



SACOSS

*South Australian Council
of Social Service*

BOARD & POLICY COUNCIL ELECTION 2020

Meet the Candidates

Inside you will find the information provided by candidates in support of their nomination.

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by family name, grouped within the category they are nominating for.

The Board.

No election is required in the Policy Council categories open for election in 2020.

The ballot paper sets out the categories open for election, the nominees and the names of the nominating organisations.

SACOSS Board Candidate Information

As supplied by the candidates (two pages maximum).

Candidate Name	Dr Jen Cleary
Current Position(s) (employed or volunteer)	CEO Centacare Catholic Country SA
Current SACOSS Board Member?	No

Candidate's areas of interest or specialisation

Extensive knowledge of government and government frameworks and national and international regional, rural and remote policy settings; local governance. Community social and economic policy and policy formulation (and especially the complex challenges of remote service delivery); community development; community decision making

Sectors, networks and other organisations with which you are connected

I have extensive networks across both the South Australian and Australian Governments. I am a Board Member of TAFESA; a Member of the SEGRA (Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia) National Steering Committee and co-Chair of the International Rural Network. I have been a member of the South Australian Outback Areas Community Development Trust (now Outback Communities Authority); and a Trustee of Country Arts SA. I have extensive national and international networks across academia; community development and rural policy frameworks. I have worked with the UNDP on formulating rural policy positions for member countries. I am an active academic writer and continue to publish in my areas of focus, including community decision-making and regional, rural and remote policy.

How you can contribute to SACOSS through membership of the Board

As an academic, I continue to write about economic and social policy issues and challenges in the context of regional, rural and remote Australia. I will provide a broad, national perspective on social and economic policy and development (particularly in the regional, rural and remote context) that has been formulated through lived experience; research and publication.

Additionally, I have extensive international experience of social and economic policy and the contexts and historical positions within which it has been situated. For example, I have extensive knowledge of OECD policy frameworks, which is often the 'go to' fallback for Australian policy formulation, especially for regional Australia.

As the current CEO of Centacare Catholic Country SA, I bring networks, knowledge and practical, lived experience of the current policy and practice issues related to social service delivery, and a deep commitment to our communities. I am passionate about the value that our South Australian communities bring to our national identity and am a strong advocate for ensuring we are heard and represented in policy formulation. As a volunteer across local, state and national boards and committees I have well-developed governance skills; and networks to share.

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Candidate Name	Nancy Penna
Current Position(s) (employed or volunteer)	Employee
Current SACOSS Board Member?	Yes

Candidate's areas of interest or specialisation

Human Services in particular Protection, Disability and Community Services

Sectors, networks and other organisations with which you are connected

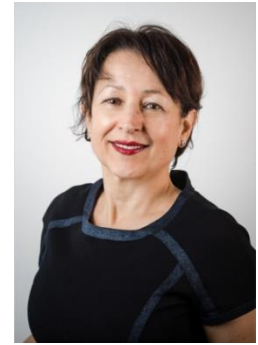
Chair of Child and Family Focus South Australia - CAFFSA

How you can contribute to SACOSS through membership of the Board

Over 30 years' experience across Government and Non-Government sector in the administration and delivery of diverse community services focused primarily supporting those most vulnerable, most in need and most at risk.

Nancy Penna

General Manager Community Services, AnglicareSA



Nancy Penna is the General Manager Community Services of AnglicareSA, overseeing the strategic and operational oversight of AnglicareSA's Community Services portfolio, which includes over 950 staff and 100 services across Out of Home Care, Disability and Mental Health, Community Development and Emergency relief.

In addition to managing community service delivery, Nancy is responsible for driving the strategic agenda of Community Services, and building on her strong relationships across Local, State and Federal Government, other Not-For-Profit organisations and community groups.

With over 30 years' experience in South Australian community services, Nancy has a unique understanding of the political and social landscape, and the particular issues and opportunities facing South Australia and Nancy's Executive experience is underpinned by her earlier career as a social worker in Child Protection and Youth Justice. She has spent many years working in various fields, reflecting her commitment to social justice and equity, and to those most vulnerable in the community.

Nancy has also held Executive roles in Government within Child Protection and Disability. She was responsible for the state-wide Exceptional Needs Unit which responds to people with needs and complexities that require multi-agency responses, and was Chair of the Exceptional Needs Executive Committee, with oversight of the Unit's strategic directions and responses.

Nancy is currently a Director on the Board of the South Australian Council of Social Services (SACOSS) and Chair on the Board of Child and Family Focus South Australia (CAFFSA).

Nancy has a strong commitment to children and young people, Nancy is particularly committed to child protection, and also to those most vulnerable across our communities.

Nancy understands policy, as well as the practical implications on service delivery and people who receive services. As a rich strategic thinker, Nancy excels in understanding and distilling complexity, and translating this to the current context or situation in a way which influences thinking and direction. Nancy has excellent relationships across Government and the sector; her strong values and long-term commitment to the sector means she is viewed as a voice of integrity and influence.

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Candidate Name	Robyn Sutherland
Current Position(s) (employed or volunteer)	Executive Manager Community Services
Current SACOSS Board Member?	No

Candidate's areas of interest or specialisation

I have a range of services that sit within my portfolio at Uniting Communities which include homelessness, Out of Home Care (OOHC), Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD), Financial Inclusion, Aboriginal, Mental Health NDIS, Legal, family and sexual abuse counselling and mediation services.

Sectors, networks and other organisations with which you are connected

I have strong connections across the homelessness, OOHC and AOD sectors. At a national level I sit on Uniting Care Australia's Economic Inequality Network.

How you can contribute to SACOSS through membership of the Board

I bring a broad range of expertise and knowledge across the sectors I have mentioned above. Uniting Communities has a strong commitment to advocacy and we have had a long and excellent relationship with SACOSS which will be further enhanced with me sitting on the SACOSS board. Through my strong connections with our Uniting Care peak body I also bring a national perspective and voice back to Canberra on SA issues.