

Ostomy NSW Director Biography 2022

Stephen Grange – Vice President

Stephen joined the Ostomy NSW board in 2007. A retired insurance professional with many years' experiences in various general insurance aspects including: technical, sales, marketing then coaching. Gained Fellowship status in Insurance, Marketing. Gained MBA from MGSM. He has attended numerous national ostomy meetings, supporting national efforts, tasks etc.

Due to bladder cancer had a urostomy from 1 June 2006.

Stephen is passionate about ostomate welfare, wishing for higher non-ostomate revenue to enable more services to ostomates, especially the disadvantaged ostomate. Believes in ostomate 'demostomy' where ostomates direct their own charity organisation to severe ostomates, with 2 viable Associations in larger States to provide choice.

Greg Doyle – Director

I joined ONL as an ostomate member in Jan 2011. Following my surgery, that left me a double ostomate, I returned to my normal place of employment until late in 2012 when I retired.

For the following couple of years, I placed and received my orders like clockwork, without any questions. I used to browse quickly through the quarterly newsletter, just reading any articles that caught my eye. During this time, the Association "was just there when I needed my monthly order". However, the request for volunteers was a regular part of these newsletters that I seemed to always notice - do you??

I decided to apply to help out and my application was greatly accepted. I started volunteering for one day each week in February 2014. By the end of that year, I was employed for 20 hours a week working in the warehouse. I enjoyed the work and atmosphere of "do our best for the members".

In 2015 the then General Manager asked me if I would consider joining the Board. I wasn't too sure what I could bring to the Board as my previous employment required me to manage repairs and maintenance of heavy and mining machinery. It didn't seem to fit with the ins and outs of a stoma association. However, I threw my hat into the ring, and here I am!!

Initially I was mildly uncomfortable with the legal requirements of a board member, but I soon came to appreciate that the staff and management were appreciative of having an operating and visible board, meeting regularly to hear reports, and to advise and guide management through any issues as they arise. I realised quickly that the position was needed for the Association to function as best as possible.

In my time here a number of board members have come and gone for various reasons however we now seem to have a good balance of Directors who always have something to offer during meetings. We have a good balance. We also have a number of positions on the board to be filled by enthusiastic people from our membership.

My humble beginnings began in the mountains of the Upper Yarra Valley in Victoria, in 1953. I apprenticed as a Holden mechanic, served in the Australian Army and from the late 1970's I worked in the civil construction and mining industries (generally for the one employer) as a plant mechanic and later a General Superintendent.

Adam Keam – Director

I am a 42-year-old Ostomate and have been living with an ileostomy since 2018 after undergoing surgery to treat a reoccurrence of bowel cancer (after living with chronic ulcerative colitis since my teens).

As a result of my experience, I am passionate about making a positive impact for other Ostomates and advocating for continued and improved services via the Stoma Appliance Scheme.

I have previously volunteered with the NSW Cancer Council in several areas, including Co-Chair of the Manly Relay for Life.

Currently employed as an Executive Director, for the US Investment Bank J.P. Morgan Chase primarily focusing on Finance and Business managements, with prior roles with the firm in Hong Kong and London. I am a Board Member of J.P. Morgan Nominees Australia Limited and a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

In my spare time, I enjoy water sports, Australian Rules Football (AFL), travelling and spending time with my wife and growing sons (12, 9, 6).

Given my passion, I hope to continue serve on the Executive of ACSA and support fellow Ostomates by assisting to help the council govern and grow for the benefit of each and every one of us.

Perry Johnstone – Director

Currently employed a Business Systems Officer with Sydney City Council. Perry has been employed in local government for thirty-three years. He has been a member of the Board since 2012 and a member of Ostomy NSW for 19 years. Perry has been a continuous director since his election and provides advice relating to government and tender opportunities. Perry seeks re-election to the board at this year's AGM

Michael Rochford – Director

Michael is a B. Pharmacy and has been a pharmacist for fifty years and operating his own business for over 25 years. Michael was first elected to the Board in 2016 and served continuously, offering advice on matters relating to the PBS and inventory control.

Ernest Schmatt AM PSM – Director

Ernie has recently retired as Chief Executive of the Judicial Commission of New South Wales.

He was admitted to practice as a barrister of the Supreme Court of NSW in 1979 and is a solicitor of the Supreme Court and High Court of Australia. He has held senior legal and management positions in the public sector, including Solicitor for the Public Service Board of NSW. He has been a member of several international organisations including: the International Organisation for Judicial Training, where he presently holds the position of Deputy Secretary-General; the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute; and, the Asia Pacific Judicial Reform Secretariat. He was an Honorary Associate of the Graduate School of Government, the University of Sydney, from 2003-2017 and has been involved in judicial capacity-building programs in many developing countries for over 30 years.

Ernie was awarded the Public Service Medal in the 1997 Queen's Birthday Honours List and became a Member of the Order of Australia in 2018.

Ernie was seconded to the Board in May 2022 and will seek election at this year's AGM.

Tom Flood – President

Tom is retiring from the Board at this election after serving for thirty-five years on the Ostomy NSW Board.