



## 5. Election of Directors

## **Voting, proxies and company representatives**

### **1. Voting**

Under Clause 14.7 of the Constitution, every member present and entitled to vote at the meeting has one vote.

### **2. Proxies**

A member entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy who need not be a

- i) member of Homeless Australia. A proxy form is attached and the nominated proxy may be an
- ii) individual or a body corporate and the completed form must be emailed to [catalina@homelessnessnsw.org.au](mailto:catalina@homelessnessnsw.org.au).

**and be received by 5:00pm, 13 November 2020**

### **3. Corporate Representatives**

This correspondence has been emailed to the nominated Corporate Representative of the member organisation. A member organisation that has not appointed a proxy will need to appoint a Corporate Representative to attend and vote on the member's behalf at the Annual General Meeting. To appoint a Corporate Representative, the enclosed Certificate of Appointment of Representative must be completed and lodged, by

emailing to [catalina@homelessnessnsw.org.au](mailto:catalina@homelessnessnsw.org.au),

**and be received by 5:00pm, 13 November 2020**

## **Election of Directors**

Homelessness Australia's Constitution allows for a minimum of five and a maximum of twelve Directors (**clause 15.1(a)**).

Homelessness Australia's Constitution requires that one third of the current Directors (not including in the number of current Directors any Directors appointed by the Directors under rule (ii)), must retire from office.

In the event that one or more Director/s has or have retired from office in the period since the last annual general meeting, such Director/s will be taken and counted as having retired from office at the next annual general meeting for the purpose (only) of determining how many (if any) additional Director/s must retire from office at that meeting pursuant to the operation of rule 15.1(i) or 15.1(j).

Having regard to the requirements in **clause 15.1** of Homelessness Australia's Constitution, the directors to retire are:

Nerida Ackerman – YP Space MNC, NSW  
Jacquelin Plummer – Mission Australia, Sydney  
Jenny Smith – CHP Victoria

Those directors elected at the last AGM and continuing are:

Jane Barnes, Wintringham, Melbourne  
Jenni Beetson-Mortimer, Northern Rivers Community Gateway, NSW  
Frances Crimmins, YWCA Canberra  
Mark Glasson, Anglicare WA  
Tracy Ingram, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Adelaide  
Katherine McKernan, Homelessness NSW  
Dr Catherine Robinson, Anglicare, Tasmania  
Karyn Walsh, Micah Projects, Brisbane

Those directors appointed as Directors to casual vacancies since the last election and entitled to stand for election are:

Anna Yffer  
Michael Fotheringham, AHURI

There will be four vacant positions on the Board. There are four candidates standing for election. Details of the nominated candidates are:

Anna Yffer, Pam Barker, Michael Fotheringham, and Jenny Smith

The directors are to be appointed having regard to the requirements in clauses 15.1(d), 15.1(e) and 15.1(f) of Homelessness Australia's Constitution.

As the number of nominations received is the same as the number of vacancies on the board, an election is not required.

**See Attachment A** for information about each nominee.

## **Attachment A: Details of Nominated Candidates**

### **Anna Yffer**

I would like to nominate as a general board member of Homelessness Australia and to continue my contribution to the Homelessness Australia Board whilst representing the Northern Territory. I have lived in the Northern Territory for the last eleven years. During this time I have held senior positions within a number of community sectors including Housing, Domestic and Family Violence and Family Services.

With some of the largest homelessness rates in the country, organisations in Central Australia continue to support some of the most disadvantaged people in Australia. Without additional properties and targeted social housing initiatives the effects of colonisation and the disempowerment of Aboriginal people in Central Australia and other areas of the Northern Territory are not likely to dissipate any time soon. I would like to see a change and therefore have been advocating for a number of years for the lack of appropriate housing to be addressed first and in a more pressing manner.

Furthermore I have a keen interest and experience in governance and have been a board member and chair of other community organisations.

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### **Pam Barker, CEO of Yfoundations**

I Pam Barker CEO of Yfoundations, the NSW Peak Body for youth homelessness would like to nominate for the position of Board Director of HA. Yfoundations advocates for at risk children and young people and services who provide support in the prevention and response to homeless children and young people. I am a co-chair of NYCH, I sit on the board of MyFoundations and Wayahead Mental Health Association.

I have 5+ years experience in the Homelessness and not for profit sector working with young people across diverse domains. 10 year experience in people and organisational management. I have strong leadership and governance skills and have a lived experience of youth homelessness as a young person. I understand the challenges children and young people face and the systems they need to navigate. I would like to support the vision and mission of HA through my support as a Director on the board.

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### **Michael Fotheringham, AHURI**

Dr Michael Fotheringham

I am a research and policy development specialist with experience in a wide range of areas including housing and homelessness, urban policy, public health, and community services planning. As the Executive Director of the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, I lead the strategic direction of the Institute and is responsible for setting leading national research agendas through development of policy relevant evidence-bases on housing, homelessness, urban policy and Australian cities issues. My responsibilities include delivery of the biennial National Homelessness Conferences and National Housing Conferences.

I have provided expert advice to Commonwealth and State Ministers, given testimony and guidance to numerous parliamentary and government inquiries, and is regularly sought for evidence-informed advice by senior policy makers in Australia and internationally. I am an experienced facilitator, conference speaker, and media spokesperson.

I currently serve on a variety of key expert advisory panels including the Australian Government's Cities Reference Group, the Housing Supply Expert Panel, and working groups of the National COVID-19 Commission Advisory Board. I am a past president of the Australasian Society for Behavioural Health and Medicine, and for many years served on Human Research Ethics Committees as a representative of the research community.

I am currently a Director of Homelessness Australia through a casual vacancy, and am keen to continue this contribution if selected.

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**Jenny Smith, Council to Homeless Persons, Vic**

I am pleased to nominate for re-election as a Director of Homelessness Australia (HA). I have been the CEO of Victoria's homelessness peak body, the Council to Homeless Persons (CHP) since mid 2011. After joining CHP, I quickly became active in HA through membership of the national Council For Homeless Persons and became a Board Member of HA in 2013.

With other Board members, I was active in dealing with the immediate consequences of the defunding of HA in 2015, and have Chaired HA from 2016. HA has continued to operate unfunded, judiciously managing to function without income.

HA has subsequently become a company limited by guarantee. With the skill set of a national board and pro bono support from state peaks, HA has maintained engagement with government, built its media profile and continued to make meaningful policy contributions. HA now: partners with AHURI to deliver national biennial conferences; anchors Homelessness Week; has been funded by Melbourne's Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation to engage with the Housing First Europe Hub to support participation in its Train the Trainer program; and is also a partner in the Everybody's Home Campaign and the National Affordable Housing Alliance.

As Chair of HA I have appreciated the privilege of being a key media spokesperson for HA, being amongst those leading engagement with the federal government; and those working in partnership with other key peak bodies.

I will welcome the opportunity to continue to work as part of the HA Board, building its membership, its engagement with that membership, and when the opportunity presents, returning to its role as a fully funded peak body, supporting the work and influence of the specialist homelessness sector across Australia.

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