

# Management profiles

## Hon. Curtis Pitt MP

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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 15 years as Clerk.

### Craig Atkinson

BBus GradCertProfAcc MIPA

Director, Corporate Services and Electorate Office Liaison

Craig leads the Corporate and Electorate Services Division of the Parliamentary Service which includes Financial and Administrative Services, Human Resource Services, and Members' Executive Support. Craig also acts as Chief Finance Officer for the Parliamentary Service pursuant to the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*. Craig was appointed Director in 2017 and has over 20 years' experience in financial management and administration of members' entitlements.

### Stewart Johnson

GradDipFM BTEC Dip-Built Environment (UK)

Director, Property and Facility Services

Stewart leads the Property (including state wide electoral offices), Catering and Security and Attendants Divisions

of the Parliamentary Service. Stewart was appointed in September 2016 and has over 25 years of building management, project management, hospitality and security operations experience.

### 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 management experience in delivering information services and policy advice at a whole-of-Government level.

### 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 and is also the Committee Secretary to the Ethics Committee. Previously he held senior roles in the Department of Premier and Cabinet including Clerk of the Executive Council.

## 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.

### **Daniel Buchanan**

*BIT*  
Head of Information Technology  
Services

Daniel leads the Information Technology Services team which provides technology services throughout the Parliamentary precinct and Members' Electorate Offices. Daniel has 18 years' experience in the information technology industry.

### **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 was 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 23 years' experience with the Parliamentary Service, including roles in Committees and Chamber, Education and Communication Services.

### **Robyn Moore**

*LLB MUrb&RegPlg ALIA Allied  
Field*  
Director, Research and  
Information Services

Robyn leads the Research and Information Service dedicated to assisting members of parliament to perform their duties by ensuring they have access to timely, authoritative and impartial information. Robyn was appointed to the role after undertaking various parliamentary roles. Before joining the Parliament, Robyn was a solicitor in private practice.

### **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**Precinct Services Senior  
Supervisor

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 Construction and Facilities Management industry for over 25 years.

**James Robertson***BBus(Accy) CPA*Manager, Financial and  
Administrative Services

James' duties involve delivering systems and services relating to financial and procurement management. This includes 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. James has over 20 years' experience.

**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 Queensland Branch Council and the Governance Advisory Body of the Records and Information Management Professionals Australia.

**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 over 25 years' experience working in public policy and management roles, and has worked with the Parliamentary Service since 2011. For the 56th Parliament, Bernice is the Committee Secretariat of the Ethics Committee.