

## Women's Scholarship Program – Company Directors' Course



### **GAIL BECK**

#### **Board or Committee:**

Cockburn Aboriginal Advisory Committee; Naidoc Perth; Walyalup Reconciliation Group; Djidi-djidi Aboriginal Women's Corporation; MADI Works; Aboriginal Lands Trust.

Gail's achievements have made a significant impact within the community. The design and implementation of programs such as creation of the Djidi-djidi Aboriginal Women's Corporation, the first Aboriginal play group, centre based day respite for Aboriginal seniors and the creation of permanent positions for Aboriginal Liaison Officer's within local council.

Gail has received the Rotary Community Service Award, Amnesty International Human Rights Award and a NAIDOC Community Award for involvement in leadership roles within the community.



### **KYM BENSON**

#### **Board or Committee:**

Hedland Secondary Education Forum

Leadership development is a constant focus in Kym's life – she continuously strives to lead from the front and inspire great things from all whom she has the privilege to work or interact with.

The current focus of her work is to support Pilbara schools and promote mining industry partnerships.

Kym's experience on boards at local, state and national levels has a strong education and community focus, with current involvement in the Hedland Secondary Education Forum and past involvement with SPERA (Society for Provision of Education in Rural Australia) national executive member and Treasurer; Wheatbelt Development Commission Youth Crew; and committee involvement in local and regional Agricultural Society, Toy Library, Playgroup, and Sporting Associations.

Kym's passion and energy to committee involvement has been recognised by receiving 2004 Most Outstanding Volunteer Group, Merredin Community Awards; and 2003 Outstanding Aboriginal Community ASSPA Group, Department of Education and Training (WA) Aboriginal Awards of Excellence



## **RADHANIKA DE MEL**

### **Board or Committee:**

Since migrating from Sri Lanka to Australia in January 2003 with her husband and five children, aged 9 to 26, Radha has served on the Executive Committees of the National Council of Women of Western Australia, The Australian Asian Association and the Western Australian Sri Lanka Association. Radha has also been an active member of the Women's Sub-Committee of the Ethnic Communities Council, and received a special award at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of the National Council of Jewish Women of Western Australia, in recognition of her work with women from different ethnicities.

In Sri Lanka Radha was well known as an actress and television personality, a keen advocate of marginalised women and children, and worked as a volunteer on projects with Save the Children UK and Soroptimist International in. She hosted a ground-breaking talk show, which dealt with hitherto taboo subjects such as domestic violence, corporal punishment, sexual abuse and AIDS.

Radha has a degree in Sociology and Community Development at Murdoch University, and received the Vice Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence in 2007.



## **KAY GERARD**

### **Board or Committee:**

Kalgoorlie Chamber Of Commerce & Industry Inc

Kay is an Associate Director at Curtin Vocational Training and Education Centre (VTEC), Kalgoorlie, responsible for the expansion and improvement of business. Kay contributes to the strategic direction of the College, providing leadership and direction to staff.

Kay also participates in the Regional, Rural and Remote Women's Network, aiming to recognise, promote and expand the contribution women make to their communities.

A past President of the Karratha and District Chamber of Commerce and a previous President of Rotary International, Kay's dedication to the regional and community sector is passionate and committed.



## **ODETTE HALEY**

### **Board or Committee:**

Ministerial Child Care Advisory Committee

Odette is a lecturer and community development practitioner, providing leadership for staff, community members and students through professional development and mentoring. Odette is the convenor for the Pilbara Centre of Excellence in Early Childhood Leadership.

Odette's involvement within her community has enabled enhanced achievements through programs such as *Learning the Family Way: The Dyadic approach to Literacy and Numeracy for Indigenous People in the Pilbara* and *Indigenous Women in Leadership Program*.

Odette has completed a Bachelor of Arts (Education), a Bachelor of Education (Honours), Master of Arts (Social Ecology) and is currently completing her Masters in Education (Leadership)



## **FRITH ADRIENNE KLUG**

### **Board or Committee:**

WA Children's Hospice Association

As well as Director of the above board, Frith has a full and varied history of community involvement and board membership. A current committee member of the Change Management Reference Group of the Water Corporation she has past involvement with St Vincent de Paul, Play Group WA and BankWest.

Frith's leadership experience and ability has allowed the sharing of skills and knowledge to benefit others in the private and public sectors.

Her most recent role as Director, WA Children's Hospice Association (Inc) has ensured Frith's financial and organisational expertise are utilised to help the Association achieve the objective of delivering a children's hospice by 2012 that will provide on-going care and support for children with life limiting conditions



## **ALEXANDRA MCMANUS**

### **Board or Committee:**

V.Pres Sports Medicine Australia; WA Chair Australasian College of Road Safety; Board Member - Kidsafe WA, Research Australia University Roundtable; and Rural and Remote Research Working Group. .

Alexandra has recently been a presenter on the Australian Women in Leadership Course, mentors regional and rural health practitioners and has spent considerable time working in community-based research, injury prevention, workplace health, child health and with indigenous populations. She has shown continual commitment towards building capacity and a culture of information sharing within public health in order to facilitate positive growth within the field.

Alexandra has completed a Bachelor of Science (Health Promotion/Human Biology), Postgrad Diploma Public Health, Master of Public Health, receiving Chancellors Award for Excellence in Research, a PhD in Sports Medicine and is currently an A/Professor with Curtin Health Innovation Research Institute at Curtin University.



## **SARAH NEWBOLD**

### **Board or Committee:**

Previous membership has included Women's Law Centre WA; Same Sex Domestic Abuse Group and Perth Inner City Youth Services.

In response to identifying a need within social support structures within family violence, Sarah initiated the Same Sex Domestic Abuse Group in 2000. This group continues to raise awareness within the community of family violence affecting the diverse sexuality and gender identity population through training and awareness raising campaigns.

Sarah has completed a Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) at UWA and will commence a Masters of Business Administration in 2009.



## **GLORIA SUTHERLAND**

### **Board or Committee:**

Australian Population Health Development Principal Committee, Australian Health Ministers Advisory Committee, Universal Neonatal Hearing Screening Working Group and National Bowel Cancer Screening Program Advisory Group

Involved in the establishment of bowel cancer screening in WA and the WA Cervical Cancer Prevention Program, Gloria's role in health prevention strategies has been instrumental. This has also extended to the formation of the Kimberley Population Health Unit as the inaugural Director, which has been vital in improving the provision of health services for Indigenous people in the region

Gloria has completed a Bachelor of Applied Science (Nursing), Post Graduate Diploma of Health Education and Promotion and a Master of Science.



## **ANTHEA WHAN**

### **Board or Committee:**

Kununurra Chamber Of Commerce And Industry.

In 2006 Anthea was invited to attend the Emerging Pacific Leaders' Dialogue, a Pacific Forum run by the Commonwealth Studies Conferences. Anthea has been involved as a Company Secretary on 5 boards within the Wunan Foundation. Anthea is a registered foster carer with the Department for Child Protection and is also a tutor for the *Follow the Dream* program, which helps Indigenous children stay at high school and work towards university entrance. Her continual commitment towards building capacity and information sharing serves her local community well.

Anthea has completed a Bachelor of Commerce, and is completing a Master in International and Community Development.

Anthea has recently started a position with Save the Children Australia in Kununurra.