

# Caladenia Dementia care

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#### PROVIDING SUPERIOR SERVICES TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA.

## **OCTOBER 2022**

## **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Caladenia is pleased to welcome three new Members to our Board of Directors. These three keen people fill positions that have been vacated by Board Members retiring from the Board.

In no particular order, please make welcome:



#### **GAB PASCUZZI**

Gab has been in the property industry his entire working life, being a Commercial Real Estate Partner at Knight Frank Australia and Director at CBRE. During

Covid Gab decided to pursue a long-term desire to move into Property Development & Investment with Up Property to ensure more time was spent with his wife and 3 young children. With a long history of builders in his family, his spare time over a 20+ year period was juggling Real Estate and personal property development projects.

Dementia is a real-life situation for Gab with both grandparents living with dementia during his childhood and also his father being diagnosed 3 years ago with the disease. Gab has seen the impact firsthand to these competent individuals and the considerable changes to their lives, hence his focus to give back to such an important cause. **Welcome Gab.** 



#### **CLAIRE JONES**

Meet Claire Jones- passionate advocate of both human and animal rights!

Claire is a social worker by profession and works in the veteran and mental health spaces. However, her personal passion is supporting those with dementia as well as their families. This comes from being a support person to her father, Ted, who had Alzheimer's Disease

for a few years, finally succumbing to this in March 2021. During this time, Ted became involved in Caladenia and Claire and her family were so humbled by the support offered by Caladenia and absolutely impressed by the high level of support to both Ted, but also her mum.

From this experience, Claire found she wanted to give more and when the opportunity arose for her to apply to the Board of Directors she did so and was successful. She is really excited!

Other than this, Claire loves her friends and family including two dogs and two cats- all elderly and rescued (the pets, but she says many of the friends and family are as well!) She also loves travel and has just come back from three weeks in France with her mum.

Claire is SO looking forward to getting to know the Caladenia family better and contributing however she can. *Welcome Claire*.



#### SARAH GLADMAN

We welcome Sarah to the Board of Directors. After completing a Bachelor of Medical Science, Sarah's career has included working for both national and

multi-national companies within the medical device industry. Her experience includes business development and product management in Life Science, key account management with some of the country's largest public hospitals as well as leading the commercial aspect of medication management. More recently Sarah has embarked on business development across Australia and New Zealand in the exciting niche of artificial intelligence to measure pain. Each role has focussed on hospital and healthcare as well as aged care. Caladenia can only benefit from Sarah's skills and experience. **Welcome Sarah.** 

Regards, **Harry Moyle** Mob: 0425 729 769 Email: hjmoyle@gmail.com

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### THANK YOU JACKIE

#### It is with reluctance that we release Jackie from her duties as Administration Assistant here at Caladenia.

Jackie began with Caladenia as a casual filling in for Cheryl Watt's annual leave. Jackie was a delight to have in the office, and filled in so competently and efficiently that she was a asked to interview for the position when Cheryl resigned.

Whilst in her role as Administration Assistant, Jackie had exemplary skills in finance, administration and office management, I would like to talk about her additional skills and attributes.

Talking to Jackie on the phone is always pleasant. She has the perfect mix of professional and personal, and made everyone she spoke to feel comfortable and heard. That is unless it was a shonky salesperson, a telemarketer or a complaints department on the line – Jackie was a force to be reckoned with and she has forced many a company to take her concern or complaint seriously. In my head I called it her Telstra Voice, she didn't have to use it often, but when she did, Caladenia always came out on top.

The role of Administration can be isolating. Sometimes alone in the office, particularly in the days before I moved in from the other office. The role stands alone to support the team. Jackie made herself a part of the staff team with ease though, remembering birthdays, babies, special events, and often having a card or a little gift to celebrate.

Jackie's support of my role, and of me personally is what I will miss the most. Jackie acted as a confidential sounding board more than once, and



defended me against all comers! Jackie would also admonish me if she thought I was working too long or too late.

I have loved working with you, as have the whole Caladenia Team and we wish you all the very best in your new role as Administrator of Retirement! You have left us all in good hands with Daina, and passed on so much of what was important to her already.

Thanks so much for everything – we will miss you! Sarah and the Team

# SAVE THE DATE! CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2022

### **INTRODUCING DAINA**



# Hello my name is Daina and I am the new Administration Assistant replacing Jackie.

My experience includes over ten years in the legal industry combined with a further ten years' experience in finance and office management. I take pride in my work and love being part of a team, particularly one that appreciates my attention to detail and ability to multitask! I want to ensure Caladenia's administration office is in capable hands.

I am a Croydon Hills local and married to Jason (Excel Expert!) and we have two gorgeous children. My daughter Alyse is currently studying teaching at university and my son Lachie is currently completing VCE.

We are all heavily involved in the community whether it be on committees, team managing, playing, or coaching the local Football, Cricket or Basketball Clubs (look out Footy Tipping!).

My interests include watching all sport, arranging social events with family & friends, together with shopping and holidaying at the beach in Merimbula.

Welcome to the Team Daina!!

### **FRIENDS OF CALADENIA**

Over the last year, the Covid situation has continued to affect the way we live, work, and interact with each other. It has been great to see so many of our valuable volunteers return to their roles at Caladenia this year. Having said that, we know that many of you have been unable to return due to your circumstances changing but we would still love to keep in touch.

To retain these important connections, we at Caladenia would like to introduce a new group, "Friends of Caladenia". A social group made up of current and retired volunteers, staff, ex carers and interested community members. The intention is to share a meal twice a year and receive periodical communications to keep everyone up to date.

If you would like to be part of our new initiative, please click this link: <u>https://forms.gle/y43BWnXZFTRcX8M5A</u> and fill in the form or call Caladenia 9727 2222, and ask for Leanne.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

### **NEW VOLUNTEERS**

Welcome to Moira Hughes, Rosemary Haysom, Kirra Abrehart, Adrian Guarnera, Christine Hill, Angela Gault and Joanne Thornton.

### **NEW PARTNERSHIPS – BETTER OUTCOMES**

#### Caladenia has worked closely with VMCH to co-host joint networking and information opportunities for many years.

This year we formalised our relationship with the successful partnership application for funds that will support carers through the next 4 years.

With VMCH as the lead agency the project partners are Caladenia, Brainlink, Catholic Care Victoria, Different Journeys and Eastern Palliative Care. Across the agencies we will be able to support carers of people with dementia, carers of people with acquired brain injury, carers of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder, carers of people at end of life, and other diverse carers.

Caladenia has provided support to our carers since our inception in 1983. Caladenia started as a once a month carer support group hosted by our Founder Trish Maggs. Trish would speak to the carers from her own wisdom, and her long nursing experience, while hand-picked volunteers who believed in Trish's vision of respect and dignity for all would have a cuppa and share a puzzle or a crossword with the person living with dementia.

As such, as an organisation we have had a strong commitment to caring for carers over the last 39 years. Caladenia has over the years been the recipient of funding for some of these services at times, in the early



days Alzheimer's Vic provided a little funding, and in the 90's and early 2000's Carers Victoria provided small grants to support group activities. More recently our partnership grant with Yarra Ranges Council has gone toward supporting our carer activities.

This significant support from the Victorian Government will mean that for the first time Caladenia can employ a part time staff member experienced in these matters to concentrate solely on supporting our carers. After all - if we don't support the family carers, who will do the caring?

Many thanks to VMCH as the project lead, we look forward to doing good work with you!

For enquiries please contact Sarah 9727 2222.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### CALADENIA CLOSURE DATE

Caladenia will be closed Friday 23 December – Tuesday 3 January 2023 The last day of programs will be Thursday 22 December and the first day of programs will commence Wednesday 4 January 2023

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 27 October 2022 @ 7.30pm

### THANK YOU TO ALL THE FOLLOWING GENEROUS DONORS:

Anne & Geoff Welsh Bendigo Bank (Mooroolbark) Bev Bannard Carolyn, Faye & Frank Roche Cherelle Carroll

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