



# Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel 2022 – 2024

## **Claudia Bailey**, Individual Member

Claudia Bailey is a proud disabled person who is passionate about improving the human rights and accessibility of people with disabilities. Claudia is a Disability Inclusion Advisor and works in partnership with the Disability Movement to bring about systematic change in international development and humanitarian programs. Claudia provides technical assistance to the likes of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, DFAT and international NGOs across the globe, to strengthen their skills and capacity for disability inclusion.

Claudia has Postgraduate studies in Disability Inclusion, and a Master of Disaster Studies (thesis on disability-inclusive disaster response).

## **Jeanette Bath**, Individual Member

Jeanette is a subject matter expert in the Access and Inclusion Field, having commenced in this area in 2005 and actively participated as the South Australian representative on many committees, including:

- Australian Government National Accessible Public Transport Advisory Committee
- Australian Government Accessible Public Transport Jurisdictional Committee

- Australasian Railways Association National Disability Policy Committee
- Australian Government Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 Modernisation Committee
- Australian Standards relating to technical issues

Jeanette has a strong social conscience and in-depth knowledge of the barriers that can face people with disabilities and CALO people, and possesses strong technical competence relating to Infrastructure (buildings) and Public Transport, as well as a proven ability to provide strategic, expert and impartial advice on the development, implementation, monitoring and review of policies, strategies, projects and plans.

Jeanette welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Panel and utilise both her knowledge and networks to advance the inclusion of people with disability.

### **Shona Edwards, Individual Member**

Shona Edwards is a cancer survivor who travelled to the Czech Republic in 2018 for proton beam radiation therapy. The position of her tumour and the aggravation of treatment caused a minor incomplete spinal cord injury, leaving Shona using walking sticks, a wheelchair and managing chronic pain. Since returning, Shona joined the Youth Advisory Group for South Australia's Youth Cancer Service and has joined Canteen Australia's Youth Leadership team as a Youth Ambassador. As a founding member of the Disability, Illness Divergence Association at the University of Adelaide,

Shona advocates for disability awareness and support services in higher education.

### **Jayson Hanrahan, Individual Member**

Jayson has tertiary qualifications in business and marketing, over twenty years professional experience in the Australian disability and community services sector, and a passion for promoting the rights and inclusivity for people with disabilities.

Jayson's professional knowledge and experience has been gained through working in senior management roles across marketing, communications, business development, funding acquisition, client services, and stakeholder engagement

portfolios within the Australian Government and not-for-profit sectors. He has worked for organisations including the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games, the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, Guide Dogs Australia, The Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, UnitingCare Queensland, the National Disability Insurance Agency, and Beyond Blindness (formerly Blind Welfare SA).

He has been a Non-executive Director of Blind Citizens Australia, the Victorian Disabled Sports Advisory Committee, and the Australian Water-Ski Federation – Disabled Division.

### **Debra Swann, Individual Member**

When a Deaf person being experiencing trauma or severe life stressors because of barriers, it is common for their lives to unravel. Especially when they are limited to support, inclusion and access to information in their first language.

Debra is a qualified Deaf Social Worker with over 20 years' experience in the disability sector. She is currently employed as a Services Lead/Family Social Worker with Can:Do Group. She has completed Master of Social Work and Bachelor of Human Services as well is Diploma of Alcohol and other Drugs and Mental Health.

Debra is also 2018 Churchill fellowship, which focus on domestic abuse in the Deaf Community and the lack of services for deaf survivors. This is a result of her personal experienced and her passion in providing support to members of the Deaf Community and services providers to provide culturally appropriated services and information to Deaf people around Australia.

### **Jung Yoon, Individual Member**

Jung Yoon is a mother of a child with severe autism and intellectual disability. Jung is also a Research Associate at the Centre for Social Impact (CSI) at Flinders University. She supports cross-cultural research projects between Australia and South Korea by building project concepts and connecting to project relevant bodies in South Korea. Currently she is working on research projects around disability employment in Australia and South Korea.

Jung has focused on building accessible, inclusive and innovative working environments to enable socio-economic inclusion for people with cognitive disability, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and intellectual disabilities. Jung's research interests include disability employment, social enterprise management, inclusive corporate culture, and social and disability-related policies under the jurisdiction of other countries.

### **Verity Moreland, Proxy Member**

Verity is a highly experienced executive who has worked for iconic brands, driving strategic business outcomes. With a strong affinity for community and the disability sector, Verity has delivered innovative and transformative strategies for people with an intellectual disability at Bedford, has driven record community engagement levels at City of Playford and has volunteered at Adelaide Hills Council working with their Ageing Community team. She has Board experience and has worked across multiple sectors in both public and private sectors.

Verity has 2 (adult) children and lives in the beautiful Adelaide Hills.

### **Tony Russo, Proxy Member**

Tony has a strong disability sector experience, having served 7 years as Board Member with Lighthouse disability, 4 years as the Treasurer, Chair of the Finance; audit committee, and member of Risk management, and the Housing infrastructure committee. He has participated in a variety of out session strategic and business planning sessions, project and infrastructure planning, and the complex detail transition of the implementation of the NDIS.

He is tertiary qualified as a CPA, and a member of the institute of company directors.

Tony has first-hand personal experience with a very close family member suffering with both severe mental and physical disability. This has been a strong interest in wanting to use his personal experience and business skills to where possible, assist in making a difference to enhancing the quality of life to vulnerable people in need.

His professional background spans working with diversified industries across a variety of sectors across national, regional, and local areas, large and small. Consisting of family, private, NFP and Corporates working as both CFO, General Manager, and more recently as a CFO/ Business Consultant.

Tony has extensive experience working with Boards on Strategy, risk and governance, policy development, funding strategies, efficiency, and Productivity improvements.

### **Elena Di Bez, Representative Member, Kudos Services**

Kudos Services is the Early Childhood Partner of the NDIA in South Australia, responsible for NDIS planning and early supports to children.

Kudos Services also has a Therapy service providing Allied Health support to children over 7 years of age.

Elena has worked for the NDIA as a Planner and for Kudos Services in the last 5 years as a Practitioner assisting families with their NDIS plans and access to services. Elena is part of the Engagement team, which is seeking to build community understanding and access to NDIS.

Elena has been a member of the Flinders University Disability Advisory Committee in her capacity of Student Welfare Officer. She has also worked in Health Promotion at SA Health and in Community Development in Local Government. Elena is committed to social justice and equity.

### **Deanne Hanchant-Nichols, Representative Member, City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee.**

The City of Adelaide's Reconciliation Committee was formed in 2002 with goals to advance reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Islander people and the wider City of Adelaide community. Deanne is a Tanganekald Aboriginal woman with family links to the Coorong, as well as Barkindji from NSW and Narungga from Point Pearce SA.

Deanne is currently employed as Consultant: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment and Development at the University of South Australia (UniSA). As an employee at UniSA, Deanne was one of the writers and developers of the 2014 Reconciliation Action Plan and was instrumental in the establishment a Kaurna Welcome ceremony for the new Vice Chancellor in 2013. Due to these successes the welcome ceremony is now followed by other states.

In 2013 Deanne was awarded the Vice Chancellor's Professional Staff Excellence Award for reconciliation and working across boundaries. For over 20 years, Deanne has displayed a great commitment to reconciliation as an ambassador with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities on issues of reconciliation, education and repatriation.

### **Somi Lindsay, Representative Member, MCCSA**

Somi Lindsay is Coordinator of the Successful Communities program, which supplies practical support to people within vulnerable and emerging culturally diverse community groups. The program assists communities to plan for the future, develop strong leadership, engage people & volunteers, execute successful projects, events plus much more.

We work with communities to understand and identify what their goals are and provide the pathways to reach them through access to training, mentoring and support that will nurture the community and its leaders via:

- Stronger Leadership
- Connections and Membership
- Planning and Strategy
- Access and Opportunities
- Advocacy and Promotion
- Participation in Community Life
- Grant Writing & Organisational Governance

## **Tony Starkey**, Representative Member, Royal Society for the Blind

Over the past 133 years the RSB has been the primary provider of rehabilitation and support in ensuring that South Australians who are blind or vision impaired are able to participate in economic, social and community activities and be an inclusive member of the community.

Their representative Tony, who has been blind for the past 45 years, has represented the RSB and clients of the RSB in the area of Inclusion and Accessibility for over 30 years.