

## MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE (Nthn Tas) PROFILES OF 2009/2010 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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**CHAIRPERSON:** Dr Judi Brown-Parker

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:** PhD (Michigan State), Ed Sp (Michigan State), MST (Montana), BPE (Calgary), Dip PE (Sydney) + International Peace scholarship (PEO).

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry experience:** Consultant in leadership and management. Past Chairperson, Georgetown Secondary School Board; past committee member, Wheelers' Hill Secondary College Board. Six years teaching experience in Papua New Guinea. Adopted son from Cook Islands.

**Nationality/ethnicity:** Australian

**Languages:** English

**Joined the Board of Management:** Sep 2006

**Current sub-committee membership:** Strategic Planning; AGM; Organisation Review Report.

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:** To develop a new Strategic Plan; revise the Constitution; review and redesign the Board of Management structure and processes; guide a full review of the Centre's operations; and guide the Centre's implementation of best practice structures, systems and processes.

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**DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON:** Ms Donna Bain

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:** Bachelor of Arts (Tas), Foundations in General Management (Macquarie), internal auditor (ISO 9000:2000).

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry experience:** Fifteen years of experience in not for profit association management including voluntary positions on boards in the adult and community education sector and the disability sports sector. Extensive employee experience in association management, including operations, policy and advocacy. Providing consultancy and training services to not for profit boards, focussing on improving board members' knowledge and understanding of corporate governance and guiding strategic planning.

**Nationality/ethnicity:** Australian

**Languages:** English

**Joined the Board of Management:** Oct 2009

**Current sub-committee membership:** Organisation Review Report.

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:** To enhance the health and well being of migrants and refugees living in Northern Tasmania through advocacy and provision of services and support. To enhance the effectiveness of the Board by applying sound principles of corporate governance and strategic management. To become an active member of the Launceston community.

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**TREASURER:** Mr Mario Amaya

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:** BBus (Accountancy and Business Management)

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry experience:** Affiliate to Migrant Resource Centre since 1991; 35 years experience in the financial services; currently Property Manager for Education Sector.

**Nationality/ethnicity:** El Salvador

**Languages:** Spanish and English

**Joined the Board of Management:** 2005

**Current sub-committee membership:** Finance.

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:** To improve our delivery services for ethnic communities.

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**SECRETARY:** Mr Duncan Payton

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:** B Bus (personnel management and industrial relations), Grad Dip (Urban and Regional Planning).

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry**

**experience:** Certified Practicing Planner; Manager of the Planning and Development Business Unit of the Northern Midlands Council; Member of the Planning Institute of Australia, the Local Government Managers Australia and the Scamander Surf Life Saving Club.

**Nationality/ethnicity:** Australian

**Languages:** English

**Joined the Board of Management:** Sep 2008

**Current sub-committee membership:**

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:** To clarify and strengthen the relationship between the Committee and the Centre and with the wider community.

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**PUBLIC OFFICER:** Mr Peter Barns

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:** Bachelor of Theology (Melbourne), Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors.

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry**

**experience:** CEO and Public Officer General Practice Workforce Inc, an organisation that recruits overseas Doctors for Tasmania.

**Origin:** Australia

**Languages:** English

**Joined the Board of Management:** Oct 2009

**Current sub-committee membership:** Organisation Review Report.

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:** To provide leadership and vision as a group so that the objectives are met, the CEO and staff feel valued and supported, and the reputation of the MRC North is second to none.

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**BOARD MEMBER:** Dr Robert Andrew

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:** PhD (Tas), MEd (Tas), Dip. Ed, B.Arts (NSW).

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry**

**experience:** Doctoral research on distributed leadership for improved outcomes; further research on advanced teaching for students with disabilities in regular schools. Recently retired University Teaching and Learning Fellow, Research Supervisor for Doctoral and Masters level tertiary students; and Co-ordinator South Pacific Teaching Practice Program (Vanuatu). Founding Principal, 1981-1987 Mt Arthur Family School, a non-aligned community school in Lilydale, which has, in recent years operated as a community learning centre. Established the "Kalahari School for Everything", a special university program for refugees. Closely involved in the recently established MRC/University Drive-for-Life program.

**Nationality/ethnicity:** Australian

**Languages:** English; fluent Bislama, a creole language and one of the official languages of Vanuatu; also conversational French.

**Joined the Board of Management:** Jan 2009

**Current sub-committee membership:** Organisation Review Report.

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:** To develop our governance that gives a solid base to operations alongside creative, shared leadership.

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**BOARD MEMBER:** Mr Brian Austin

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:** BA (Oxon)

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry**

**experience:** Qualifications in, and 40 years' experience of, resource management including, recently, three years teaching the subject at university level. 30 years experience of working in non-English speaking countries including working with humanitarian refugees in Africa and Asia. Many years experience as a member on the Boards of not-for-profit organisations.

**Origin:** Great Britain

**Languages:** English

**Joined the Board of Management:** Oct 2009

**Current sub-committee membership:** Finance.

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:** To use my skills and experience to help to ensure that the MRCs in northern Tasmania are adequately resourced for the work that they are asked to do. Also, I would aim to ensure that the resources deployed by the MRCs are used as efficiently and effectively as possible. Finally, I would also like to do what I can to help the staff of the MRCs respond to the needs of migrants imaginatively and creatively.

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**BOARD MEMBER:** Mr Andrew Harris

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:** BE (Adelaide), Grad Dip Env St (Adelaide) , Grad Dip Counselling Psychology (Monash).

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry**

**experience:** Registered Psychologist working in private practice and at the University Department of Rural Health. Former Coordinator of the Phoenix Centre Counselling Service for Survivors of Torture and Trauma. Currently studying Masters in Health Science (UTAS) investigating culturally appropriate counselling for African men in Tasmania.

**Nationality/ethnicity:** Australian

**Languages:** English

**Joined the Board of Management:** Sep 2009

**Current sub-committee membership:**

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:** Development of quality counselling programs and trauma support for migrants and humanitarian entrants.

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**BOARD MEMBER:** Ms Jane Oakley-Lohm

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:** Dip Counselling (Australian Institute of Professional Counselling), Cert IV Small Business Management, Cert II Aboriginal Family Well Being, Registered Mediator (LEADR).

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry**

**experience:** Management Tourism Hospitality/ Sales and Marketing, Justice of the Peace SA, Coroner, 30 years living remote and rural Central Australia including work with Aboriginals, Project Manager in Government projects encompassing liaising with rural and remote Aboriginal communities.

**Nationality/ethnicity:** Australian

**Languages:** English

**Joined the Board of Management:** Oct 2009

**Current sub-committee membership:**

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:** To become involved with positive changes and moving forward towards new strategic plans for the benefit of the organisation.

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**BOARD MEMBER:** Mr Darryl Wright

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:** Solicitor's admission examination, Queensland Solicitor's Board, Registered Mediator (QLD Law Society).

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry**

**experience:** Practicing solicitor for 29 years; Senior Legal Advisor to Launceston City Council for four years.

**Nationality/ethnicity:** Australian

**Languages:** English

**Joined the Board of Management:** Oct 2009

**Current sub-committee membership:**

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:** To provide support to the Centre so that assistance to the migrant community can be optimised. To help the general community better understand the work of the Centre and the particular difficulties facing the migrant community.

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**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Mrs Jodie Campbell

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:**

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry**

**experience:** MP and Labour representative for Bass. Previously Alderman, Launceston City Council 2002-07; Deputy Mayor 2005-07; legal secretary.

**Nationality/ethnicity:** Australian

**Languages:** English

**Joined the Board of Management:** July 2009

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:**

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**STATE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:** (vacant)

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Mr Ian Norton

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**Academic qualifications & Awards:** Cert Applied Science, Churchill Fellow.

**Other credentials relevant to the MRC Board of Management including industry**

**experience:** Founder and CEO of Reptile Rescue Incorporated.

**Nationality/ethnicity:** Australian

**Languages:** English

**Joined the Board of Management:** April 2008

**Personal objectives for Board of Management achievement:** To assist with the settlement and integration of new arrivals in Tasmania and to liaise with Launceston City Council on MRC issues.

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