



# TREES FOR LIFE BOARD NOMINEES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 19 OCTOBER 2023

## **PRESIDENT - Dr John Virtue**



Dr John Virtue is a biosecurity professional and works nationally as a consultant providing strategic, policy and technical services. He is also an associate with the University of Adelaide. John was previously in the South Australian government for 26 years, as a weed ecologist and then state invasive species manager. Over his career John has worked with various government boards, national committees and collaborating organisations. John was awarded the national Dr David Banks Biosecurity Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021. He has a Bachelor and PhD in Agricultural Science. John has been a Trees For Life board member since October 2018. His broader Trees For Life involvement goes back over 20 years, as a Bush For Life site volunteer and more recently as a Tree Scheme volunteer grower. With a strong commitment to the environment and conservation, he and his partner Peter are restoring biodiversity on their property at Rockleigh, in the eastern Mount Lofty Ranges.

## **SECRETARY - Nil nominations**

## **ORDINARY MEMBER - Sheree Brooks**



Sheree holds over ten years of management experience within the health sector, both in private and non-profit organisations. She possesses strong knowledge in the management of budgets, assets and human resources. Having both reported to and served on various board sub-committees, Sheree brings experience in strategic thinking and the collaborative decision making required of a board member. Sheree completed the Governor's Leadership Foundation Program in 2020, and a Master of Business Administration in 2021. She is also a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Having grown up near Mount Lofty Summit in the Adelaide Hills, Sheree is passionate about ensuring the survival of the flora and fauna of this region, particularly in the face of a changing climate. In her spare time, she enjoys wildlife photography, especially birds, butterflies and native bees and has been a volunteer grower with Trees For Life since 2018.

## ORDINARY MEMBER - Frances Carter



Frances is passionate about protecting the environment and has developed a career encompassing this passion with her role as Director of Asia Pacific for Conservation Capital where she works on conservation area business planning, innovative natural capital financing and sustainable natural resource management projects. She works with a large range of clients to create and protect resilient natural landscapes that support biodiversity, communities, and enterprise. Frances is also a Subject Matter Expert on corporate sustainable development, ESG strategies, sustainability reporting and carbon management, including carbon offsets and nature-based solutions. This involves a focus on global climate investments that deliver ecological and social co-benefits. Prior to joining Conservation Capital, Frances spent over ten years as a senior Chartered Accountant in auditing, agriculture, banking and funds management, and international development. In addition to her CA qualification, she has two international Masters' degrees: Master of Science (Sustainability Management) from Columbia University (New York City), and a Master of International Business Administration from IE Business School (Madrid).

## ORDINARY MEMBER - Michael Cornish



Michael is passionate about public service and the environment, joining the Trees For Life Board in 2020 and the Conservation Council of SA's Board in 2021. Michael is a public policy professional and advocate with degrees in economics, law, and international relations. He has worked in economic consultancy and international aid project management roles with the OECD, APEC, ASEAN, AusAID/DFAT, the CSIRO, and as a policy advisor for a Federal Parliamentarian, the Group of Eight universities, and - currently - with the Australian Land Conservation Alliance, Australia's peak body for private land conservation. Michael has also lectured in economics and social sciences for the University of Adelaide, Australian National University, and University of Papua New Guinea.

## ORDINARY MEMBER - Bryce Winter



Bryce is an international consultant with expertise in strategic planning, governance, organisational development, and technology. He has worked at the highest levels with many institutions in Australia, Asia, Africa, and throughout the Pacific. He now lives in Adelaide. Bryce has been a board member of Trees For Life for the last two years. During these two years, he has contributed actively to the board discussions, has served on the Risk & Audit Sub-Committee and developed the terms of reference for the new Governance Sub-Committee. He also has experience with governance in other not for profits, having previously served as a President and board member of the Rotary Club of Honiara. Bryce has a Masters degree in International and Community Development, and has Bachelor degrees in Business Management and IT.

## ORDINARY MEMBER - Cheryl Lierton



Having been a Trees For Life member for several years, and is passionate about its vision and purpose, Cheryl is seeking nomination to the Board because she believes it is one of the most powerful ways that she can contribute to the organisation achieving its purpose and goals. Cheryl has post-graduate qualifications in Social Work, Psychology and Management. She has held a range of leadership and management positions in not for profit organisations. With this experience in the running of community services, she brings skills in strategic planning, risk management, human relations including volunteer management, financial management, and grant seeking.