

NSW Local Land Services

South East Region

2017 Local Board Member Election (3 to be Elected)

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MERRIMAN, George Noel

Merryville Stud runs a large scale operation consisting of stud & commercial Merinos & Angus & Poll herefords, a 1st & 2nd x Lamb operation & grain growing in the Boorowa district & in Tasmania.

After completing agricultural college I returned home & undertook the many varied roles within the business with an emphasis on the merino stud & thus becoming general manager in 1990.

I am currently a councillor of the NSW stud merino breeders association, a committee member and past president of the Boorowa show society, current President of the Great Southern Supreme Merino Show & Sale & a co-ordinator for our local fox baiting program.

I hope my knowledge of the South East area & experience on the land & other committees will help me to contribute to the on going journey off the South East LLS so that ratepayers & governments get full value for their respective contributions.

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THOMSON, James

My name is James Thomson and I am a fifth generation grazier in Belowra Valley. I currently own and run a sheep grazing business and a bush camping tourism operation.

At 34 years old I am the youngest current councillor on the Eurobodalla Shire Council. In my capacity as councillor I chair and sit on numerous committees, where I continue to hone my leadership, corporate governance, strategic planning and communication skills.

I currently chair the Disability Inclusion Advisory Committee, sit on the Heritage Advisory Committee, and I am the Council's delegate to the NSW Branch of the Flood Plain Management Australia and Southern Tablelands and South Coast Noxious Plants Committee. In addition, I actively participate in many community events and organisations including the Moruya Rodeo Committee and the George Bass Surfboat Marathon.

What I offer the Board:

My rural, business and governance background coupled with my thorough understanding of local land issues positions me as a knowledgeable candidate who can add real and local value to the board.

Feral animal control, including wild dogs, and noxious weed control are two big issues that I see affecting farmers and land managers both locally and nationally, and I will continue to advocate for tighter controls to address these serious issues.

I believe that Local Land Services needs to work closely with all levels of government to get the right outcomes for its ratepayers and investors. I am well positioned to build the necessary relationships with local councils, Forestry, National Parks and Wildlife Services and other agencies in order to achieve state-wide results.

It is my belief that good governance and high ethical standards are essential to the Local Land Services board. As both a councillor and farmer, it is with great honour that I apply for a position on the board. I will work hard to keep the board transparent and accountable to all its stakeholders and ratepayers, and I will ensure that the Local Land Services grows stronger to best serve the people for our region and across NSW.

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WILLIAMS, Kayleen

My name is Kayleen Williams and I live on a farm outside of Cooma in the Southern Tablelands.

My husband and I own an agricultural family partnership. We run Merino sheep for wool together with some crossbred sheep for meat.

I am a member of CPA Australia (Retired) with a Bachelor Degree in Business and Banking and Finance and I have undertaken post-graduate studies in Accountancy.

The tenacity, which I displayed in my previous career as a Treasury Accountant for one of the Australian Governments lead contractors for a multi-billion dollar project, I now bring to our farming enterprise on the Monaro.

I am committed to the local community and am a member of the local Uniting Church and have been the spouse of a serving Australian Defence Force Chaplain for over 40 years.

As part of my focus on the rural community, I have completed numerous courses and am a registered Wool Classer. I am a member of NSW Farmers Assoc and hold the position of Treasurer for our region.

Awareness of the needs of the rural area in regard to Feral Pest Control and Weed Control Management has warranted a major emphasis in our farming enterprise for a number of years.

As part of my past community involvement I was a member of the Board of a school in Darwin which involved liaising with Aboriginal groups and Communities in supporting their interests.

I have also undertaken the 'Holistic Management' Course and endeavour to be a good steward of 'the land' and our 'natural resources'.

I believe that I have the knowledge, skills and character to provide exceptional service to the LLS as a Local Board Member.

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JARVIS, Steve

G'day, I'm Steve Jarvis, a 49 year old grazier from Boorowa. Together with my family, I'm about farming profitably while caring for the environment. I have been farming at home since leaving school at 16, and managing the family business since the age of 18 due to the death of my father.

I am very passionate about grazing management, sheep and wool. Currently I sit as a Director with industry group Merinolink, and I circulate and read widely to stay in touch with people, benchmarks and technology. I believe in striving for the best possible result by taking a collegial approach.

At home thousands of indigenous trees and shrubs have been sown or planted since the 1980s to revegetate, provide habitat and increase diversity of native birds and other animals, while providing shelter for stock and creating a more pleasant place to live and work. The farm has hosted numerous field days over the years showcasing our achievements.

I have been involved with Landcare groups in the Boorowa region since the late 1980s, being on Landcare committees continuously for over 20 years, and a good portion of that as President of Boorowa Community Landcare Group (BCLG). BCLG forged unique partnerships and collaborative arrangements with Local Land Services (and its predecessors), Greening Australia, North Sydney Bush Care, North Sydney Council, Boorowa Council, and the Tzu-Chi Foundation. Achievements included annual group tree planting events, and a community led fox baiting program.

I was a key player in drafting BCLG's Strategic Plan 2014-2019.

In the past I have been coordinator for the local Footrot Eradication Group, a local fox baiting coordinator, and Chief Steward for the local Flock Ewe Competition (6 years) through the Boorowa Show Society.

I have a keen understanding of community as an RFS member of over 30 years. Currently I am a Senior Deputy Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Permit Officer for Boorowa North and Boorowa Hughstonia Brigades. I have been a key player in our brigades developing unique methods such as: first in the region to implement a text alert communications system, subsidising private purchases of decommissioned tankers to boost brigade capabilities, and developing our own brigade-specific training of younger leaders.

I was very critical of the Ovine Johnes eradication campaign managed by the then Rural Lands Protection Boards and do not want similar ill-conceived issues to arise again. I am known for carrying strong opinions that I am prepared to stand by, but I am also very open to listening to other points of view and finding the common ground.

I believe I would be a good representative on the South East Local Land Services Board through learning from the past and looking to the future, by being approachable to community concerns (of the whole South East LLS area) and using straight talking to encourage clear understanding, and I ask for your vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

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INNES, Elizabeth

Born in Batemans Bay to a family with many generations of connection to the land and sea, I have a strong interest in land use planning and advocating for rural issues.

My name is Liz Innes and for the past 50 years, and still to this day, my family operates a successful fishing business out of Batemans Bay on the South Coast of NSW. I currently live on beef cattle property and my family maintains strong links with the fishing, beef cattle, horse breeding and timber industries. It is this historical foundation coupled with my love for the land that drives me to advocate for the best outcomes for rural producers.

Last year, after one term as a councillor, I was popularly elected as Mayor of Eurobodalla Shire Council. I am proud my local community are confident in my leadership and advocacy skills and recognise that my actions speak louder than words.

It is my belief that no landowner should question the value of the Local Land Services and that, on every level, customer needs are being met.

As a firm campaigner for land management and production outcomes, I look to a sustainable future for our industry that starts with a stronger Local Land Services for members and stakeholders across NSW.

Local Land Issues:

Local land issues I advocate for include land management practices and genuine representation for all landowners and rural producers.

My key focus for the Local Land Services is the people – farmers, customers, ratepayers, landowners, partners, stakeholders and investors across NSW.

It is imperative that the Local Land Services continues to delivery worthwhile services and offer genuine and results focussed representation for its stakeholders.

Appointments:

2016 to current: Mayor, Eurobodalla Shire Council

2012 to current: Councillor, Eurobodalla Shire Council

Current Committee appointments:

Rural Producers Advisory Committee (Chair)

Canberra Region Joint Organisation of Councils Committee

Batemans Bay Mackay Park Precinct Sunset Committee (Chair)

Batemans Bay Streetscape Sunset Advisory Committee (Chair)

Business Advisory Committee (Chair)

Eurobodalla Coastal and Environmental Management Advisory Committee (Chair)

Eurobodalla Shire and Bega Valley Shire MOU

Tourism Advisory Committee (Chair)

Past committee and board appointments:

NSW Farmers Association (previous President and Secretary of Moruya branch)
Rural Lands Steering Committee
Moruya Quarry Park Steering Committee
Eurobodalla Heritage Advisory Committee (Chair)
Eurobodalla Coastal Management Advisory Committee
Moruya Racecourse Management Committee (Chair)
Moruya Showground Management Committee (Chair)

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ALDERS, William Scott (Bill)

I own and operate my large grazing properties in a full time capacity, and have done for the past 50 years. This operation run both sheep and cattle, and employs a number of local people and contractors. At times in the past I have also derived additional 'off farm' income by Wool Classing and operational management of other additional rural properties. I am a 5th generation Grazier with a passion for the ongoing and viable future for farmers and the lands they manage, as well as their concerns.

Currently I am a member of the NSW Farmers Association, and Secretary of the Taralga Wild Dog Group. I have also been a past Board Member of the Rural Lands Protection Board, and was the Captain of the Bannaby RFS for many years before its' amalgamation into the Taralga RFS brigade.

If elected my priorities as an LLS Board Member as a representative for the rural community would be:

- Bio Security
- Noxious Weeds
- LLS Staff Welfare

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SHAW, Daniel Mark

Tired of paying Local Land Services rates and not seeing value for money? Worried you are being forced to pay rates that are being used for purposes other than why they are imposed? If so, a vote for me will support the start of a meaningful change returning value and purpose for the rates imposed upon you. If this cannot be achieved, I will work hard to make paying rates voluntary to landholders who feel they get value for money.

My name is Daniel Shaw and I reside in the Shoalhaven.

I have a wealth of experience across the agricultural sector involving farming, production and, as a former Senior Manager for Local Land Services and its predecessor organisations (LHPA and RLPB), I have extensive experience in Biosecurity and Emergency Management having spent more than a decade working and overseeing Local, State and National programs. Biosecurity and emergency services are the reason Local Land Services imposes rates on you.

Whilst working for Local Land Services, I was unable to align the organisation's practices with the reason it imposes rates on you and further unable to secure a highly-resourced, skilled and focussed field delivery team to provide essential functions to industry. The ability to achieve accountability and service delivery was in conflict with the organisation's local agenda. However, this did not stop me putting the interests of ratepayers ahead of my own, a decision which resulted in me being harassed, bullied and forced out of employment after whistle blowing on alleged wrongdoings involving the suspected inappropriate use of ratepayer funds.

Since the commencement of Local Land Services, the South-East region has lost its entire executive team and 50% of its staff. It now seeks to appoint a fourth General Manager (in less than four years) and has deleted operational staff and resources from key programs and services instead favouring an increase in management and back office roles leaving only a little of the budget for key roles in core ratepayer funded Biosecurity and Emergency Services functions. This is all within an environment of adverse governance reviews, staff surveys highlighting issues and an organisation which has chewed up former LHPA and RLPB capital assets and cash reserves accumulated prior to Local Land Services.

A vote for me will support the direct combatting for the direction South East Local Land Services has taken over the last three years. I will work to reintroduce accountability to ratepayers to ensure rates are only used for Biosecurity and Emergency Services functions, ensure your District Veterinarians and key Biosecurity staff are resourced and supported, ensure there is a stop to excessive Board related expenses and, if this proves an unrealistic expectation, I will work hard to make the payment of rates a voluntary option for landholders who feel there is value in doing so.

Do you want another three years of paying rates and not seeing any returns? If not then a vote for me is a must.

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KIRKPATRICK, Wayne Robert

Current Occupation – Company Director and small grazier, Black Angus cattle

I'm an experienced company Director of listed companies, privately owned unlisted companies and industry groups. As Managing Director & CEO I led significant turnarounds to high shareholder, tourism industry and customer acclaim of some of Australia's most important and large scale integrated resorts, namely:

- Thredbo Alpine Resort, NSW, 1984 – 1989
- Mirage Port Douglas and Gold Coast Resorts, Qld, 1989 – 1992
- Ayers Rock Resort, NT, 1992 – 1996
- Hamilton Island, Qld, 1996 – 2005

In 2003 I successfully completed a management buy-out of Hamilton Island for a consideration in excess of \$200 million. I sold my shareholding in 2005 and moved to reside in Thredbo, since then advising a select list of clients through my privately owned corporate advisory and investment firm Deepkeel Investments Pty Limited and I've been establishing a 40.5ha cattle grazing property and new home near Jindabyne.

My experience includes:

- Director, Destination Network Southern NSW, appointed December 2016 for a four-year term by the NSW Govt to grow the visitor economy in southern NSW
- Chairman, Organising Committee for the Snowy Mountains ITU (International Triathlon Union) Cross Triathlon World Championships staged in November 2016 at Lake Crackenback Resort, 2015 – 2016
- Business & Shareholder Strategy for Federal Hotel Group, Tasmania, 2013
- Master Plan and Business Plan for Walker Corporation's Yaukuve Island, Fiji, 2013
- Business & Shareholder Strategy for APT (Australian Pacific Touring), 2011 – 2012
- Vice Chairman & Treasurer, Tourism Snowy Mountains, 2011 – current
- Advising Delaware North Australia in its acquisition of Lizard, Heron & Wilson Islands, Qld, Kings Canyon, NT and El Questro Station, WA, 2009 – 2010
- Advising Wana Ungkuntja Pty Ltd in its \$300 million acquisition of Ayers Rock Resort in the NT with ILC (Indigenous Land Corporation), 2008 – 2011
- Director, Tourism Tasmania & Chairman of Tourism Tasmania's Audit Risk & Finance Committee, 2006 – 2012
- Member, TRRAC, (advisory group to the Federal Govt's Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority) seven years over two terms ending in 2013
- Member of the Federal Govt's National Oceans Advisory Group, 2007-2008
- Director, Tourism Australia and member of its Audit, Finance & Risk Committee and member of JIMG (Japan Industry Monitoring Group), 2004 – 2007
- Founding Chairman, National Tourism Alliance, 2002
- Chairman, Tourism Council of Australia, 1999 – 2003
- Commodore, Hamilton Island Yacht Club, 1996 – 2005
- Chairman, Tourism Whitsundays and Investment Strategy Group, 1998 – 2002

- Founding Director in 1989 of TTF (Tourism Task Force) and second term from 2003
- Director, AMPTO (Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators) in Qld, 1996 – 2003
- Commissioner, NT Tourism, 1992 – 1995
- Director, ASAA (Australian Ski Areas Association), 1984 – 1989
- Founding Director, Rydges Hotels, 1988
- Director of various Lend Lease Group Companies (Lend Lease Leisure, Lend Lease Homes, Lend Lease Residential, Country Comfort Motels and Thredbo), 1984 – 1989

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YEATMAN, Stuart

I bring to this position qualifications and experience in agriculture, small business operation, community participation, working with industry and government and practical agricultural education and training.

I have lived in the Illawarra region of NSW all my life and have successfully run a beef cattle operation in the Gerringong area for the last 25 years.

I undertook my agricultural training at Hawkesbury Agricultural College prior to establishing Gerringong Rural Services in 1982.

My business has serviced the rural land owners as well as some of the large industrial companies in the Shoalhaven and Illawarra areas undertaking weed management and advisory services, farm management, pasture management, design and construction of farm infrastructure.

I have also been a TAFENSW teacher in Agriculture and Animal Science since 1984, full-time for the last 6 years.

From 2003 to 2008, I was a Board Director on the Moss Vale Rural Lands Protection Board ("RLPB"). I was elected Chairman of the Moss Vale RLPB from 2006-2008.

I was elected Deputy Chairman to the Board of Cumberland Livestock Health and Pest Authority in 2009.

During this period, I championed the idea of a "one stop shop" for rural landholders to conduct their business and saw the first step towards this with the opening of a Livestock Health and Pest Authority ("LHPA") office in the Department of Primary Industries offices at Berry. This has now become a reality with the establishment of the Local Land Services offices on the same site.

During my tenure at the LHPA, I played a key role in supporting the establishment of the Illawarra Deer Control Program. This program allows deer control for the community benefit utilising external funding.

I have 30 years experience in delivering training to the agricultural sector and, if elected, will be able to enhance and support South East LLS in developing and delivering programs for the ratepayers of the region.

I have training and experience in the areas of corporate governance and experience working in a team environment.

Providing a service to Ratepayers servicing has always been a key issue for me. It is vital that we see value returned to all ratepayers to tackle local land management issues.

Working in my small business and at TAFE I have a close working relationship with the rural sector of the region and understand the diverse range of landholder needs within this part of South East LLS.

In the area of community service I am currently a member of the Berry Show Committee and have also served in various elected executive positions in our local Pony Club movement including President of Berry Pony Club and Treasurer of our Zone Pony Clubs.

Please support my election as a Director on South East LLS.

With your vote I can work towards ensuring that rate monies are used in a fair and equitable manner across the South East LLS for the benefit of all ratepayers.

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BURGE, Stuart

Greetings. My name is Stuart Burge, I live at Numeralla and I am seeking the support of landholders throughout the south-east to be re-elected to the Board of the South East Local Land Services.

I wish to emphasise that not only do I believe that I have the necessary knowledge and experience to again undertake this important responsibility but that such is my passion and love for the south-east region and the farming communities who live here that I have committed my whole professional career as an agronomist to working in this region and raising my family here.

Importantly that commitment also now extends to ensuring that Local Land Services is a success not only for the benefit of all landholders but also for the environment and welfare of our grazing industries.

I am probably best known in my professional capacity as an experienced agronomist firstly as a previous District Agronomist at Cooma for many years and more recently since 1995 as an independent private agronomist.

During this considerable time period I have come to know and appreciate first-hand the issues that confront all landowners – both large and small – on a daily basis not only in terms of farm productivity and profitability but also the key importance of biosecurity, natural resource management and biodiversity conservation. This includes weeds, feral animals, wild dogs, water quality, native vegetation policy and animal health – all important issues which are relevant to and impacted by LLS.

This insight and understanding of the key issues and needs gained from many years of practical experience working throughout the whole of the south-east region – including the southern tablelands, southern highlands, south coast and Monaro – is something that I uniquely possess.

Importantly I would like to emphasise too that I have considerable experience working with industry, government and other partners in providing regional service delivery including such organisations as CMA's, MLA, AWI, CSIRO, NSW DPI and of course within LLS itself.

While many have questioned my wisdom/sanity in seeking re-election I am doing so because I am absolutely committed to ensuring that this organisation is a success.

Understandably I am fully familiar with all of the many issues – both internal and external – facing LLS and I am therefore able to 'hit the ground running' if re-elected. Indeed this need for continuity and consolidation in the face of so much change and uncertainty is one of the main reasons for my standing again.

During my first term I feel confident that I personally made a valuable contribution especially in terms of my willingness to share my experience and engage actively in all aspects of Board discussions.

Indeed my strengths as a Director were assessed as being "dynamic and entrepreneurial; keen to explore and develop new ideas"; and "one who always seeks to be at the cutting edge of change".

I ask for your support in re-electing me to the board of SE LLS and I look forward to the challenge on your behalf.

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COOK, Marie Catherine

I have resided at East Lynne in Shoalhaven Shire for 21 years. I am 62 years old, retired, and a very active member of the local community. I am an Advanced Firefighter with the Depot Beach brigade of the Rural Fire Service. I volunteer as a welfare counsellor with St Vincent de Paul, and as a volunteer pastoral carer in an aged care facility. I extend my communication and public speaking skills as an active member of Toastmasters. I have degrees in Arts, Science (Computer Science and Mathematics), and Psychology. My husband and I operated an organic horticultural enterprise at East Lynne before we retired.

I have been nominated as a candidate for the LLS Board by an elder of the Walbunga Yuin people. I see myself as a custodian of the land for future generations, and know that custodianship works when local communities share ownership and responsibility for their areas. As an example of my commitment to sustainability, I practise traditional Indigenous mosaic burning to reduce bushfire fuel loads and enhance living conditions for native plants and animals.

From 1996 to 2008, I commuted to work in the Public Service in Canberra. Towards the end of those years, I was a Senior Executive in the Commonwealth Department of Education, responsible for IT Infrastructure. In this role, I displayed skills in leadership, strategic planning and management, audit, financial control, and risk management. I developed stakeholder relationships and demonstrated a commitment to good governance and accountability. I also developed expertise in regional service delivery with infrastructure spanning 46 sites across Australia. I worked effectively with industry, federal and state government, and partners within the department.

In summary, I am committed to ensuring the LLS Board contributes to appropriate economic, social and environmental outcomes. I believe in resilient, self-reliant and prepared local communities. I value biosecure, profitable, and sustainable primary industries. My rural holding is largely forested, and I am passionate about healthy, diverse, and connected natural environments. As a Board member, I will be collaborative, innovative and commercially focused.

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HICKS, Craig Bruce

DOB: 1957 London Immigrated to Australia with parents age 6 Parents were Australian 5th generation

School: Cronulla primary Woolooware High Wollongong Uni (some)

Family: 2 adult sons second first marriage Second marriage 1 daughter 4 years old

Work: Worked for Burroughs as technician for 4 years (now Unisys)

Ran AV business Caringbah Sydney for 25 years Now work with son in AV wholesale business

Rural: Owned small farm Jamberoo 70 Acres app 1983 to 1997

Now own small farm Mount Kembla 100 Acres

Interests: Bikes motor and push, exercise, family, boats, travel when time and dollars allow

Views: I would like to have input to some of the directions that influence rural land holders.

Noxious weeds of many types affect my property. Hopefully I will overcome them with more time if and when retirement age allows. We are also influenced by many government arms with little holistic approach, both in terms of planning and regulations affecting what we are able to undertake. I believe that there is need for more clarity and ease for landholders to be able to interact with government sector. I feel this could be achieved with a government portal for all government departments. I feel that there is too much load placed on the landholder by people far away and remote. I also feel that much of the population do not appreciate the hardships or farming and rural life and get frustrated that there is little empathy or consideration to those whom choose or are born into farming and rural life. I hope I can contribute to improving outcome for decisions, which I can influence for farming rural landholders.

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O'CONNOR, John

John O'Connor - generally known as JOC (my initials)
Grazier on property, Brogo NSW

Diploma of Applied science (Agriculture) (Wagga)
Post Graduate Diploma of Science (Agricultural Studies) (Wagga)
Master of Science in Agriculture (Sydney Uni)
Married with 5 children

Worked in NSW Agriculture, DPI and LLS between 1991 and 2016; in pasture establishment, pasture research, natural resource management, strategic planning, and livestock advisory roles on the Southern Tablelands and south coast.

Worked as part of Ministerial Committees on water management – representing agricultural interests on the south coast.

Assisted with Emergency Management event in bushfires, floods and exotic disease outbreaks (Avian influenza and horse flu (EI)).

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WILSON, Stephen

NO INFORMATION RECEIVED.

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ROWLEY, Ted

Current occupation:

Primary producer (cattle) in the Monaro District.

Qualifications:

Degree in Agricultural Science; Certified Practicing Agriculturalist; Member Australian Institute of Agriculture.

Employment experience:

30 years farming beef cattle and working as a professional in agricultural research (grains, animal production, market development), extension (Natural resource management, landcare, productive systems) and biosecurity (pest plant and animal management) experience in WA, Victoria and NSW. My farming experience has been in WA and now NSW.

Industry/community positions held:

- Member of SE Local Land Services Community Advisory Group for the Monaro/Palerang District 2016/17;
- Member of the Southern Ranges Regional Advisory Committee for the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service 2016/2017;
- Deer control: Working with neighbouring farmers, LLS and research groups for the listing of deer as pest animals and for improvements in the control of deer in the Southern Slopes and SE Region of NSW – 2015 to 2017;
- Member of the NSW Rural Fire Services, Ingebyra Unit;
- Governor WWF Australia.

My interest in joining the SE LLS Board is to support:

- Development of more productive and sustainable farming systems especially in the grazing industries in the SE Region;
- Help build farmer neighbourhood groups for cross boundary actions for weed and pest animal control;
- Better service delivery to land managers by the SE LLS organisation.

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RAY, Sophie

I live and work on my family vineyard near Berry, in the Shoalhaven region. When my husband and I took over the vineyard ten years ago, it was in a poor state, with rampant disease, poorly maintained infrastructure and no business or long-term management plan. With support from many in our local community, including Local Land Services, we have rehabilitated the land and vineyard and built a successful agricultural business. We grow grapes and make our own wine on site, run a cellar door that's open seven days and provide accommodation, restaurant and wedding facilities. We run a small herd of alpacas, which we breed, and provide high schools and universities with educational opportunities, including internships, for agriculture and business students.

We also work closely with local farmers in other sectors. We sell cheese supplied directly to us by our local dairy farmers, promote our local oyster growers at our functions during the year, employ staff who are involved in the local equine industry and work with local alpaca breeders to promote alpaca products including wool and meat.

Before taking over the vineyard, I was a corporate lawyer, specializing in commercial and regulatory litigation, with Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Sydney and London. I managed a team of lawyers with a significant budget. I also sat on the Board of the Pricewaterhouse Coopers Foundation, a not-for-profit that worked with organisations such as Beyond Blue, Mission Australia and World Vision.

I'm very involved in our local community, as the secretary of the Shoalhaven Education Fund (providing grants to disadvantaged local young people to assist with their post-school studies or employment); as a Board Member of the Shoalhaven Womens' Resource Group (supporting women exiting prison and rehabilitation in moving back to the Shoalhaven); and as a Director on the Board of Big Fat Smile, a not-for-profit employing over 700 people with a turnover of around \$40 million p.a.

I also have regular contact with members of our local indigenous community, through my work with the SWRG, and involvement with Wawinda (the main provider of health services for Indigenous Women on the NSW South Coast).

In all of these roles, I'm involved in strategic planning, financial and risk management. The roles also involve me working with local Council and Federal and State government departments, which fund some of these organisations.

I'm a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and will be undertaking my Company Director's course in May.

I'm standing for election to the Local Land Services Board (South East) because I want to support the organization which provides assistance to all of us in the agricultural industry; and because I believe my mix of agricultural and Board experience, legal and business skills, would be beneficial to the Board, and allow me to make a valuable contribution to the future of agriculture in the region.

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DALITZ, Jen

Hello LLS ratepayers. My name is Jen Dalitz and I'm a respected and responsible landowner in my local community in Joadja, in the NSW Southern Highlands. It is possible to maintain a living and a lifestyle on the land, and I'm a passionate advocate for the role of both agriculture and the environment in preserving Australia's unique ecosystems for our future generations. Having planted over 4,000 native trees on our property, and implemented preservation and biodiversity zones, our farm is a living, breathing example of how the two can co-exist.

Growing up in the country, then achieving professional success in the city, I bought my first farm in the area twelve years ago with my husband Ric. We now have around 500ha under management, farming predominantly Angus/Wagyu beef cattle along with a successful niche in breeding donkeys that are sought after across Australia.

We apply biodynamic principles to our farming operations, using non-chemical solutions wherever possible such as organic fertilizing, selective weed grazing, fencing waterways, slashing, mulching and planting tree corridor areas to improve biodiversity and soil and water quality. We do all of this to preserve and restore the local ecosystems and to ensure the long-term sustainability of our pastures.

Directors on the Local Land Services board are entrusted with many responsibilities and governance obligations, which I understand very well. I am a Graduate of the Company Directors Course (AICD) with ten years' experience on Boards, including four years as Chair of a national education foundation, responsible for strategy, finance, marketing, fundraising, communications and stakeholder engagement.

Professionally, I am a Certified Practising Accountant with over twenty years' experience in financial services and strategy, in commercial roles and with a top tier management consulting firm. And I bring fifteen years' experience holding a variety of decision-making and leadership roles to CEO level, across a variety of sectors and segments, and leading teams both large and small. I was recognised in the inaugural IN THE BLACK 40 Young Business Leaders List, received an Edna Ryan Workplace Award for improving the working conditions of Australian women, and have been a finalist in the Telstra Business Owners Awards.

Within the LLS South East Region, there are thousands of small businesses operating on landholdings, in primary production, e-commerce and other service offerings. Having started three successful enterprises in the online, agricultural and professional services sectors, I understand the challenges small business operators face and I am well placed to represent these interests on the Board.

True to my country roots, I'm a motivated self-starter with a proven ability to deliver. I bring a very collaborative leadership style to the boardroom table and am conscious to facilitate a balanced and fair discussion on all board matters. Beyond that though, I'm more than a fence sitter and always ready to roll up my sleeves as and when required to get the job done. I look forward to the prospective of serving my community on the local LLS Board.

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WILSON, Mac

I live on a Merino and Beef cattle property near Crookwell NSW. This has provided me with experience in both the good times and the hard times. These have been shared by my wife and children (we are still here!).

With a strong community focus I have been involved in many local organisations (Rural Fire Brigades, Show Societies, etc) and proudly watch as the next generation step into these roles.

I have always had a strong interest and focus on Animal Health, Biosecurity, Landcare and Feral Animal Control and have supported and strongly promoted activities in these areas while being an elected director on previous Boards.

- Yass Rural Lands Protection Board for 13 years.
- Central Tablelands Livestock Health and Pest Authority for 5 years.
- South East Local Land Services elected director for 3 years.

During the time outbreaks of Avian Bird Flu, Ovis Johanes Disease and Equine Influenza have occurred and been controlled. Footrot is also of growing concern. I believe we need a thorough review of current policy and knowledge of this disease aimed at improving the accuracy of diagnosis in suspect flocks. Weeds and noxious plants are a continuing issue which is a constant battle. I am hopeful that the new State Weeds Policy will provide a more coordinated approach to weed control which will benefit landholders.

Over 20 years of representing you as an elected director the role has changed. However, I have at all times put the highest propriety on making sure that the voices of the Farmer are heard and your concerns raised for discussion to try to find a solution. I always fight for the landholder's rights to control their land and that these rights are not eroded.

I am proud of the way the South East Board has over the past three years, moved to be leading change for the benefit of its ratepayers. With the changes in how the Local Land Services are managed to accommodate all the diverse agricultural activities in this area, I am very confident in the direction taken. This is aimed at ensuring excellent and knowledgeable staff and to providing a productive and secure agricultural community.

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