



## Joondalup Education Support Centre Board Members

Joondalup Education Support Centre is an independent Public school and has its very own School Board. An independent school is a school that has the autonomy to make a decision at a school level. We are able to plan and allocate funds to projects, staff and resources that best meet the needs of our students, staff, families and community. The Board is responsible for setting the long term future of our school and maintaining oversight of the implementation of the School Business Plan.

The Board members are representatives of our parents, staff and community who ensure that the school is delivering its business plan. The Board ensures that the school is managing its resources and finances correctly, and that the school is moving in the right direction. It also provides advice and the views of the group for whom it represents.

Board members are trained to have a good understanding of our school and how it operates. Board members are involved and consulted on matters relating to school, and have a responsibility to scrutinize the policies, finances and documents presented to them. You meet with a group of interested people who are all here for Joondalup Education Support centre. You get to understand the mechanics of the school and hear firsthand about what is happening.

Our School Board is made up of four parents, five staff and two community representatives and the School Principal and we meet twice a term. Below is an introduction of our School Board members:

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### Natalie Burns

### Joondalup Education Centre Principal and Board Member

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I have been the Principal of Joondalup Education Support Centre since May 2013. I have been working within the Department for 15 years. I have the fortune of working with fantastic students, families and staff.

Prior to Joondalup Education Support Centre, I worked at Malibu School which is a special school for students with disability from Kindergarten to Year 13.

I enjoy being part of the Board – as it is such an important component of the school. It is a great opportunity to meet with those who represent our school and discuss and ensure that our school is running efficiently and effectively.

## Nikki Schwagermann

Chairperson

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I am a Mum of three boys. My youngest, Wil, attends Joondalup ESC and my middle boy is at Joondalup Primary School. I work part-time as a family support worker and events coordinator for Down Syndrome WA. I help run the DSWA playgroup and do hospital and home visits to new families.

I was interested in becoming a board member, as I saw it as an opportunity to keep in touch with what was going on in the school.

I thought that being on the Board would give me a voice on what happens within the school. As I am obviously busy with three boys and work, only having two meetings a term suited me perfectly.

2017 is my fourth year on the Board. I am now in the role not only as a parent, but as the Chairperson.

If you have any questions about the Board please do not hesitate to approach me for a chat.

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## Cathy Scott

Community Representative

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I am a full-time early childhood classroom teacher working for Joondalup Primary School and am mum to my two teenage sons both of whom attended Joondalup Primary School.

I was motivated to become a classroom teacher after the language learning difficulties both of my sons experienced during their schooling years. My eldest was diagnosed with Dyslexia and my youngest ASD. Teaching children with language learning difficulties has become a passion for me and as a result I continually seek education in this area.

I was fortunate to be chosen to liaise with JESC in 2013 when I was asked to accommodate Wil, a young boy with Down's Syndrome into my kindergarten classroom, as at this stage there was no JESC Kindy. After 12 months of closely working and learning with JESC admin for the care and education of Wil, I was keen to continue my involvement with JESC and their students. Becoming a Board member has granted me a fabulous opportunity to gain a deeper perspective and understanding of ways I can give back to the JESC community for the rewarding experience and knowledge they provide to me.

## Emily McCain

## Parent Representative

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I am a mum of two, Lily who started attending Joondalup ESC in 2015, and Ollie started Kindy at Joondalup PS in 2017. Lily was diagnosed with Down Syndrome when I was 20 weeks pregnant, my husband Lucas and I made the decision there and then to do whatever we could to provide Lily with the best possible future. We were living in Port Hedland and Exmouth for the first 6 and a half years of Lily's life and after 6 months of mainstream Year 1 we decided to move back to Perth where Lily could be provided with a more supportive school environment. After a few months of research we decided on JESC and have not looked back! Being on the school Board means I am able to be kept up to date with what is going on and hopefully provide a valuable contribution to the school.

I have a background of accounting and finance as well as school teaching and lecturing in business studies. I have recently started working for Down Syndrome WA in a bookkeeping / office assistant role and I am really enjoying working for an organisation that is significant to me and my family.

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## Rachel Chambers

## Parent Representative

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My name is Rachel and I am a Mum of two boys, Blake aged 11 who attends Joondalup Ed Support Centre and Casey aged 5 who attends Joondalup Primary School. My partner and I run a small Home Maintenance Business in the local area which enables me to still be in the workforce as well as being there for my boys.

Blake attended main stream school at a different school until Year 4, at this stage we found that the main stream school was not able to focus on Blake's needs and he was getting left behind with his academic learning.

After long consideration and discussions, we decided to move both our boys and have never looked back since. As with all families, whether your child/ren have special needs or not, deciding on a school and potentially changing their school is a hard decision to make. Both Joondalup Primary School and Joondalup Ed Support Centre made this transition easier on both our boys and ourselves as parents.

A couple of the reasons why I wanted to join the School Board was to be able to give back to a Centre who has been amazing to our family, help make and decide on important decisions which affect our children's schooling and be more informed. I personally haven't been on the School Board that long but already have found it not only informative to myself and our family, but have been able to liaise with an array of different specialists, personalities and professionals who I may not have been able to.

## Jan Tucker

## Staff Representative

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I was born in Melbourne, my family moved to Perth when I was 12. I began working in retail in my teens and had worked my way up to senior management by the time I decided on a career change at age 29. I have been teaching for over 20 years and have taught in Primary and High school settings.

I joined the Joondalup ESC team in 2000. In the intervening years I have taught all year levels and have enjoyed each and every one. I took up the role of Deputy Principal at Joondalup ESC in 2011 and am enjoying the challenges of an Admin role.

Outside of school I am a registered Foster Carer and over the past 10 years have provided long and short term care for children aged between 4 and 16. In my 'spare time' I enjoy spending time with family and friends, picnics and reading, in other words the quieter side of life.

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## Diane Rushworth

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Born in UK, my family and I have lived in Perth for 15 years.

I gained my Bachelor of Education (Special Needs) in 2004, teaching in the high school setting for the first 4 years. Since then, I have taught the senior years at Joondalup ESC. Over the past 7 years I have watched JESC grow and have felt honoured to be a part of life's journey for so many wonderful students, and hope I can continue to do so for many more.

Outside of work, the love of my life are 'Betty and Phil' our mischievous blue staffies. In my free time I also love reading and watching most sports.

## Elizabeth Hore

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I was born in Adelaide, South Australia but Western Australia has been my home since I was two. I am married and have two wonderful adult sons. I enjoy shared meals with family and friends, reading, theatre, gardening (not the weeds) and travelling both within Australia and overseas.

I have been fortunate to have had a wide variety of experiences whilst teaching which have involved mainstream Pre Primary to Year Six classes, Special Education Classes, running a District Remedial Centre and teaching in Education Support Units.

Highlights would include taking children on various school camps in country areas. One most memorable camp was in Geraldton during cyclone Hazel. I also got to meet Prince Charles as he stopped to chat with our students. Just prior to coming to Joondalup Education Support Centre I also ran programs for Gifted and Talented students.

Working at Joondalup Education Support Centre is also full of interesting experiences shared with students, staff and supported by our wonderful parents. Being on the school board is a fantastic opportunity to work in partnership with parents and members of the community to provide the best learning opportunities for our students and to oversee the effective running of our school community.

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## Linda Moore

## Staff Representative

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I moved over to Australia from the UK 10 years ago with my husband and three boys.

While my boys were younger I joined committees that were relevant to them at the time; preschool boards, school boards, the Scout movement and for their soccer clubs.

I felt it was important to take part in committees and help out with fund raising etc.

After all, without committees and parental support children will not have the out-of-school activities and sports available to them.

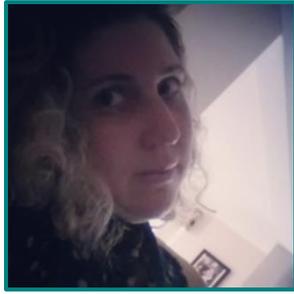
My boys are now young adults and I am able to join a committee that is just as close to my heart; supporting the school I love working at for the students I love working with.

I have been working for Joondalup ESC for 9 years and before I worked with students with disabilities in high school.

## Dana Galbraith

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I am a mum to two beautiful boys both of whom have disabilities and attend Joondalup Education Support. My oldest son Hayden started Year 1 at Joondalup in 2013 and Bailey started the pre-Kindy program in 2014. Hayden is now in Year 5 and Bailey Year 1. Both boys have thrived since attending the school, it's a wonderful school well suited for my boys. The staff are brilliant and I know my boys are always in good hands.

As well as being a Mum I am also an Education Assistant (which I love). My husband Steve and our boys love going camping, it's been a great experience for us and we enjoy each adventure. I have a growing passion to help others with special needs and to support them and their families. I feel I have a lot to give and want to make a difference.

Joining the Board at Joondalup has been a goal for some time now but with studying or working evenings the last few years I've not been able to fit it in prior to now. I feel happy to now be able to commit to the Board to give and learn more about the school where our children spend most of their time.

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## Michael Granville

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I was born and raised in Melbourne and have been fortunate to have moved around various states of Australia through opportunities provided through my work. We are now settled in Perth and have been for the past 10 years. I am married to Kylie with two children and my interests include family, camping, travel and sports. I have been involved in community sporting clubs, volunteering on committees and umpiring, coaching senior football, and mentoring juniors.

I have worked in recruitment for over 13 years predominantly managing internal recruitment teams for organisations in the mining and resources sector and previously working in banking and finance.

The opportunity to join the Joondalup Education Support Centre Board as a community member, allows me to gain a greater insight and appreciation into how the centre runs and operates. It will also allow me to contribute a community and business perspective into the board discussions.