# Management profiles

### Hon. Curtis Pitt MP

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP was elected as the Member for Mulgrave on 21 March 2009 and was elected Speaker of the Queensland Parliament on 13 February 2018.

The Speaker presides over the Legislative Assembly, heads the Parliamentary Service and chairs the Committee of the Legislative Assembly. The Speaker is also the ceremonial representative of the Queensland Parliament.

From February 2015 to December 2017, Curtis was the Treasurer of Queensland. During this time, he also had responsibility for portfolios including Trade and Investment, Employment and Industrial Relations, Energy and Water Supply, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, and Sport. He has also previously served as Minister for Disability Services and was Queensland's first standalone Minister for Mental Health in 2011.

Prior to his election to Parliament, Curtis worked in the Queensland Public Service where he led the Queensland Government's Indigenous Jobs and Enterprises Taskforce, established to improve economic participation for members of discrete Indigenous communities.

Curtis has also led the Queensland Government's business and skilled migration program, working closely with the Australian Government and private sector employers on a number of industrial relations and multicultural issues.

## **Executive Management Group**

### **Neil Laurie**

LLB LLM(Hons) MBA
Clerk of the Parliament

Neil has been the Principal Officer of the Legislative Assembly, the Chief Executive Officer of, and the Accountable Officer for, the Parliamentary Service since February 2003. Neil has over 25 years' experience with the Parliamentary Service, including six years as Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees and over 17 years as Clerk.

#### Michael Ries

BAdmin LLB GradDipBus

Deputy Clerk

Director, Assembly and Committee Services

Michael was appointed to the role of Deputy Clerk of Queensland's Parliament in June 2008. Michael is responsible for the Assembly and Committee Services Division. Previously he held senior roles in the Department of Premier and Cabinet including Clerk of the Executive Council.

### **Craig Atkinson**

BBus GradCertProfAcc MIPA

Director, Corporate Services and Electorate Office Liaison

Craig leads the Corporate and Electorate Services Division of the Parliamentary Service. Craig was appointed Director in 2017 and has over 25 years' experience in financial management, corporate governance and administration of Members' entitlements.

#### Stewart Johnson

BTEC Built Environment (Lewisham UK), FMA Dip-Facilities Management (UNE)

Director, Property and Facility Services

Stewart leads the Property (including state wide electoral offices), Catering and Security & Attendants Divisions of the Parliamentary Service. Stewart was appointed in September 2016 and has over 25 years of building management, project management, hospitality (hotels, aviation) and security operations experience working in Australia, UK and Dubai.

### **Janet Prowse**

BA MIMS ALIA

Director, Information Services and Parliamentary Librarian

Janet leads the Information Services Division and is responsible for the Parliamentary Library, IT Services and Records Management. She joined the Parliamentary Service in May 2017 and has extensive senior management experience in delivering information services and policy advice at a whole-of-government level.

### Service Area Leaders

### Lynne Armstrong

BA GradDipLibSc MPhil

Director, Information Management Services

Lynne leads the Library Information Management Services team which is responsible for access to and maintenance of the Library's multiple collections and research databases, email alert and audio visual services. Lynne has extensive experience in the Parliamentary Service.

### **Paul Boreland**

Senior Electorate Accommodation Officer

Paul and the Electorate Accommodation team are responsible for managing the 97 electorate offices located throughout Queensland. Paul has been employed in various capacities within the Parliamentary Service for over 29 years.

### Adrian Harding

GradDip C-Apps GradDip Sys-Mgmt. MBA

Head of Information Technology Services

Adrian leads the Information Technology Services team which provides ICT services throughout the Parliamentary precinct and Members' electorate offices. He joined the Parliamentary Service in August 2019. With over 20 years of ICT leadership experience across a range of industry sectors, he has held senior management positions in private, publicly listed and globally represented organisations.

### Amanda Honeyman

LLB (Hons) PGDip Law Bar (UK)

First Clerk Assistant (Procedure)

Manager, Chamber, Education and Communication Services

Amanda leads the team that provides parliamentary procedural support to the Legislative Assembly Chamber and coordinates parliamentary education and community awareness of the institution of Parliament and its role and functions. Amanda joined the Parliamentary Service in 2007 and held several roles in the Committee Office and as the Bills Officer before being appointed to her current position in 2017.

#### Jo Mathers

BBus LLB (Hons)

Chief Reporter

Jo manages the Parliamentary Reporting and Broadcasting Service, which is responsible for the accurate, timely and efficient reporting and broadcasting of the proceedings of parliament and its committees. Jo has over 25 years' experience with the Parliamentary Service, including roles in Committees and Chamber, Education and Communication Services.

### Robyn Moore

LLB MUrb&RegPlg GCWEP

Director, Research and Information Services

Robyn leads the Research and Information Service which is dedicated to assisting Members of parliament to perform their duties by ensuring they have access to authoritative, impartial and timely information. Robyn was appointed to the role after having undertaken various parliamentary roles.

#### **Peter Morris**

**BBus** 

Manager, Human Resource Services

Peter is responsible for ensuring the delivery of human resources and industrial relations services to Parliamentary Service staff and Members of Parliament. Peter has experience in both human resource management and industrial relations at an operational and managerial level. Peter has over 25 years' experience in human resource management.

#### Simon Neale

DipHosp(Mgt)

Manager, Catering Services

Simon is responsible for managing Catering Services throughout the Parliamentary Precinct, including fine dining, events, casual dining and bar amenities. Simon has over 15 years' experience in food and beverage management.

### Mark Richardson

Manager, Precinct Services

Mark was appointed to the role of Manager of Precinct Services in August 2017. Mark is responsible for the management and operation of buildings and capital projects within the parliamentary precinct. Mark has worked in the facilities management industry for over 25 years.

### James Robertson

BBus(Acct) CPA

Manager, Financial and Administrative Services

James is the Manager of Financial and Administrative Services. His duties include establishing systems of financial management, asset and logistics management, preparing annual financial statements and ensuring compliance with relevant financial management legislation and standards as well as promoting best practice in financial management across the Parliamentary Service.

### Petá Sweeney

BA(LIS) BED MBA FRIM

**Records Coordinator** 

Petá manages the corporate information assets of the Parliamentary Service. She joined the Parliamentary Service in November 2016 and has extensive experience in recordkeeping and information management in public and private sectors. Petá maintains strong industry links through her work on the Board of the Records and Information Management Professionals Australia (RIMPA) and on the RIMPA Queensland Branch.

#### Michael Watkin

BA (Justice) JP Qualified

Sergeant-at-Arms

Manager, Security and Attendant Services

Michael was appointed to the role of Sergeant-at-Arms in June 2014, and is also responsible for the delivery of Security and Attendant Services throughout the parliamentary precinct. Michael has over 25 years' experience in the Parliamentary Service.

#### **Bernice Watson**

BA, Grad Dip Urban Research and Policy

First Clerk Assistant (Committees)

Bernice leads the team that provides professional advice and research, administrative and procedural support to the various committees of the Parliament in fulfilling their roles and engaging with the community. Bernice has 25 years' experience working in public policy, strategy and management roles in Victoria and Queensland, and has worked with the Parliamentary Service since 2011.