

Women's Health Services Association

Board Member's 2008

CAROLYN JAKOBSEN, BA(Hons) Murdoch

Carolyn Jakobsen is Chairperson of the Women's Health Services Association. As a migrant from New Zealand in 1969, she spent some years working for a mining company in the North West of Western Australia before settling in Perth, starting a family and pursuing a different vocation.

A former federal MP, Carolyn chaired the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party Caucus for the last 3 years of her 9 year term in a marginal seat. She was also Chair of the Caucus Community Services and Welfare Committee. In her post-parliamentary life, Carolyn completed a degree with Honours in Politics and International Studies at Murdoch University and served as an Alumni representative on the University Senate for four years. She is currently completing research for a PhD and was recently appointed to the new Waste Authority, having been a member of the previous Waste Management Board since 2003. Carolyn is also a Board member of the Swan River Trust and serves as the Independent Chair of the Community Reference Group associated with the Water Corporation's Waste Water Treatment Plant at Woodman Point. She has three adult daughters and four grandsons.

JILL RUNDLE

Jill Rundle has enjoyed being an individual member of Women's Health Services' Board since 2002. She has an interest in women's health and feminist approaches to sector and organisation planning and management.

Jill is also the director of the Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies and has undertaken research for an Honours Thesis in Anthropology on women and drug use issues.

MARGARET JEAN JONES, B.Psych. Dip. Soc. Sc. THS

Margaret retired from work as a Registered Psychologist in 2007.

Margaret has a degree in Psychology from the University of Western Australia, and post graduate training and qualifications in related fields. She worked for 14 years as a Teacher in Government and Independent Secondary Schools before embarking on a Psychology degree as a mature age student. She accepted appointments in the School Psychology Service for 14 years and after retiring

from Education, accepted contracts from the Department of Community Development in Adoption Services.

She has retired from formal work and has a diverse number of interests which include volunteering and pursuing creative pastimes.

Margaret has one son and one daughter and four grandsons.

PATTY VAN DER WALT

Patty Van Der Walt grew up in South Africa. She immigrated to Australia in 2001 with her husband David and two daughters.

For the first five years of living in Perth, Patty concentrated on making a new life for herself and her family and supporting her husband in his new business ventures. She became very involved in the Presbyterian Ladies College Community and continues to do so. Patty has also been involved in the running of a Little Athletics Running Club and has subsequently moved onto the UWA Athletics Club Committee.

Patty became a Board Member for Womens Health Services in 2006. Her role on the Board is to assist in the sustainability of the organisation by introducing Womens Health Services to the corporate sector.

Dr JUDY EDWARDS, MLA

Judy Edwards was born in the Western Australian town of Beverley and raised on a farm in the district.

She studied medicine and worked in a variety of general practice and related positions. Judy also holds a Masters Degree in Public Health. She was elected to State Parliament as the Member for Maylands in 1990. Judy was appointed as the Opposition Spokesperson for the Environment in 1994 and was the Minister for the Environment for five years from 2001. In this role she oversaw the end of logging in Old Growth Forests.

Judy is active in her local community and on Parliamentary Committees. She also has a passion for science and furthering women's roles in the area. She is currently undertaking further post graduate study.

Judy has a teenage son who is learning the drums. She has taken up the piano in her spare time to compete with the noise!

PAMELA – JAYNE KINDER , B.Ec, SF Fin

Pamela-Jayne Kinder currently combines motherhood and work as a Board Consultant with Gerard Daniels. She first became aware of WHS in 2004 when she was referred to them for treatment for Post Natal Depression and can fully attest the quality of service the organisation provides.

Pamela-Jayne has a degree in Economics from the University of Western Australia and post graduate qualifications in finance and investment. She worked for 12 years with BankWest in the economics, strategic planning and interest rate risk management areas before taking some overseas consulting assignments and eventually joining Gerard Daniels' Board Consulting practice in 2004 when her son was 6 months old.

In addition to her involvement with WHS, Pamela-Jayne is currently a mentor in Finsia's formal mentoring program for young finance professionals.

She is a past Committee Member (5 years) and Chairman (2 years) of the Australian Institute of Banking and Finance (now Finsia) in WA and a former practitioner in Economics for the Securities Institute. Pamela-Jayne combined her passion for dance and her work skills by being the inaugural Treasurer of Friends of West Australian Ballet in 1999, a position she retired from when her son was born. Other passions include reading, swimming, spending time at the beach and sharing good food and wine with good friends.

ANNE GILES, B Sc (Library and Information)

Anne Giles is the Manager of Policy and Evaluation with the Equal Opportunity Commission. She has long been interested in feminist women's health - starting in the mid-70s at the first Women's Health and Community Centre.

Anne has had a varied working life, as a journalist, Assistant Federal Secretary of the Australian Journalists Association and worked in Curtin University library following completion of her degree in library and information studies.

She is active in her local community and was a Councillor for the Town of Bassendean from 1996 - 1999.

Anne has two children, a daughter 23 years, and a 14-year old son.