

# INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES FOR 2003 VACANT POSITIONS FOR BOARD DIRECTORS

## INFORMATION ON CANDIDATE FOR 2003 VACANT POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT

**Name:** Roger West  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, mediator and consultant  
**Nominated by:** Chris Dodds

**Positions presently held in other Organisations:** Uniting Care Burnside – Board member; Post Adoption Resource Centre Committee member; Joseph Varga Special School – Board member.

**Major Interests:** Social justice and public interest issues particularly concerning the non government sector in the areas of disability and youth; Conflict avoidance and conflict resolution; Good organisational practices in both non government and government organisations in the community services sector.

**Reasons for Nomination:** I have been on the NCOSS Board for four years and I consider that the work the Board does is valuable and important.

(Roger West, appointed as a casual vacancy (Vice President), attended 5 out of 11 meetings in 2002.)

**THE ABOVE POSITION WAS ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

## INFORMATION ON CANDIDATE FOR 2003 VACANT POSITION OF TREASURER

**Name:** Peter Connie  
**Occupation:** Manager, Marist Youth Care  
**Nominated by:** Larry Pierce, NADA

**Positions held in other organisations:** Nil

**Major Interests:** Youth drug issues and mental health are primary areas of interest; Personal interests include sailing, reading and current affairs.

**Reasons for Nomination:** Have had a past association membership of NCOSS, including periods as a Board members and Treasurer. Have recently returned to work in the NGO sector following a period working for NSW Premiers Department. I value the contribution that NCOSS makes to policy and seek to renew my involvement.

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## **INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES FOR 2003 VACANT POSITIONS FOR BOARD DIRECTORS**

**Name:** Kath Brewster  
**Occupation:** Retired  
**Nominated by:** Neil Tucker, Council on the Ageing (NSW)

**Positions presently held in other Organisations:** Council on the Ageing (NSW) – President; COTA/NSW Partnership Board – Deputy Chair; State Planning Forum on Veterans Aged Care – Member; Retirement Villages Advisory Council – Member; Aged Care Planning Advisory Committee – Member; Enterprise and Career Education Foundation – Nursing; Future of Ageing: Coffs Coast – Retirement and Aged Care Strategy – Chair.

**Major Interests:** All issues of retirement and aged care in particular; Older people as contributing members of society and advocacy of their needs and aspirations; Delivery of Health and Aged Care in regional, rural and remote areas.

**Reasons for Nomination:** I am passionate about the contribution that older people make to their community. I believe that, in an organisation which has such a broad base of advocacy as NCOSS, the needs and aspirations of older people can best be represented by someone who is themselves an older person with wide experience of the issues involved.

(Kath Brewster, as an elected member (Ordinary Director), attended 7 out of 11 meetings in 2002.)

**Name:** Joseph Ferrer  
**Occupation:** General Manager, Fairfield Community Resource Centre  
**Nominated by:** Deborah Sharp

**Positions presently held in other Organisations:** Recently resigned from NSW MRC Association

**Major Interests:** Social justice and public interest issues particularly concerning NGOs in western and south western Sydney; Migrant and Refugee communities

**Reasons for Nomination:** I wish to continue my involvement with NCOSS to represent CALD communities and communities in Western and South Western Sydney.

(Joseph Ferrer, as a co-opted member (Ordinary Director), attended 2 out of 11 meetings in 2002.)

**Name** Cheryl Kelly  
**Occupation:** Co-ordinator, Inner South West Community Development Organisation  
**Nominated by:** Marcia Cunningham, Chairperson, Inner South West CDO

**Positions presently held in other Organisations:** St George Delegate, SACS Division ASU; Secretary, Rockdale Community Services; Secretary, Inner West Cultural Services NCOS Representative, Rockdale CDSE Local Committee; St George, Marrickville & Canterbury representative LCSA Management Committee; Canterbury Council Multicultural Committee; Kogarah Council Community Services Committee.

**Major Interests:** Promotion of the work of community organisations; Good communication at local, regional and state levels and between these levels in the community sector; Interaction between community organisations across program areas.

**Reasons for nomination:** Advocacy on behalf of local community groups regarding the issues that directly affect their survival.

**Name:** Linda Nagle  
**Occupation:** Retired academic lecturer  
**Nominated by:** Wendy Waller, Family Support Services Association

**Positions presently held in other Organisations:** Treasure- South West Child Adolescent & Family Services; Member – Administrative Decisions Tribunal Community Services Section; Member – Tharawal Land Council; Member – Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Corporation.

**Major Interests:** Foster care; Reading; Aboriginal issues particularly social justice issues.

**Reasons for Nomination:** Now that I have retired I have more time to devote to social justice policy issues and in particular the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

**Name** Wesley Noffs  
**Occupation:** Chief Executive Officer, The Ted Noffs Foundation  
**Nominated by:** Larry Pierce, NADA

**Positions presently held in other Organisations:** Expert Member – NSW Health Department, Family & Carer Training Project, Drugs Program Bureau; NSW Department of Juvenile Justice, Member, Juvenile Justice Advisory Council; Subcommittee of Australia Drug Research Committee (Editorial Committee for National A & OD Magazine yet to be named).

**Major Interests:** Youth health, education and welfare with a public health focus.

**Reasons for nomination:** I would like to make a wider contribution to the health education and welfare field at this time in my life.

**Name:** Mary Perkins  
**Occupation:** Executive Officer, Shelter NSW  
**Nominated by:** Lucy Burgman, Treasurer, Shelter NSW

**Positions presently held in other Organisations:** Redfern Legal Centre – Director

**Major Interests:** Social Justice policy with specialist knowledge and interests in housing, tenancy, law & justice; Community Services – development of services and organisations able to speak on behalf of communities and people who are hard done by and need a voice.

**Reasons for Nomination:** I am interested in contributing to work of NCOSS especially at policy level. I have a broad knowledge of social policy and of the inter-relationship between different portfolios and a commitment to making a contribution to a more just future.

**Name** Deborah Sharp  
**Occupation:** Director, Community Justice Centres  
**Nominated by:** Peter Rogers, Western Sydney Community Forum

**Positions presently held in other Organisations:** Board member – Leichhardt Women's Health Centre

**Major Interests:** Sustainability of non government sector regional focus, particularly western Sydney; Relationships with government; Good management of community organisations.

**Reasons for nomination:** Opportunity to bring my years of experience in both non-government welfare sector and government to contribute to direction and policy development in NCOSS.

(Deborah Sharp, as an elected member (Ordinary Director), attended 8 out of 11 meetings in 2002.)



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I hereby give notice of the 66th Annual General Meeting of the Council of Social Service of New South Wales (NCOSS).

The meeting is to be held at 4.30pm on Wednesday, 28 May 2003, at Level 1, Citigate Sebel Sydney Hotel, 28 Albion Street, Surry Hills.

I attach these items -

- an agenda for the meeting;
- voting instructions for the election of Board members;
- ballot papers for the election of Board members;
- curricula vitae of candidates for election to the Board;
- a voting proxy form for corporate members or for associate members (as appropriate to your membership type);
- a reply paid envelope.

We request that corporate members thinking of sending only one of their two delegates arrange a proxy for their second delegate. Such proxy must be a member of their organisation. Please return the appropriate proxy form to the Honorary Secretary at NCOSS by close of business on Monday, 26 May 2003.

The special guest speaker at the AGM is **David Arbello**. David works as a researcher at the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of NSW, and is currently engaged in a study of the impacts of the Commonwealth Mental Health Integration Strategy funded projects within the Illawarra Health Mental Health Services. David will speak on mental health issues.

We hope you can attend.

Chris Dodds  
President



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## 66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 28 May 2003

Level 1, Citigate Sebel Sydney Hotel  
28 Albion Street  
Surry Hills

4:30 pm

### Agenda

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| 1. President's Welcome (including Apologies)            | President         |
| 2. Minutes of 65th AGM 2002                             | President         |
| 3. Presentation of Annual Report and President's Report | President         |
| 4. Treasurer's Report                                   | Treasurer         |
| 5. Introduction of Returning Officer                    | President         |
| 6. Election of Board Members/Declaration of Poll        | Returning Officer |
| 7. Appointment of Auditors                              | Treasurer         |
| 8. Any Other Business                                   | President         |
| 9. Close  |                   |

5:00 pm

**Guest speaker: David Arbello.** David works as a researcher at the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of NSW, and is currently engaged in a study of the impacts of the Commonwealth Mental Health Integration Strategy funded projects within the Illawarra Health Mental Health Services. David will speak on mental health issues.

5:20 pm

**Drinks**



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## NCOSS Election of Board Members and Office Bearers for 2003

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

The following people remain on the Board for another year:

**President**

Chris Dodds

**Vice President**

Pam Batkin

**Ordinary Directors**

Jenni Funari

George Varughese

Rhonda Coles

The following people were unopposed in their nominated positions and are therefore declared elected:

**Vice President**

Roger West

**Treasurer**

Peter Connie

This year's ballot will, therefore, be for the following Board positions:

**Ordinary Directors (4)**

Information on the background, interests and reasons for nominating these candidates is attached. This information is headed "Information on Candidates for 2003 Vacant Positions for NCOSS Board Directors". You will also find information on the two candidates for Vice President and Treasurer, who have been elected unopposed.

## VOTING PROCEDURE

Also included are the actual Ballot Papers on which you will record your vote.

**Each Organisation Member** receives two (2) Ballot Papers and is entitled to complete both.

**Each Individual Member** receives one (1) Ballot Paper.

Record your vote by marking an "X" in the rectangle opposite the names of the candidates for whom you vote. The Ballot Paper should not be marked in any other way or signed by you.

You **MUST NOT** vote for more candidates than there are positions available, i.e. not more than four (4) for "Ordinary Members of the Board".

Ballot Papers must be returned to the Returning Officer, sealed in the enclosed envelope, by mail or personally, to reach the office of the Council of Social Service of NSW at 66 Albion Street, Surry Hills, NSW 2010 no later than:

**5.00PM, WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2003**

A ballot box has been placed in the office. Please do not place any other matter in the envelope.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesley Garton".

Lesley Garton  
Returning Officer





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## BALLOT PAPER 2003

Please place an X beside the candidates you wish  
to vote for

**ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE NCOSS BOARD (4 to be elected)**

**Please do not vote for more than four (4) candidates**

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**BREWSTER, Kath**

Seeking re-election

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**FERRER, Joseph**

New nomination (previously co-opted)

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**KELLY, Cheryl**

New nomination

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**NAGLE, Linda**

New nomination

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**NOFFS, Wesley**

New nomination

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**PERKINS, Mary**

New nomination

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**SHARP, Deborah**

Seeking re-election

*Handwritten signature*



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## PROXY FORM FOR NCOSS AGM 2003

### EXTRACT FROM THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Each corporate member in the absence of a delegate may, in writing, appoint a proxy, a member of its own organisation to attend, speak and vote, at general meetings. Such appointment shall be signed on behalf of a corporate member by its Secretary, President, or principal executive officer.

Each associate (individual) member may in writing, appoint a proxy to attend and vote at general meetings.

Any instrument appointing a proxy must be delivered to the office of the Council not less than forty-eight hours before the time for holding the meeting or an adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposed to vote and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be valid.

The forms of proxy shall be in or to the following effect:

### Associate Members (individuals)

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (address)  
being an associate (individual) member of the Council of Social Service of NSW, hereby appoint

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (address)  
to be proxy in my absence to attend and vote in my name and on my behalf upon any matter proposed at the Annual General Meeting of the Council to be held on 28 May 2003 and at any adjournment thereof, in such manner as such proxy shall think proper.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

### Corporate Members (organisations)

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (address)  
being a corporate member of the Council of Social Service of NSW, hereby appoints

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (address)

to be proxy in the absence of \_\_\_\_\_ one of its delegates to  
(name of delegate)

attend and vote on its behalf upon any matter proposed at the Annual General Meeting of the Council to be held on 28 May 2003, and at any adjournment thereof, in such manner as such proxy shall think proper.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Proxies shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands as well as on a poll.

### VOTING POWERS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Each associate (individual) member will have one vote on a show of hands and on a poll. Each corporate member will have one vote for each delegate or proxy present on a show of hands and will have two votes on a poll notwithstanding that only one delegate or proxy is present.

Corporate members who are thinking of sending one delegate only to the AGM are requested to lodge a proxy form for their second delegate by the due date to help the formation of a quorum.

**NOTE:** The NCOSS 2003 Annual General Meeting is at 4.30pm on Wednesday, 28 May 2003  
at Level 1, Citigate Sebel Sydney Hotel, 28 Albion Street, Surry Hills.

**ALL PROXIES MUST REACH THE NCOSS OFFICE BY 5.00PM ON Monday, 26 May 2003**

# Position vacant



Need to get the word out about your job vacancy? List it on the NCOSS web site! The Community Jobs page has been set up to assist community and welfare sector organisations find quality staff and is a very popular destination for people who visit our site. It is available to all organisations in the community sector, as well as all levels of government.

- Advertisements can be as detailed or brief as you prefer - you can also supply selection criteria and job descriptions
- Listings placed on-line within one working day of receiving details and remain on-line until applications close
- Email your text only, rich-text-format or word doc files to: <webmaster@ncoss.org.au>

- **Great rates** (includes GST):

#### Community Sector & non-profit

NCOSS member - \$33

Non-member - \$44

#### Government & Corporate

NCOSS affiliate- \$55

Non-affiliate - \$66



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- We invoice you once the ad is on-line

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email <webmaster@ncoss.org.au>

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## Who can join NCOSS?

Any organisation that is committed to providing services to people in need and is continuously developing its services can apply for membership of NCOSS.

Organisations that are not currently providing services to people in need but who are planning to do so can also apply for membership of NCOSS. Organisations that are not currently providing services to people in need but who are planning to do so can also apply for membership of NCOSS.



# NCOSS

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## How is NCOSS run?

NCOSS is a not-for-profit organisation. It is run by a Board of Directors who are elected by the members. The Board is responsible for the overall management of the organisation and for ensuring that it meets its objectives.

## How is NCOSS financed?

NCOSS is financed by a combination of government funding, private donations, and income from its own services. The organisation is committed to transparency and accountability in its financial management.



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