

# AUSTRALIAN WATER

ASSOCIATION

## QLD Branch Nominee Statements 2018

**James Howey**

**Viridis Consultants Pty Ltd**

I have over 15 years of experience in the Queensland water industry, in government and private sectors. This was predominately in the area of water quality management for drinking and recycled water. However, I have a broad range of experience having also worked on asset management, environmental and process mapping projects. I successfully started Viridis Consultants 10 years ago. Over the years Viridis has built upon a solid reputation, which has seen our staff and service offering grow. I recently implemented an ISO 9001 system at Viridis, which is third-party certified. Operating my own company has given me excellent business management experience. I also have experience on the committee of two community not-for-profit organisations. Having been a consultant for over 10 years I have worked with the largest metropolitan utilities to the smallest regional utility. I have a great understanding of our industry and the issues that affect our members.

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**David Merrett**

**Queensland Urban Utilities**

Over 30 years experience as a civil engineer in the water sector, predominantly as a consultant and now in Infrastructure Delivery with a major water utility. Overseas experience includes water resources, water supply and sanitation and disaster relief in countries such as Zambia, Brazil, Indonesia and Fiji. Here in Queensland I have been involved in the design and delivery of a range of water, wastewater and treatment projects and I have a particular interest in collaborative delivery models. My personal passion is the growth and development of my team and in providing opportunities for talented people to flourish. Within AWA I have led the Technical Program and enjoy identifying, planning and delivering the range of successful monthly meetings and breakfast events that provide members with continual professional development and networking opportunities. I look forward to continuing that role, to assisting with the QWater conferences and to contributing to the wider QLD Branch Committee.

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**Richard Petterson**

**Queensland Urban Utilities**

I have significant experience in engineering and the water industry. My career has included senior roles in both the private and public sector across a broad range of industry functions. Prior to my Executive Leader role at QUU, I worked with TRILITY Pty Ltd as the national Operations Director and earlier held a senior management position at SWC. My experience includes leading the design, build, operation and maintenance of water and wastewater infrastructure across Australia. My vision for QBranch and its members is that we will be a strong relevant association setting direction and providing support in all aspects of the water industry including diversity, innovation, influence and technical/organizational excellence. I would like to continue to serve AWA QBranch in helping to advance diversity and innovation as well as providing strategic support for the development of a stronger association supporting members through the opportunities created by our industry.

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### **Simon Taylor**

#### **Unitywater**

Simon has worked across all sectors of the water industry; as an environmental and economic regulator, in water supply and sewage treatment companies and as a consultant to the industry. Simon's interest in the whole of the water cycle was demonstrated when he was selected to join the National Water Accounting Board for BoM, to ensure the technical approach worked across rural and urban water. Simon is an advocate for professional development would support strongly the AWA as it continues to provide a safe and welcoming environment for presenters to share their experiences, so Simon would be a supporter of the Young Professionals. The AWA has a unique position and voice as a body representing professionals across Australia that needs to be heard both locally and nationally. Simon wants to ensure that the membership is heard through all available channels.

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### **Colin Lewis**

#### **Self Employed**

I have over 36 years experience in the water industry across several areas including project management, proposal management, business development, and industrial marketing, nationally and internationally. I have been involved with the Queensland branch committee for over 20 years and have been on the branch committee for 18 years including branch president 2012 – 2014. My vision is as a committee we continue to provide the service/activities that our members require across regional Queensland as well, so that we can build our membership base. Also, that we continue to build on our strong links to government to enable AWA to provide advocacy and advice for the water industry as a whole. We need to also to maintain and strengthen our links with the universities to ensure that we continue to build our membership.

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### **Nicole Davis**

#### **Mackay Regional Council**

I have over 27 years in the water industry in both the public and private sector. My roles have been operational, strategic and in various locations (ie CBD to regional). I have an excellent understanding of operational water businesses and am now in a position which is challenging from a regional perspective both financially (council funded) and locality. I have been on the committee previously and would add particular value now as I would bring a regional perspective. I am involved in various WSAA committees/networks and AWA networks. I am also on the organising committee for the AWA regional conference in Cairns in July 2018. I am driving change within my organisation. I am also forging collaborative partnerships with my regional neighbours (Whitsunday, Isaac, Townsville and Cairns) as well as other water utilities (QUU, Unitywater and Iconwater) to enhance the opportunities within the industry and locally. My vision for AWA branch is continue to forge relationships with industry both private sector and other water utilities, so that regional Queensland can benefit from lessons learned, technology and operation improvements that have already been tried, tested and proven in other parts of Queensland and Australia.

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### **Danielle Roche**

#### **Queensland Urban Utilities**

Having spent my career working across private, public and not-for profit water companies I'm passionate about the purpose of the water industry and the people that work in it. I'm nominating for the QLD Branch Committee so that I can help enable an innovative and active group that offers its members unique learning, collaboration, and development opportunities and events. I'm particularly interested in leveraging the diversity of thinking within our industry and from those outside it and providing mechanisms for this to be shared in new and interesting ways including at awesome events. My background is in asset management, operations and maintenance and business transformation but in any role I enjoy working with passionate people who want to make a difference, just as I hope to do on the Committee.

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### **Richard Savage**

#### **GHD Pty Ltd**

I have broad experience in the water sector, from catchment management to agricultural, industrial and urban water supply planning. My key interests are water efficiency issues, including water stewardship, NRW reduction, metering assessments and the application of advanced analytics to operations optimisation. I have served on the Branch Committee since July 2013 and have been the treasurer since Jul 2014. I currently serve on the Membership sub-committee, draft content for the Queensland eSource working group and actively support the YWP sub-committee. The Branch is a dynamic operation, dedicated to delivering high value opportunities for our Queensland members across the areas of knowledge sharing, networking and recognition. New initiatives are being planned to embrace the diversity in our industry, provide value to our regional members, broaden the topics at our technical events and to support the continued growth of the YWP cohort. I am dedicated to supporting these initiatives.

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### **Matt Dawson**

#### **TRILITY**

I have been an active participant in AWA Queensland Branch activities since 2005. I have been part of the Branch Committee since 2010 and had the honour of serving as Branch President from 2014 to 2016. I am continually energised by the knowledge connections which AWA makes across our industry and proud of the highly relevant Knowledge Program, North Queensland Regional Conference and QWater which our Branch runs. The level of engagement and activity of our Queensland members is unique around Australia and I would love to have the opportunity to continue representing, advocating for and trying to connect the water fraternity around our state. The past few years have seen increased alignment of activities and priorities of the AWA Queensland Branch with other state branches and with compatriot water industry organisations such as WSAA, Qldwater, WIOA and also Wateraid. It is critical for the industry that this alignment continues and I would be pleased to help play a part in this.

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### **Richard Hill**

#### **Phronis Consulting**

I have nearly 30 years experience in the global water industry having worked in the UK, Middle East and Australia. I became a Chartered Engineer with the UK Engineering Council in 1999 - I have recently been admitted as a member of Engineers Australia and will become chartered (CPEng) and RPEQ within the next couple of months. I am a generalist with expertise in the design, construction, commissioning and operation of water, wastewater and desalination plants. I am equally conversant and skilled in process, civil, structural, mechanical, electrical and instrumentation engineering disciplines. I am a staunch supporter of the YWP Mentoring Program and see this as a critical way to support the recruitment and retention of young engineers - there is a skills challenge which needs to be filled and we need to make the water industry sexy. I have joined the 2018 program.

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### **Mark Trembath**

#### **Raedlinger Primus Line**

I have been an active participant in the Australian water sector for many years. Through my employment I have had the privilege of travelling not just across A-NZ but also the world in particular APAC seeing first hand the challenges that our neighbors face daily with sanitation and a clean, constant reliable source of drinking water. As a Queenslander I relocated to NSW for 7 years and have relocated back to Brisbane last year. In NSW I was a very active branch member and served as Branch President 2013-15. I was also on the last AMSN committee. The QLD AWA branch committee is hugely successful. I hope that with my level of commitment and enthusiasm I can add value to AWA members and have a little fun along the way. Some of my closest friends are AWA members.

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### **Patrick Newell**

#### **Pensar**

I have been leading the Pensar (Utilites) Water division since its inception in 2011, in this time I have been responsible for the growth of the division and have delivered more than \$65M in completed projects. Throughout the last 7 years we have developed a small but strong team with a keen understanding of the differing Municipal Water requirements and have delivered a range of important water projects across QLD and NSW. I believe I would provide a much-needed contractors and delivery side perspective to Australia's leading water association and that my involvement with the AWA may help with providing more content and attraction for this segment of the industry. As an active member of the Qwater subcommittee in 2017 and again this year I believe I would be an asset to the AWA as we work together to grow the water industry.

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### **Robert Plummer**

#### **Wood**

I have over 30 years experience in utility and infrastructure businesses in the private and the public sector - this includes Power Generation ( Hydro ), Transmission and Distribution , Water Asset Management, Operations and Maintenance. I have been in the Water Sector in WA and now Queensland since 2011. This includes the role of General Manager for the Aroona Alliance between

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Water Corporation and two private sector Asset services and Water Technology partners. This included leading and managing the Tactical Asset Management , Operations and Maintenance for the Water Production and Water Treatment for the Perth Region. Bore Fields , Dams , Water treatment and Waste Water Treatment . Currently I am the lead on the Collaborative Maintenance Contract between Wood and SEQWATER for Bulk Water supply to South East Queensland. My interest is sharing how value can be generated in the provision of Water Infrastructure I have been the State Chair for the Alliancing Association , Infrastructure Partnerships Australia and the Relationship contracting Network. Also been a State committee member for Asset Management Council and on the organising committee for AMPEAK conference I have at Curtin Business School on Contract Performance and Optimisation I hold a Dip Electrical Engineering , B.Com ( Hons ) in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration. I am also interested in how the industry can react to the issue of provision of water services to remote areas

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### **Amie Aldred**

#### **WSP**

I am a passionate and committed water engineer with over 16 years' experience working for a diverse range of water utilities, mining and water resource companies and private developers in Australia, New Zealand and the UK. Recently, I have immensely enjoyed working as part of the Logan Water Infrastructure Alliance, working closely with Logan City Council, wastewater network and treatment operators, contractors, technical specialists and sub-consultants to identify the best strategic outcomes for the upgrade and ongoing renewals of the Loganholme Wastewater Treatment Plant and Beenleigh Wastewater Treatment Plant. My vision is to bring our Queensland water professionals closer together to share and learn from each other's research, trials, learnings and successes. I want to participate on the AWA committee to help create a water community that is well connected, collaborative, open and diverse to advance Queensland's water industry and leave a better environmental legacy for future generations.

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### **Samuel Pickett**

#### **Spiecapag Australia Pty Ltd**

I have experience working in not for profit organisations as a past employee, volunteer and Executive capacity. I am aware of the challenges and opportunities that exist within organisations such as AWA and I am keen to make a difference! A management professional with 10 years' experience in the project management of water and sewerage infrastructure. Much of this experience has been with Queensland Urban Utilities however, I have worked private side for Interflow and presently as General Manager for Spiecapag Utilities. I served 2 years on the Young Water Professionals Committee and look forward to making a difference on the QLD Branch Committee; specifically in the strategy area focusing on partnerships between the education sector, AWA and its members. Formal qualifications supporting my nomination include: \* Masters of Business Administration (UQ) \* Diploma of Project Management & Business \* Registered Project Manager (AIPM) and other industry specific qualifications.

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