Management profiles

Executive Management Group

Hon. Curtis **Pitt** MP

Hon. Curtis Pitt MP is the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

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.

Neil **Laurie**

LLB LLM(Hons) MBA
Clerk of the Parliament

Neil has been the Principal Officer of the Legislative Assembly, and the Chief Executive Officer of, and the Accountable Officer for, the Parliamentary Service since February 2003. Neil has over 29 years' experience with the Parliamentary Service, including six years as Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees and over 19 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 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.

Monique **Harmer**

BBus (Tourism)

Director, Property and Facility Services

Monique leads the Property, Catering and Security and Attendants Division of the Parliamentary Service. Joining the team in February 2022, Monique has over 25 years' experience working for international hotel companies across a variety of brands and in a range of diverse locations both within Australia and internationally.

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, Marketing and Communications, 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.

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 almost 30 years' experience in financial management, corporate governance and administration of members' entitlements.

Service Area Leaders

Ryan Cherry

Senior Electorate Accommodation Officer

Ryan and the Electorate Accommodation team are responsible for managing the 97 electorate offices located throughout Queensland. Ryan has a building industry background and has experience with Queensland Cultural Precinct property and maintenance delivery.

Erin Hastie

BACrim, MCrim, GCert LegPrac

A/First Clerk Assistant (Committees)

Erin leads the Committee Office team. 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 across Queensland.

Jo Mathers

BBus LLB (Hons) GradCertBus(PSM)

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 was appointed Chief Reporter in 2017 and has over 27 years' experience with the Parliamentary Service, including roles in Financial and Administrative Services, Committees and Chamber, Education and Communication Services.

Amy McElhenny

DipHosp(Mgt)

Manager, Catering Services

Amy is responsible for managing Catering Services throughout the Parliamentary precinct, including fine dining, events, casual dining and bar amenities, as well as general support to Members and Queensland Parliamentary Service staff for venue set up and support for meetings and formal announcements. Beginning her career in the Culinary Arts under Brisbane's respected chefs and restaurant names before moving into business management, Amy has over 25 years' experience in food and beverage management and event marketing.

Robyn Moore

LLB MUrb&RegPlg GCWEP

Director, Research and Information Services

Robyn leads the Research and Information team which assists Members of Parliament in performing their duties by ensuring they have access to authoritative, impartial, and timely information. Robyn was appointed to the role after having undertaken various private sector and 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 over 25 years' experience in human resource management, and experience in industrial relations at an operational and managerial level.

Mark Richardson

Manager, Precinct Services

Mark leads a team 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 27 years.

James Rasmussen

B(IT), Cert IV (PM)

Head of Information Technology Services

James leads Information Technology Services in providing ICT services to members and staff, manages the audio-visual services on the parliamentary precinct, and chairs the Technical Needs and Solutions Group. He joined the Parliamentary Service in December 2021 after 20 years in the university sector, and has extensive experience in strategy and planning, project delivery and managing day-to-day operations.

James Robertson

BBus(Accy) CPA

Manager, Financial and Administrative Services

James is the Manager of Financial and Administrative Services. He leads a team of 15 people who collaborate to develop and maintain policies, practices and systems that provide a range of financial services, asset and logistical services, and the preparation of annual financial statements.

Cecelia Ryan

BA (Fine Arts) GradDipLib&InfSt MAppSc (Lib&InfoMgt)

Director, Library Information Management Services

Cecelia leads the Library Information Management Services team, which is responsible for discovery and maintenance of the Library's multiple collections and research databases, email alerts and audiovisual services.

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 Records and Information Management Practitioners Alliance (RIMPA).

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 responsible for the delivery of Security and Attendant Services throughout the parliamentary precinct. Michael has over 30 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. She also works as Committee Secretary to the Ethics Committee, and as a Clerk-at-the Table supporting sittings of the Legislative Assembly. For much of this year, Bernice has been responsible for the operations of the Chamber Support (Table Office) and Education and Liaison areas of the Parliamentary Service. Bernice has many years of experience working in public policy, strategy and management roles in Queensland and Victoria, and has been with the Parliamentary Service since 2011.