Fiona Collopy
I am thrilled to have been appointed substantive principal of Sawyers Valley Primary School and I hope to be able to further build on the terrific work done by previous principals, David Sawers, Leanne Sheardown and, of course, Marian Gard. I am an experienced primary school principal having worked most recently at Gooseberry Hill Primary School in 2015 and from 2009-14 at East Narrogin Primary School, both Independent Public Schools. Prior to that, I was principal at Avonvale Primary School in Northam from 2007. My teaching career commenced in the Pilbara in Tom Price, and although I had a short stint at Mount Lawley Primary School, I am proud to have worked mostly in country schools. My home is in Northam where I live with my husband and our two dogs. My proudest moment was when East Narrogin Primary School was announced as an Independent Public School, confirming what we already knew, that our school had the faith and trust of the school community in growing the hearts and minds of children in our care.

I am very pleased to say I very much like what I see at Sawyers Valley. I have noted the high level of parent support and commitment to children’s learning and I have been very impressed with the professionalism and work ethic of staff. The students are friendly, confident and respectful. It is clear that there is a strong community presence within the school and that all are working together to benefit our students. I can’t wait to get to know everyone better and establish our ways of working together. I aim to support our children at Sawyers Valley to be the best that they can be and I am committed to working closely with the school community and school board to lead our school through its next phase in the Business Plan.

Michelle Lloyd
I have been involved in education for the past 24 years. Over that time, my experiences have been wide and varied from making volcanoes with Pre-Primary children in Marvel Loch, approximately 400 km east of Perth to tutoring first year students at Murdoch University. I taught at Sawyers Valley Primary School from 2003 – 2009 and what sticks with me most is the dedication of the staff to the education of their students and the passion of the community about their school. I am a science specialist having completed my Bachelor of Applied Science (Biology) at Curtin University in 1990 and in 1993 I completed my Graduate Diploma of Education. In 1997, I completed my Masters of Education (Science) in 2007. My current interest is around the use of technology in the classroom and how it can assist our students in becoming life long learners.

I have joined the Board of Sawyers Valley Primary School as a community member as I have now returned to live in the Hills and am passionate about supporting education at its best.

Tonya Wood
I'm proud to say I've had the privilege of working at Sawyers Valley Primary for the past 15 years; it certainly doesn't seem that long! After completing a Bachelor of Education with a double major in Mathematics, I started my teaching career wanting to encourage every teenager to love Maths as much as I did! I spent 2 years at Northam Senior High School and then another 7 years at Eastern Hills teaching Mathematics and loving it! Then I had a career change (Early Childhood Educators say; 'I saw the light') and retrained in Early Childhood Education and have spent 15 fabulous years 'growing little people into their magnificence!' Each day brings a new challenge, smile and magic moment with the children and I'm privileged to be working within such a wonderful Early Childhood Team and learning environment.

I have been on the Sawyers Valley School Council since my daughter attended the school in 2002 and then as a staff member on the School Board when we became an Independent Public School. I hope my history with the school as both a parent and dedicated staff member and insight into both primary and high school education will be of support to the Board. I live in the 'Hills' with my family and love spending time at home working on our house and in my veggie patch. I also love volunteering with Calisthenics and travelling.
Duncan Pratt
I joined the board because my daughter has joined the school and I want to become more involved in some of the things that whilst she may not understand yet, will be important in her life as well as being more involved in the local community. I am a structural engineer with 20 years of experience, nine and a half here in Western Australia, the rest in the UK. For me I suspect I will have more to learn from being on the board than to offer it other than my enthusiasm to try and help the school continue to develop the good reputation that it has. www.linkedin.com/in/prattduncan

Carey Stewart
I began my teaching career in 1987 at Tom Price Primary School as the Pre-Primary teacher. Since then I have taught in Kindergarten to Year 7 classrooms in a Priority School (low socio-economic), Foundation School and a Merit Select School that has now made the transition to an Independent Public School. My other roles in addition to being an early childhood classroom teacher at Sawyers Valley Primary School have been Performing Arts specialist, English Learning Area Director, Curriculum Leader, Early Childhood Team Leader and Teacher Development School Co-ordinator. In 2007 I achieved Level 3 Classroom Teacher status which has assisted me in supporting the shared vision and priorities of the Sawyers Valley Staff, children and community and also in providing professional development for the broader educational community through the establishment of an early childhood educator network in The Hills. I have also been a mentor teacher for pre-service teachers, a University Colleague for pre-service teachers with ECU and online tutor for Bachelor of Education students at Curtin University/Open Universities Australia. I spent 2015 working in Central Office (Department of Education) developing resources to support the On-Entry Assessment Program.

I am an advocate for early childhood learning and development and believe that this is a critical period in a child’s life. I believe that the quality of a child’s early years strongly influences and shapes success and happiness in later life. Each child is a unique individual who is born with the powers of curiosity, intelligence, creativity, resilience, determination and persistence and it is the role of the adult to nurture and foster these and support the many ways a child learns through a variety of contexts where he/she can explore, communicate, question, choose, observe, analyse, think critically and reflect. Meaningful play and joyful learning is at the centre of my thinking when I design learning programs and environments for the young children in my care.

I am married with three children who are now young adults. I also have a background in music and theatre and this is also plays a significant role in my teaching. I have been on the school council of two schools as a parent and educator before the days of Independent Public Schools. This is the first time I have been on a school board and I am looking forward to my tenure over the coming years. I hope that my familiarity and history with Sawyers Valley Primary School will be of assistance to the School Board and its directions whilst remaining true to the essence and mission statement of this outstanding place of learning.

Shorelle Watkins
I left my full time job 18 months ago to put all my time and effort into my 3 girls all who attend Sawyers Valley Primary School. Previous to that I spent 10 years working for a large mining company in the position of Company Secretary and Executive Assistant to the Executive Vice President and the Executive Team.
I am a qualified Counsellor and have majored in Childhood development and effective parenting.
To the board I bring a wide range of secretarial skills, negotiation skills and a keen interest and knowledge in childhood behaviours and management.
### Lee Stohr
Hello my name is Lee Stohr, and I have joined the School Board as I believe in supporting and contributing to the school community. Most importantly I am the parent of a Year 2 student, named Bella Azzalini, who loves coming to our school. My background previous to coming to the school was in the Retail Pet and Aquarium Industry. I owned and managed Guppy’s to Puppy’s, a large pet and aquarium store in Victoria Park for 10 years. Previous to Guppy’s to Puppy’s I worked with a National Franchise Pet Retail chain. My roles were International and Local Product Buyer for our internal warehouse. I was also the National Head Supervisor of 90 retail outlets, a mix of company owned and franchised stores. My passion is animals and nature.

### Di Brown
I feel extremely fortunate to have been associated with Sawyers Valley Primary School for the last 10 years. Prior to Sawyers Valley I worked in the mining industry where I studied Occupational Safety and Health. I went on to consult on OSH to a number of companies in a variety of industries. My experience at Sawyers Valley Primary includes roles as parent, school officer, teacher and relief education assistant. My son attended Sawyers Valley PS from Kindy through to being in the group of the last class of Year 7 students at the school. This school holds a very special place in my heart for the fantastic staff and quality teaching, the opportunities available for the students, the amazing community involvement and the beauty of the location. Being a member of the School Board allows me the opportunity to be involved in the planning for the future direction of the school and to give something back to this great school and community.

### Cheryl Osborne
I’m now in my 60’s and a mother of three adult offspring, and grandmother to five grandchildren. My three granddaughters attend Sawyers Valley PS. I have been involved with them in classrooms since 2009. I am a trained Early Childhood Teacher and have a Bachelor of Education. I taught in the 80’s and 90’s starting as a pre-primary teacher but then secondary in the Business & Vocational area (as I had 10 years office experience prior to becoming a teacher) and finally as a primary teacher mainly upper primary. When I left teaching I ran a Family Day Care service for twelve years at my home in Chidlow where I cared for children 0-12 years including my two eldest grandchildren. I have been retired since 2008. For the past 3/4 years I have been involved with the Multilit programme as a volunteer.

I am passionate about public education. I was educated in this system myself, our children attended government schools and now our grandchildren are attending. My particular interest is Literacy.

I am interested in Independent Schools within this system and when given the opportunity to become a Board Member I saw this as an opportunity to understand the workings more closely.

### Erik Stanton-Clements
I joined the School Board out of a desire to learn about the school and current approaches to education, as much as a way of making a contribution. I have a son at the school and a daughter excited about following next year. It has been a wonderful experience seeing them grow and learn and there is so much more to come. I have been inspired as a parent by the example set by the teachers and staff I’ve come to know.

My background is in small business, corporate strategy, policy and sustainability. I have degrees in International Relations and Sustainability. I enjoy working with groups to develop ideas, bed them into strategy and turning people loose within their discipline areas to drive change. I have been lucky enough to work with some exceptional business and public sector leaders who have been able to drive real change for good, while returning large economic and financial dividends to their organisations and communities. It's what I think is meant by sustainability. I joined the Board because I feel the same spirit and talent for driving positive change abounds at the school. I love the Hills, getting out for a ride on my mountain bike or exploring new spots with the kids. I feel lucky to be bringing them up in this part of the world.
Alison Charman
My name is Alison Charman and I have been the physical education teacher and a classroom teacher at Sawyers Valley Primary School since 2006. I recently joined the Board as a teacher representative because I have always felt lucky to teach at this school and I am very interested in the changes that have been brought about by our transition to an Independent Public School.

Prior to obtaining my teaching qualifications I studied Sports Journalism at Canberra University and worked for the Channel Nine network in Sydney where I worked on events such as the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics, the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games, several Wimbledon tennis championships and numerous Australian Cricket tours. I moved to Perth in 1991 to work on the Australian round of the World Rally Championship and then moved into Health Promotion working with the WA Government and sporting organisations to promote health messages in place of the recently banned cigarette sponsorship. I also managed Player Services at the Hopman Cup tennis tournaments for over 20 years.

In 1994, my husband Greg and I moved to Mt Helena and I managed a local Recreation Centre. My absolute favourite part of the job was running the regular school holiday programs for over 100 children. This is when I returned to study to become a primary school teacher realising the privilege it is to be able to teach children. I am married with two children, Mitchell aged 19 and Belinda aged 14 and our family still lives in Mt Helena. I love teaching within my own community and feel very privileged to have met so many wonderful Sawyers Valley families and their children over the last 10 years.