

NSW Local Land Services

Central West Region

2017 Local Board Member Election (3 to be Elected)

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PORTELLI, Sharon

Occupation:

Accountant and Business Owner, Grazier

Qualifications:

- AICD – Company Directors Course – Graduate
- CPA – Fellow status
- Bachelor of Business – CSU
- ACS – Letter of completion – certificate in agriculture
- TAFE statement in Partnering with Aboriginal Communities

Employment experience: I have worked as an Accountant and business owner in the region for over 20 years and have owned grazing and cropping enterprises in the Coonamble and Dubbo districts

Positions Held:

- Central West Local Land Services Advisory Board 2015 to Present
- Western College Incorporated Board Member 2016 to present
- CPA Australia Board Member 2015 to present
- ESP Accounting Pty Ltd Director 2010 to present
- Dubbo Chamber of Commerce Director elected 2009-2010
- Taronga Zoo Membership Advisory Council Member elected 2008-2011
- Taronga Zoo Committee Member 2007-2009
- CPA Australia NSW Division Elected member 2010-2015 President 2012

Expertise, knowledge and skills:

- Leadership, strategic planning and management – Over the past 20 years I have been working in Leadership and Strategic Planning roles in various employment, voluntary and Board roles. Teamwork and inclusion have been important in all my roles
- Community participation – Actively involved in the community through various roles
- Regional Service delivery – Have lived in the Central West Region for most of my life, working with people from the local region and further afield
- Working with industry, government and other partners – Work with industry and private enterprise. Have worked with Federal Government, NSW Government and local council funding through various organisations
- Audit, financial control, reporting and risk management – A CPA with over 20 years experience in Accounting, financial control, reporting and risk management.

- Primary industries or providing services to support this sector – Born and raised on a farm in the Coonamble district and currently a landholder in the Dubbo district. Also provide support to farming families with the view of making them more profitable and sustainable into the future
- Contemporary biosecurity programs in animal and plant health, pest and weed management – involved in working with Local Land services and local agronomists to improve animal and plant health, create biodiversity and improve weed management through improved grazing and weed control methods
- Emergency management especially biosecurity and natural disaster emergencies – Involved in preparing disaster emergency plans for business
- Natural resource management and biodiversity conservation - Working with Local Land Services and CMA to improve waterways, grass, tree and bird and animal diversity on our property and in our region
- I believe I have the necessary skills required for the Board position. It is important that we work with all stakeholders to get the best outcomes for long term sustainability of our natural resources

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SMITH, Allan John

Allan Smith spent much of his youth growing up on his Uncle's Sheep station 'Belah' now part Gundabooka National Park 50 km of West of Bourke. The Son of a Shearer Allan has lived in the Western Region all of his life.

These days Allan and his wife Pauline own small rural holding south of Dubbo, where he share farms with his Daughter who lives on the neighbouring property.

Spending much of his working life giving back to the community of Dubbo. Allan would bring to the LLS Central West Region Board a range of background experience in Local Government, Corporate Governance, strategy, planning and oversight. Along with a real appreciation of the value and contribution made by the farming community to the overall strength of our region and more importantly our nation.

During his years of participation with Local Government, various Board Memberships and other Organisations, he has exhibited the Abilities to work collaboratively, maintain confidentiality, facilitate effective conflict resolution, build relationships with other members/staff from diverse backgrounds, and invest the appropriate time and effort to perform his duties. He is aware that as a member of the Board, he will represent the the land holders from the Central West Region, a role which he would take great pride in doing.

Relevant Training:

AICD Company Directors Course – 2013 Valuation – 2012
Financial Reporting – 2012
Investment Management – 2012
Risk Management – 2012
Prudential Requirements – 2012

Employment History:

1971-1983	Myer Department Stores (Regional Sales Manager)
1983-2002	Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Association
1983-2001	NSW Fire Brigade
2002-Current	Share Farmer
1995-2016	Company Director (Various)

Statecover Mutual Insurance Ltd	2004 – 2016
Director	2004 – 2016
Chairman of the Board of Directors	2010 – 2011
Chairman of the Audit Committee	
Member of the Investment Committee	
Member of the Risk Committee	

Dubbo City Council	14/9/91 – current
Mayor	Sept 2009 – Sept 2011
Mayor	April 2004 – Sept 2007
Mayor	Sept 2000 – Sept 2002
Deputy Mayor	Sept 1995 – Sept 1999
Works and Services Committee (Chairman)	09/9/93 – Sept 1999

Financial & Policy Committee (Chairman)	26/9/91 – 2016
Waste Management Services Working Party	21/4/92 – 2016
Rural Fire Working Party	16/6/92 – 2016
Audit Committee	27/9/95 – April 2011
Waste Services Working Party	27/9/95 – 2016
Strategic Land Use Working Party	30/9/99 – 2016
Water Supply and Sewerage Working Party	30/9/99 – 2016
Orana Regional Organisation of Councils	Sept 2000 Sept 2002 April 2004 – Sept 2007
Dubbo MERIT Advisory Committee	2001
Dubbo City Development Corporation	Sept 2000 – Sept 2002 April 2004 – Sept 2007
Representative on Dubbo Welfare Interagency (as Chairman of Community Services Ctte)	27/9/95 - Sept 2007
Local Government and Shires Association	Dec 2000 – Oct 2013
Local Government Association of NSW Executive	Dec 2000 – Mar 2013
Vice President country Local government Association	Oct 2010 – Mar 2013
Member of LGSA Roads and Transport Committee	Aug 2008 – Nov 2010
Member of LGSA/Shires Association Joint Committee	Oct 2010 – Mar 2013
Member of the Interim Board LGNSW	Mar 2013 – Oct 2013
Justice of the Peace	Current
Member of the Australian Institute of company Directors	Current

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SCHIEB, Donald

Donald Hugh Schieb Nullagunya Coonamble

Own property north of Coonamble with a balance of livestock (cattle) and grain production. Registered livestock and property agent with extensive experience in stock routes and livestock management.

Elected as Board member of Central West for past 3 years with input into stock routes and regional operations of management. As a board member have persisted to achieve results in management of the LLS to a more efficient operation with a financial benefit to ratepayers.

President of local radio station and previous councillor on Coonamble Shire Council.

My intentions are to continue to pressure the bureaucracy to economise and have an active "ground level" working forum to benefit ratepayers.

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BRADLEY, Jenny

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent the ratepayers of the Central West over the past three years on the LLS board. Once again I seek your support and vote as I endeavour to represent the region for the next term.

I have strong ties with the Central West region, having worked in Lake Cargelligo, Forbes, Coonamble and for the past 26 years living at Armatree. Armatree is a small village north of Gilgandra and along with my husband we run a successful mixed farming business. The enterprise mix has seen the business evolve and develop with an extensive level of industry involvement. Through this involvement I have developed a network of contacts within the rural industry at all levels covering both the livestock and cropping sectors.

The mix of the business allows me to have a broad understanding of regional issues. The committees and boards that I have had the opportunity to be involved in over the past decade have all revolved around my Agricultural interests and all undertaken with the benefit of the producer at the forefront. Presently I sit on several industry committees and government organisations that include:

- AWI Producer Advisory Panel – Sheep Connect
- NSW Sheep Advisory Group
- Research Representative TAFE NSW Animal Ethics Committee

Over the past three years I have been an active director on the board of Central West Local Land Services (CWLLS) and at all times worked for the best possible outcomes to ensure the success of the organisation and the delivery of services to the ratepayer in a cost-effective manner. I have undertaken a number of positions and roles on the board and within the CWLLS to achieve the following outcomes:

- Board representative on the Agricultural/Industry Community Advisory Group
- Agricultural working group
- Agricultural Advisory Services Working Group
- TSR working group

Working in these positions has led to strong and productive working relationships with management and staff of the organisation. Attributes I wish to foster and continue to develop as I focus on delivering Agricultural Advisory Services to the Central West. Along with working to develop these positions I have also maintained a strong presence within the community of CWLLS stakeholders by attending several field days and supporting staff at events within the area.

As a landholder on a mixed farming enterprise and as a director I can appreciate the importance of this organisation. Nothing highlights this more than a natural disaster and within our region over the last twelve months, we have seen two. Firstly the floods in and around Forbes and secondly the fires of the Coolah Leadville district and surround. Local Land Services have been pivotal in both disasters.

To be an effective director for Central West Local Land Services requires strong communication and leadership skills to deliver reforms across the region and at state level, attributes that I have developed and applied for the first three years and if given the opportunity look forward to extending into the future.

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HEUSTON, Penelope Jane

My name is Penny Heuston and I am a consultant based who is based in the Central West of NSW. I am nominating for a position on the LLS Board as I believe in local people making local decisions for our region. I am an active listener who wants to be involved in creating and maintaining a profitable and sustainable Central West

I bring the following skills and experiences to this role:

- An understanding of the Central West community – of the farming systems issues, of natural resource management and of the towns and communities within the region
- Board and panel experience.
 - Deputy Chair of the Northern Panel of Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) since 2014, and in my 7th year as a panel member.
 - Founding member and current board member Grain Orana Alliance (GOA) since 2009, who deliver local research results on local issues for farmers
 - RAC Regional Committee (now defunct), Central West
 - Exceptional Circumstances Committee, 2002-3; Coonamble/Walgett
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to share and extend outcomes to the wider community and to target this message to suit the audience.
- Farmer engagement in a professional capacity for the last 25 years as an agronomist (Sydney University graduate), working within farm businesses, be them mixed, irrigated or straight cropping enterprises, to have enduring strategies going forward that ensure success both financially but to also maintain the resource base. This has been through positions within agribusiness, running a private consulting business and leading a farmer's co-operative.
- Solid and wide reaching networks of farmers, researches, government and other major industry players
- Extensive corporate governance experience
- The ability to be the conduit between the farmer, industry and government – getting farmers issues heard and solutions delivered in a timely, user ready format
- Experience in strategy development at the farm level and also at a regional and national level via positions within GRDC and GOA
- The desire and proven track record of working within a team, be it on farm or in the boardroom.
- The ability to work within and calculate budgets at a farm, regional and national levels, and to get that budget to deliver targeted outcomes to the stakeholders

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TUMPEY, Peta

“Willowglen” and “Stratford”, Tottenham

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) from University of New England, Armidale

I run a mixed farming business with my family in the Five Ways region, Tottenham across two properties. We breed Santa / Angus cross cattle and Dohne Merinos. Seasonally we also grow oats, wheat and barley.

I have previously sat on the Australian Dohne Merino Association board.

I am a partner in a law firm and believe that this experience in corporate governance and advising boards combined with my rural upbringing and farming business provides me with a solid background to contribute to the Central West LLS board.

I have a particular interest in both a common sense approach to native vegetation management and community pest control support.

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SWEENEY, Chris

I am a farmer in the Forbes district standing for election for the Local Land Services Board. I have owned and managed a mixed farming property including winter cereal cropping and lamb and wool production. We specialise in a lamb lot feeding operation of our own lambs and as well as custom lot feeding for many different clients from all over the state.

I have been a Director of the Lachlan LHPA from 2009 and then Chairman from 2010 – 2013. From 2000 until 2008 I was a Director at the Forbes RLPB. I also served on the State Management Council from October 2012 through to December 2013 as an appointed director. Through my involvement in the Forbes Shire Saleyards Advisory Committee, I was part of the team responsible for developing the new Forbes sheep saleyards and I also currently serve as the Captain of the Carrawobitty Rural Fire Service. I currently serve on the Local Land Service committee of advice for agriculture and industry. I am also involved in many local community events and organisation.

I see a strong and vibrant future for the Local Land Services. This will only happen if the Board gains true representation of the producers and ratepayers of the region.

I would bring to the board very strong biosecurity knowledge for both animals and cropping. This is the major issue facing agriculture today and I believe we need to be well equipped to deal with this issue.

Getting Agriculture Production and Natural Resources Management mix in the right balance is now our next challenge; this is where I have strong knowledge and understanding of what is needed to achieve the right outcome.

I feel a strong need to both maintain and improve the services that are offered by the Local Land Services. A true customer service must be preserved in all the current offices, not just in major regional centres. I believe all board members must be contactable and transparent. This is something I have always maintained in my career.

I strongly believe that the relationships between the Local Land Service and all the relevant industry bodies in the agriculture sector must be strongly encouraged to develop.

I seek your support in my nomination for an elected Director for the Central West Local Land Services Board.

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MARTEL, Will

Current Occupation:

Farmer 4081 ha – wheat, canola, wool, sheep meat & beef

I would like the opportunity to represent farmers as an elected Local Land Services (LLS) board member. My skills, education, career and enthusiasm for primary industries place me in good stead to ensure we as farmers gain the maximum value out of the Central West LLS. In particular my recent experience with the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) has given me the necessary experience and knowledge to be effective in delivering results for farmers.

My previous career as an agribusiness consultant allows me to understand the economics of many farm businesses on a wide variety of scale and land use. I believe this will be particularly useful to the LLS strategy when determining where and how our LLS rates will be directed.

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Agriculture Economics
Statement of Attainment in Conservation & Land Management
Certificate IV in Business
Certificate in Rural Skills

Employment Experience:

SWAG AG – Position – Owner Manager (current)

Responsibilities

- Setting budgets
- Preparing weekly, yearly and long term plans
- Liaising with customers to meet their needs
- Analysing agricultural markets
- Completing monthly, quarterly and annual accounting reports
- Analysing annual performance
- Marketing produce
- Operational activities

GRDC – Position – Northern Panel Member

Responsibilities

- Assessing research ideas and converting the them to research topics
- Analysing research projects and making decision on their funding
- Attending regional meetings and reporting back to GRDC
- Assessing and grading tender applications
- Listening to grain growers re their priority research issues and reporting to GRDC

RCS Resource Consulting Services – Position – Agribusiness Consultant

Responsibilities

- Managing the economic analysis of in excess of 400 farm businesses
- Marketing the benchmarking product to the agricultural sector
- Completed full business analysis of Stanbroke Pastoral Company
- Completed an industry analysis of the Northern NSW sugar industry
- Completed various farm litigation reports, analysing economic loss
- Facilitated several executive board meetings as an agricultural economic consultant

Memberships and Positions held:

- Spicers Creek Talbragar Catchment Management Group – member
- NSW Farmers – member
- Ballimore Primary School P&C – President
- Dapper wild dog group – member

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