

NSW Local Land Services

North West Region

2017 Local Board Member Election (3 to be Elected)

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NICOLLE, Tim

Hi, my name is Tim Nicolle and I am seeking your vote as a director to the Board of North West Local Land Services.

I am a beef cattle producer from the Warialda region and have been doing so all my working life. I have previously been the Chairman of North West NSW Brahman Breeders Association for many years and along with my wife Vicky have run a very successful Brahman stud operation since 1986. We have recently passed the stud on to our daughter Letitia. We now run a commercial cross breeding beef cattle enterprise here at Warialda and have been here for over 30 years.

I have been a past Director of the North West Rural Lands Protection Board, and Livestock Health and Pest Authority and then onto the Local Land Services Boards.

I seek your vote to help bring the producers and rural enterprises to have a say and influence on the decisions and what is achieved by the Local Land Services system.

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CRUICKSHANK, Geoffrey Allan

My name is Geoffrey Allan Cruickshank and I reside at "Warrama".

I am currently a successful self-employed farmer and grazier on property north east of Moree.

I have been an RFS volunteer for 39 years, 3 years as Brigade Captain, 10 years in the Moree Apex Club, trustee of the Poppinguy Union Church and Croppa Creek Public Recreational Reserve, 8 years as an elected Directors Northern Slopes Rural Lands Protection Board and 4 years an elected Director of the North West Livestock and Pest Authority of which 2 years I was a State Policy Council member. I am the current secretary of the Crobble Memorial Hall committee, a member of the Croppa Creek Koala Group, a current member of the Moree Plains Shire Council Road Network Consultative Group, a member of the Moree Motor Enthusiasts Club and Convener of the Warialda Community Advisory Group for the North West Local Land Services and am in my 3rd year in this position.

I have attended and have statement of attendance from the Foundations of Directorships; Governance for Directors; Strategy and Risk and Finance for new Directors in 2011.

I am responsible for biosecurity on my own properties, have asset management skills, maintaining machinery, vehicles and infrastructure in my own business and manage financials to a standard set by accountants.

I am also an occasional TSR user and understand the immense value of the NSW TSR network not only grazing stock they have a huge environmental value to the community as a whole and need to be maintained to an acceptable standard.

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QUINCE, David Michael

By way of introduction, my name is David Quince of “Tambar Vale” Tambar Springs NSW.

I am a farmer and grazier in my late fifties.

My family purchased “Tambar Vale” over twenty years ago, however I have lived in the area for over thirty years either managing, share farming or leasing country.

Curriculum Vitae:

Educated at Knox Grammar School

Graduate of University of Sydney Orange Agricultural College

Fourth generation farmer and grazier

Elected Committee Member of the North West Drought Exceptional Circumstance Advisory Committee – Responsible for lobbying Howard government successfully to enact EC (Exceptional Circumstances) during 2002 drought.

Chairman of Mullaley Gas and Pipeline Accord (MGPA) – Landowner group who have successfully lobbied to prevent coal seam gas and associated infrastructure from encroaching onto the Liverpool Slopes and Plains in the Marys Mount, Mullaley and Tambar Springs area.

Councillor on Gunnedah Shire Council from 2012 until 2016. While fulfilling the role as councillor I gained certificates of attendance for the following courses.

1. Long Term and Financial Planning
2. Effective Fair Meeting Practice
3. Conflict of Interest and Model Code of Conduct

I would like to apply for one of the vacant positions on the North-West Local Land Services Board. I feel that my current occupation and past experience and knowledge gained as an elected representative as both a councillor on Gunnedah Shire Council and member of the North West Drought Exceptional Circumstance Advisory Committee cover the requirements as stated under the Local Land Services Regulations Act 2014.

I would like to declare that I am a farmer and grazier and am passionate about agriculture and its future. I am very concerned about the current threat of inappropriate mining on or near agricultural land. I also wish to declare that I have no tolerance of the coal seam gas industry which I believe independent science has stated poses an unacceptable risk to not only our water but also our reputation as “clean and green agricultural producers”. This reputation would never be regained in contamination occurred and while ever you cannot insure or indemnify against risks posed by the industry, I will oppose it.

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McMAHON Annie J

Currently active business partner for 30 years in our Primary Production Business dry land farming, cattle, sheep, wool and fat lambs, lot feeding fat lambs for optimum weights for sale. This business has spanned geographical areas, Spring Plains to Hebel, Collarenebri, back to Burren Junction and currently includes a small LLS stock route lease. As a Partner undertaking weekly data entry, BAS and formulate budgets, cash flows, business plans, submissions and farm plans as required. Successfully utilised the stock route with "traveling permit" in times of drought.

We farm for the future as our children will continue here and our methods are conservative to ensure a successful farming enterprise.

As a Local Shire Councillor has improved my skills in making informed equitable decisions as part of the local government team for constituents Shire wide and increased my knowledge of the area and people of the Narrabri Shire and ongoing learning with Local Government.

As a previous Manager in Health for over twenty years has given me transferable skills in strategic planning, service delivery, risk management, financial acumen and communication. In most roles I managed across geographical sites managing budgets and finite resources across these large areas. These roles included management across regional, rural and remote areas from Dubbo to Townsville including Palm Island, Ingham, Walgett, Goodooga, Wee Waa and Narrabri. Managing budgets of over \$64million and 400 staff.

I am well practised at meeting structures, as the chair, secretary and member of various committees during my career, from site meetings and committees to regional and state committees, Local Government, to local P and C and Show Committee.

Past member Volunteer Rescue Association, Burren Junction and 2011 during and aftermath of Cyclone Yasi as an active member of the Emergency Operations Centre in Townsville, increased my experience at a high level of disaster management. While utilising my many personal and professional skills, continual analysis, prioritising, empathy, leadership, active communication and most importantly working within a cohesive team for successful safe outcomes in what can be a stressful situation.

I have formulated submissions for funding eg Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) recently have collaboratively formulated a submission for Feral Animals and Noxious Weeds Eradication Plan This involved 7property owners and included over 35,300 hectares. While unsuccessful as a whole, this brought together farmers to discuss the pest and weed issues across the area. This increased our knowledge on eradication issues and successes. From this, we have developed our own Farm Plan to include allocating resources to ensure a more proactive approach to noxious weed and feral animal eradication.

I have worked closely with Aboriginal Lands Council and Aboriginal Medical Services and other Aboriginal groups successfully eg formulation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between AMS and Health, and with Aboriginal groups re scared sites with Farm Plan formulation.

Currently working part time as a Registered Midwife/Nurse.

Qualifications:

Registered Nurse, Registered Midwife, Family Child Health Nurse, Associate Fellow of College of Health Service Management (ACHSM), Farm Office Management and Phoenix Workshops (on going)

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HARRIS, Keith

Current Occupation:

Purchased own property in November 2012.

Semi-retired; however currently developing & farming a small property at Warral; 10 kilometers from Tamworth. Mostly backgrounding & fattening trade cattle. Also breeding horses.

Employment History:

Commence work in Agriculture as a Jackaroo / Bookkeeper on Brunette Downs NT
1971-1972

January 1973 joined Naroo Pastoral Company – Sydney office; whilst undertaking
Agricultural Studies

1977–1981 Farming & Irrigation Overseer for Naroo/Twynam at “Jemalong Station” - Forbes

Riverina District of NSW

1981-1987 Manager “Gundaline Station” – Carrathool – 6,000 Hectare “Row Crop” irrigated
farming.

One of the first farmers who developed no till, permanent bed farming practices.

In 1984 I was promoted to Twynam Pastoral Co-Group Farming & Irrigation Manager.

Supervised all Twynam Pastoral Co farming operations.

1987-1991 General Manager “Cowl Cowl Station” – Hillston 60,000 Ha Irrigation farming &
livestock.

Liverpool Plains Northern NSW

1991-2004 Manager “Milchengowrie” Boggabri – irrigated cotton 10,000 bale, cattle & grain.
An amalgamation of 8 smaller properties.

2002 General Manager South Pacific Agriculture Co / GIO.

2004-2011 Manager “Windy Station” Quirindi – 20,000 Ha on the Liverpool Plain.

Windy Station 10,000 Ha Black-soil, no till farming plus a 12,000 head cattle.

2009 Northern General Manager of Romani Pastoral Company.

2011-2016 Private Consultant for Romani Pastoral Company.

2016-Current Farmer / Grain Growers National Policy Group / Consultant.

Membership & Positions held representing Farming Communities:

I have represented farmers on various committees, including:

- a Farmers representative Trustee ‘Helix Contamination Court Case’ 1994-1996
- Farmers won a landmark court case against Chemical giant ICI.
- b Chairman of the Boggabri Landcare 1996-2003.
- c Upper Namoi Water Users Associations Vice President 1996-2004
- representative Unregulated and Groundwater Advisory Boards.
- Irrigator representative on ‘State Water’.

- d Chairman of the Upper Namoi Cotton Growers 1994-2001.
 - Pilot program grower helping to develop Cotton Australia BMP.
- e Farmer Representative on Gunnedah Chemical Liaison Committee 1994-1997
 - Committee development 'Chemical Drum Muster program.
 - Worked with EPA to develop Chemical Spraying Guidelines.
- f A Grower representative Australian Cotton R&D 1999-2002
- g Director of AgVance Farming – Liverpool Plains 2005-2010.
- h Grower on the GRDC – Northern Panel 2011-2015
- i Member of Grain Growers Ltd – National Policy Group 2015-current.

Summary:

I understand that most successful farmers find it very difficult to find the time to put their hand up for committees and given the fact that I have a reduced workload; I strongly believe I have the appropriate experience & skills to benefit the North West Region.

Strongly believe farmers are looking to the Local Land Services to address priority issues; such as:-

Farm management – improve profitability, etc

- No doubt profitable farmers are more likely to invest to natural resources issues.

Weed management – Farmers are very concerned about the spread of noxious & unwanted weeds & resistance issues.

Pest Control – Wild pigs & kangaroos are still a major concern.

- Wild pig numbers continue to increase spreading diseases & damaging crops.

Biosecurity – spreading of diseases; including those between feral animals & humans.

Natural Resources – Protection of water quality & reserves, soils fertility, etc.

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