectually disabled adult living within DSC supported accommodation.

Treasurer: Jan Ricks - B.Bus (Acctg); Adv Cert Bus (Real Estate); Cert SAP

Jan commenced working life with Bank of New South Wales and was with the Bank for 7 years both in Western Australia & New Zealand. Joined NCR (NZ) Ltd (400 employees) as Financial Accountant for 14 years and returned to WA. Joined Peet & Company Limited as Management Accountant for 16 years. In 1996 started own business and purchased Cosmic Realty in 1999. Jan is Licensee and Director of Cosmic Realty. Jan is past Secretary of the Business Chapter and life member of Edith Cowan University Alumni.

She is currently a Director of Amaroo Aged Care Services Inc and office bearer of the Group. Jan and her brother are the guardians of sister Delyce.

Residents' Advocate: Leslie Goode

Les is the father of Sharyn, an adult living with an intellectual disability within a group home under the DSC care program. He has advocated extensively for Sharon and her peers for the past 40 years.

Les was a member and Vice President of the Active Industries Board and was a Foundation member of the Guardianship and Administration Tribunal, serving for 11 years. He has served on many boards, committees and task groups for both the government and non-government services.

Les is a member and past chaplain of Crosslinks, an Anglican support Group for Sharon and her peers. He is a member and past President of the Group and his current role is Residents' Advocate, offering a listening watch in the interests of residents, families and significant others, along with their carers.

Committee Members [3]

Leanne Michielsen

Leanne and her sister Janice is the guardian of their brother Maurice. She took over the provision of significant support from her parents who were inaugural members of the Group over 25 years ago.

Leanne has had extensive Committee experience and has taken a leading role in representing the Group, in particular the establishment and continuation of partnerships. This role has been of significant importance as the Group has expanded its activities to more adequately advocate for people with disability, parents and carers. Leanne has been on the Management Committee since its inception

Keith Hill – ACIS, CPA

Keith first became involved with administration in the disability sector 40 years ago when his daughter Michelle took advantage of the facilities offered by the Government of the day.

Keith has a background of 18 years senior management in TAFE including State and National Education Working Groups and Committees. Since joining the Group Keith has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience as well as representing and advocating on behalf of the Group on key issues.

Garry Postma - Dip Accountancy

Garry has spent the majority of his working life in administration and middle management in a State Government Agency. For many years he was Secretary to a Board and a number of committees. He has also held leadership positions for many years in his local church.

Garry became involved with people with disability when he married Lesley. Since then he has taken a keen interest in the welfare of her son, other people with disability as well as being an active member of the Group in particular assisting with legislative, policy and administrative matters.