

NSW Local Land Services

Western Region

2017 Local Board Member Election (4 to be Elected)

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LEA-BARRETT, Janine

I, Janine Lea-Barrett, owning, in conjunction with my husband, 'Wilga Canbelego' a property of 1032 hectares, do formally nominate for the Western Region Local Land Services Board.

I am a Local Government Elected Member of Cobar Council, Orana Regional Development Australia Committee member, Chair of the Cobar Region Economic Taskforce, Council delegate to Western Division Councils of NSW, Murray Darling Association and Rural Roads Advisory Committee, Chair of the Western Chapter of Mining Electrical & Mining Mechanical Engineers Society, an affiliation of Engineers Australia, and have previously been a board member for Far North Queensland Electricity Council and I am currently employed by Landmark Russell as the Strategic Business Manager. My diverse background includes running projects in the Torres Straits and in Antarctica and I have an in-depth knowledge in mining, construction, engineering, compliance, business, operational and risk management.

I have knowledge and experience which I wish to utilise for the benefit of the Western Region Land Services, in particular relating to Clause 90 which includes leadership, strategic planning and management, community participation, regional service delivery and working with industry and government, ability in reporting and risk management, knowledge of primary industries and providing services to support this sector with contemporary biosecurity programs in animal and plant health, pest and weed management, emergency management, especially biosecurity and natural disaster emergencies, natural resource management and biodiversity conservation, I have previously worked with Aboriginal groups and communities, and am currently in local government.

I am passionate about the Western Region and am not one to disappear into the background. I tend to say my piece, I listen to what is being said, I ensure all parties have a say, and I make up my own mind based on the information available and the experience I bring to the equation.

I will endeavour to ensure that your voice is heard in relation to all matters before the board and represent your point of view. Please have your say, vote for the candidate you think will best act for interests.

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WASON, Robert John

I, Robert John Wason of Urie Point, Brewarrina NSW, can bring to the Local Land Services Board a wealth of past and current experience.

I have resided in the Western Region since 1970 and have hands on experience having managed my own property since 1970. I am familiar with the complexities of running a property and the ups and downs faced by many of our Landholders and community. I have raised my family in the Western Region and am completely aware of all the issues that are involved in providing a stable, and secure future for future generations.

My experience encompasses:-

4 years as Board Member Brewarrina RLPB

2 years as Chair Brewarrina RLPB

4 years as Chair Darling Livestock Health & Rest Authority

3 years as elected member of the Board Local Land Services Western

8 years as an elected member Brewarrina Shire Council

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McBRIDE, Kate

My name is Kate McBride and I am standing as a candidate for the Western Region Local Land Services Board

I was born and brought up on Tolarno Station located in the western division of NSW, on the Darling River. Tolarno Station and our adjoining properties Peppora and Wyoming Stations total 500,000 acres. We run merino sheep, poll shorthorn cattle and Australian Bush Goats. During the past few years I have spend a significant amount of time working on the properties in all aspects of farm life from mustering to promoting the plight of the Darling River when it was dry for eight months, creating a greater public awareness of damage occurring to the ecosystem.

I completed year 12 at Scotch College in Adelaide in 2015 and recieved academic colours. I began studying a Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Adelaide in 2016 and have since transfered to Commerce (with agricultural electives where possible) in order to gain a better understanding of the business side of agriculture. I am currently spending a mixture of time at Tolarno and in Adelaide due to this study however will be available for any and all commitments.

Sustainability in Agriculture is something I believe very strongly to be a fundamental part of the industry continuing to prosper. At Tolarno we have partaken in a number of projects to restore and protect native vegetation and prevent erosion. Over the past century and a half great damage has been done in the western division through overgrazing and other unsustainable farming practices. New approaches need to be adopted in order to reverse this damage. I believe with my background and growing up in the area I can assist on the Board to create further programs to improve the landscapes for future generations.

I have a firm grounding in all areas of agriculture and a good understanding of the challenges facing the landholders in the western region at this current point in time. I am eager to work closely with graziers and my local community to deliver the appropriate services required, further my knowledge and bring a new dynamic to the Board. As a young female and a progressive and future based sixth generation grazier on one of NSW's largest holding I believe I will bring greater diversity onto the current board and focus on the long term sustainability of the industry. From a very young age I have had a passion for all things agriculture and although I may not have the experience of others, I have a great skill set and am willing to learn quickly and do everything in my power to benefit the community I would be serving.

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LINKLATER, Daniel

I am seeking your support to serve on the Western Local Board. This vast region deserves strong and energetic leadership and that is what I seek to offer.

I reside in Gol Gol and with my wife and two young daughters. With my father Ian and brother James, we farm nearby at Trentham Cliffs Station where our business is predominantly cropping; producing wheat, barley, chickpeas and lentils.

I attended High School at Coomealla and then achieved my Commerce Degree at Flinders University in South Australia. I worked for several years with Ausbulk and then ABB Grain before returning to the family farm in 2007.

I joined the board of Mallee Sustainable Farming (MSF) in 2014 and was appointed its Deputy Chair in 2016. I sit on the Remuneration & Human Resources and Finance & Audit committees and have gained valuable corporate governance experience during this time. MSF completed some exciting trial work on break crops and pasture options at Tapio Station in 2016 and has some exciting projects lined up for the Balranald area this year. Local research is very important for long term viability of our farming and grazing business'. I became a member of NSW Farmers Association in 2016 and attend its Wentworth branch meetings.

I am passionate about agriculture in the Western Division and believe that we can, and must, preserve the long term viability of our farming business'. Agricultural activity remains the lifeblood of our regional communities, and profitable activity ensures future generations can remain within the region if they wish to.

It is important that the public institutions and regulatory bodies we interact with are appropriately informed so that public policy and service delivery models enhance, not diminish, our viability.

Best wishes for the 2017 season.

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MOSELY, Andrew Norman

Occupation:

Director of family pastoral operation – also a current director of the Western Local Board

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Science degree

Experience:

- 1993 – 1997. Working at the Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABRI) in Armidale NSW
- 1997 – To present. Director Manuka (Cobar) P/L & manager of Etiwanda Station, Cobar.
- Sept 2004 – Appointed to the Western Catchment Management Authority (WCMA) board by Craig Knowles, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources.
- Member of the Invasive Native Scrub (INS) Advisory Committee since 2006.
- 2008 – 2011 Member of the Sheep Genetics Australia Lambplan Advisory Committee.
- 2008 – 2013 Vice Chairman of the Western CMA board
- 2014 – 2017 Director of Western Local Board

I would very much like to continue my position as a board member on the Western Local Land Services.

I believe I am well suited to the position, with my long association with the Western Division (WD) and my personal experience and knowledge of the area, I am well aware of the challenges facing fellow stakeholders. The WD of NSW has enormous potential and I would like to be part of the team that offers sensible direction to this unique area.

I have been part of the WD for over 40 years, having grown up here, and supported my family from the business I run on Etiwanda. Through the development of the business, training and observation, I have implemented many innovations into the Etiwanda operation. Some of the ideas implemented are Total Grazing Pressure fencing, to manage feral grazing pressure, sub-divisional fencing to enhance our planned grazing operation, direct sowing of oats to encourage the re-establishment of native perennial grasses and INS management. Over the years I have been responsible for the management of Etiwanda I have transformed our operation into a business that is consistently ranked in the top 20% of most profitable enterprises across NSW, as benchmarked by Holmes and Sackett.

In the last 20 years as a director of our family pastoral company, based near Cobar, I had the role of introducing both the Boer Goat and White Dorper to our operation. My involvement with these breeds saw me assume leadership roles and responsibilities in their establishment. This involvement has also developed my understanding of key livestock management and biosecurity issues as we have exported genetics around Australia and also to China, the USA and New Zealand.

I was part of the WCMA board from 2004 and was Vice Chair from 2008-2013. As part of my WCMA board membership, I completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors training, where I gained valuable experience in the workings of corporate governance and the roles and responsibilities of board members. I was also a member of the audit and risk committee for 3 years.

I am keen to continue to contribute my skills and knowledge to the development of the WD and I am prepared to commit the time required to do this well.

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THOMPSON, Tony

My name is Tony Thompson, I am a farmer and grazier based on the Darling River, with my wife, Meredith, 10 km south of Bourke in Western NSW. Our current farming operation involves irrigated cotton and sheep production.

I put myself forward as a candidate for the Western LLS Board and, should I be successful, would assist the board to capture and maximise on the opportunities which our region offers. I am a strong believer in innovation and, as a board member, would be encouraging the organization to foster new and exciting opportunities focused on landscape function and improved producer profitability.

I am a former board member of the WCMA and am familiar with financial and governance components of being a part of a government board. I am aware of the ever shrinking budget which the LLS has to operate and would assist the board to seek alternate funding sources, such as maximising opportunities for graziers through the Emissions Reduction Fund.

I am currently Chairman of Barwon Darling Water, which represents water users along the Barwon Darling Rivers and a member of the Local Community Advisory Group which provides comment and recommendations to the WLLS Board. Both these roles give me a good understanding of the opportunities and challenges which face our major agricultural enterprises within the region.

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LEIGO, Neill Robert

Neill Leigo has been living and working in the Wanaaring District since 1972. He purchased his property, "Allundy", near Wanaaring, in August 1978, which he has been operating as a grazing enterprise for the past 39 years.

Neill has been a Board Member of Local Land Services Western region since its inception in 2014, he was a member of the Wanaaring Pastures Protection Board and Wanaaring Rural Lands Protection Board as a Director for 19 years, including 4 years as Chairman and 8 years as Deputy Chairman. He is currently serving his 18th year as a member of the Wild Dog Destruction Board.

Neill was a founding member of the Wanaaring Bestprac Group and the Wattle Vale Area Rangecare Group, serving as Secretary/Treasurer of the latter for 15 years.

Neill has lived and worked most of his life in the New South Wales Western Division and therefore has a very real understanding of the issues which landholders are faced with.

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