

Candidate Profile: Sean Browne

Both of my children, Phoebe and Henry attend Goollelal Primary and my wife and I are incredibly happy to be part of the school and community. Goollelal has provided our children with a supportive and positive environment in which they can learn, grow, and make friends. Through the school Board, I would like to contribute towards building upon the things that make our school and community great.

I have worked in Government for 15 years and hold a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning. I am employed by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage in the role of Manager Kimberley and Indian Ocean Territories within the Land Use Management division.



My role requires strong leadership, interpersonal skills, negotiation skills, an ability to think and act strategically, and an ability to make decisions. These skills are required to lead a team which delivers positive outcomes for developers, land users and importantly, the people of Western Australia. A key focus of mine in this role is to ensure that through our work, we actively identify and deliver positive outcomes for Aboriginal people whether Traditional Owners or communities.

Outside of work, I love being outdoors and try to spend as much time as I can in the ocean. I also enjoy being creative and do a bit of woodwork and art. I try to share these things with my children as it's a great way to spend time together and impart my love for creativity and nature.

I feel that my experience in leadership, developing and implementing strategy, decision making, and stakeholder engagement would benefit the Board and school. I hope to apply these skills towards the improvement of learning outcomes and the school environment while maintaining our school's unique character and values.

Something I am passionate about is reconciliation and closing the gap for Aboriginal People. I feel there is space within the learning environment to introduce our children to Aboriginal people, their languages and culture in a positive, appropriate, and respectful, way. I would therefore like to contribute towards Goollelal's approach to incorporating Aboriginal culture and learnings in the school environment.

Like other parents I have a busy work schedule and of course the daily responsibility that comes with raising kids, but I feel that now is the time for me to take a greater role in the community and our school. By nominating for a role on the Board I commit myself not just to improved outcomes for my children but all the children that have the opportunity to attend this great school.

Candidate Profile: Charmaine Ellery

I believe I would be an excellent addition to the school board, I am a Chartered Accountant with 10+ years' experience, I am currently working as an Assistant Manager at BDO. My skills in accounting, management and business would be an excellent asset to the school board. Specifically, I have years of experience in budgeting and understand the processes involved in holding and recording board meetings.

My daughter Delilah Virgo is currently a student in Year One and I would love to see the school grow and flourish as she moves through primary school. I am committed to working as a team with the other board members whilst maintaining high-level integrity and confidentiality. I am eager to help the board achieve its goals and work to establish links within the community.



Candidate Profile: Caitlin Merritt

I am an active member of the school community, currently on the P&C and a class rep for kindy. This year I've been involved alongside the P&C and with the guidance of Paul a 3 year staged plan for a new nature playground. This is a large project that will benefit the school and I am dedicated to working in collaboration with all parties to deliver a beautiful playground for the entire school community to enjoy.



With 3 young children I am committed to the on going growth of the school in all areas by providing parent feedback through the appropriate channels to create opportunities for our children and be a voice for change where needed. I have a bachelor degree in graphic design and a masters in marketing.

For the last 7 years I have managed my own business with up to 10 staff - this has helped me further develop skills including networking and relationship building/management, strategic business planning and implementation of marketing initiatives.

I have also worked in operations and e-commerce for a worldwide retail company for the past 11 years (with breaks for maternity leave)- These roles saw me working cross functionally to align teams and implement large scale rolls outs, events, store openings and product launches.

I have developed client and stakeholder management skills throughout my career, in addition I have established strategic business planning, marketing and e-commerce skills. Being involved with the board would enable me to integrate and build on my work experience background, as well as apply the skills and knowledge I acquired from my university studies.

I believe my skills and experience position me as a strong candidate for the school board and I feel that I can make a valuable contribution to the school community. Being a voice for our children and families is extremely important to me.

Candidate Profile: Shawn Twomey

I'm a 43 year old father of 2 boys, Ethan, 7 & Harry 3 and husband to Jo. Ethan is currently in TA6 and Harry will be joining the school in February 2023.

Professionally I am the Managing Director of a medium sized ANZ recruitment business with offices in Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Auckland.

Personally I love sport and spending time with the family and getting involved in the community where I can and I've volunteered and supported a number of Perth charities and recently entered the Busselton Half Iron man in December where I'll be hoping to raise funds for Zero2Hero.



I put forward my name for consideration for the parental representative on the board as I would love to take a proactive role in helping Goollelal School and the students be the best they can be.

I'd hope that my business experience could help with some of the planning, budgeting and analysis for the school and my passion and belief in the school values would enable me to be a positive ambassador for the parents on the board.

Thank you for considering me.