



**Board of Management Members
September 2011 – September 2012**

OFFICE BEARERS:

- **Chairperson - Nicholas Tucker**

Mr Nicholas Tucker practices as a Barrister at the Queensland Bar specialising in commercial law. He also undertakes work in the family and criminal jurisdictions. Nicholas is recognised for his expertise in the intersection of children and the law and speaks both here and overseas and provides advice to a wide range of agencies and government. He holds a degree in Economics from Sydney University, a Juris Dr from the University of Queensland, and will graduate with a Master of Laws from The Australian National University this year. In addition, he is a Certified Management Consultant and a former Chief Executive Officer with experience as a lobbyist both here and in Washington DC. He is the current Chairperson of the Queensland child witness support agency (PACT) and sits as a member of the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council.

- **Vice Chairperson – Trevor Hook**

Trevor has management experience in the retail industry for over 30 years, which included financial and human resource management. Trevor has been an Executive and Board member of a range of sporting clubs for an extended period of time. Trevor is currently a CWSV with PACT and has been so for the past three years so has a wealth of knowledge about children within the Criminal Justice System.

- **Secretary – Justine Devine**

Justine has a clear understanding of PACT, the support it provides, the financial management of the organization, the Child Witness Support Volunteers and staff - having worked for the organization for seven years. She brings to the Board a wealth of valuable knowledge and clear understanding of the Constitutional and Legislative requirements of the Secretary role. Justine has completed a Certificate IV in Government.

- **Treasurer – Shai Shandil**

Shai has been a volunteer and contractor with PACT for 4 years. His background in information technology sparked his interest in business; for which he has completed a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from UQ. He has held a range of senior IT positions and now consults on various IT and business related issues facing small business in Brisbane today. Shai has worked with the Mater Children's Little Miracles Appeal and Youngcare in fund/awareness raising activities and is passionate about providing a secure environment for those who are unable to protect themselves.

- **Bev Threlfo, Child Witness Support Liaison Board Member**

Bev has been on the PACT Board of Management since 2007 and a Child Witness Support Volunteer for over ten years. She brings to PACT a wealth of knowledge of the Criminal Justice System and the parties involved. This understanding was further enhanced through her participation in the Court Network Training. Through her experience Bev has gained a sound understanding of issues affecting CWSVs, PACT services and the needs of child victims and witnesses. Prior to her retirement from the paid workforce Bev was a Manager and Chief Executive Officer in the Real Estate Industry and in a senior role with an American Sales Company for many years. Bev has also been involved in organising and hosting a range of fund raising functions.

GENERAL MEMBERS

- **Hayley Lingard**

Hayley Lingard is a Social Worker, having graduated from the University of Queensland with a dual degree which also includes a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Criminology. She brings to the PACT Board 7 years experience in the field of child protection, having worked in frontline child protection for 5 years and now managing a tertiary child protection service within the NGO sector. Hayley has had considerable exposure to the legal system within both the Child Protection/Youth Justice and Criminal Justice frameworks. She is passionate about the rights, safety and well-being of children in the community and also has an interest in community volunteer groups. Hayley also possesses knowledge in the areas of child abuse and trauma, mental health and accounting and business management. Hayley is currently completing a Certificate IV in Business Frontline Management.

- **Jim OBrien**

Jim is a Detective Senior Sergeant with over 20 years' experience in the Queensland Police Service (QPS). The majority of his service has been in the field of child protection and juvenile justice. Jim is currently working within the Child Safety and Sexual Crime Group, State Crime Operations Command, based in police headquarters as a QPS Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) representative and is the QPS liaison officer for PACT for the entire state. Jim also sits on the Board of Directors for MacKillop Community Services Queensland Limited which oversees a number of community-based Josephite ministries operating under the ethos of Mary MacKillop in caring for people in need.

- **Jennifer Pouwer**

Jennifer originally joined the PACT Board in 2003 and took up the role of Treasurer in 2004. She is a trained Occupational Therapist who has extensive experience in Management and has completed a Graduate Diploma of Company Directors. Her early practitioner years were working with children in hospital settings and she was part of the initial multidisciplinary SCAN team established at the Royal Children's Hospital. Jennifer is currently the Director of Quality Assurance and Licensing Unit with the Child Safety, Families and Individual Support Programs and Partnerships Directorate of the Department of Communities. She brings to PACT expertise in government service and purchasing processes human resource management and knowledge of community based, non government organisations.

- **Luke Short**

Luke Short is a Solicitor with over ten years experience practicing law. He holds a Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business (HRM), Master of Laws and is enrolled in an MBA program. His advocacy for his clients' rights is pursued through his involvement as an Australian Lawyers Alliance Committee member and a member of the Queensland Law Society. He brings to PACT a wealth of knowledge of the legal system and its unique practices.