



2011-12 Board Members

Debbie Slater – Chair

Debbie has over 15 years' experience as a consumer representative within health service provision, both in Australia and the UK. She is a passionate advocate of a person's right to respect, equality of access to good maternity services (including the choice of midwife as primary carer), and clear, evidence-based information to enable consumers to be involved in, and take responsibility for, decisions about their pregnancy, labour and birth, and the care they receive.

Debbie is a member of Childbirth Australia and currently one of two consumer representatives on the Maternity Services Advisory Group that advises the Federal Government on maternity issues. She is also a consumer representative on the NHMRC Project Reference Group for the National Guidance for Collaborative Maternity Care. In addition she is Chair of the Community Advisory Council (CAC) of King Edward Memorial Hospital in Perth, and a member of the CAC for the Perth North Metropolitan Regional Health Authority. She is a Consumer Reviewer for the Australian College of Midwives Midwifery Practice Review and childbirth educator with a Diploma in Antenatal Education from the University of Luton. She is a member of the Executive Advisory Group for the Women's and Newborns Health Network in Western Australia, and a member of the Advisory Group of the Australasian Maternity Outcomes Surveillance System. Her day job as a patent attorney tends to take second place to her passion for working for improvements in maternity services. She has given birth to three beautiful boys: two are now gorgeous teenage young men: her 'baby Michael' died very shortly after birth nearly 17 years ago.

Tracey Scotchbrook – Treasurer

Tracey is a CPA qualified accountant with 8 years' experience as an auditor in the not for profit sector. In that time she has had the opportunity to be involved with a range of not for profit organisations working with senior management and staff. She is a member and graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors course. As a sister, friend and citizen she seeks a system where there is true informed consent leading to a return to more natural births and a reduction of over-intervention and clinical births.

Natalie Greig

Natalie is a counsellor, nurse, doula and mother of 5, one of whom was birthed on the Community Midwifery Program. She is a survivor of PND, and Australian Breastfeeding Association Counsellor, doula and nurse. She has a passion for women to have choice. She believes it is important for women and their families to have access to unbiased information to enable them to make informed choices.

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Carol Pinch

Carol is currently a lecturer in Midwifery at Edith Cowan University, and previously worked as a community midwife in the UK. She worked in a team midwifery model which facilitated domino and home births, and is particularly interested in promoting choice for pregnant women and normalising birth.

Claire Ross

Claire is a mother of three and a very experienced Board Member, having served on ASSETTs, Cancer Council and the Fundraising Institute of Australia's Boards. Claire also brings a wealth of experience in events and fundraising management.

Justine Hyams

Justine is a self-employed engineering and construction project manager, who has recently had a baby on the CMP after hearing about CMWA through the West Pilbara Childbirth Education Project. Justine has significant experience in lobbying Local/State Governments and NGOs for funding support for Infrastructure and Community Projects, successfully obtaining more than \$20M for the last client from WA government. Justine has a network of contacts within business and government that she would seek to leverage to the advantage of CMWA.

Judith Wilson

Judith Wilson who is Associate Dean of the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Notre Dame has extensive clinical experience in both nursing and midwifery. She has worked and studied nationally and internationally. She is presently developing Notre Dame University's inaugural Graduate Diploma in Midwifery. She is the immediate past Chair of the Fremantle Women's Health Centre Management Committee, a position she held for 2 years. She is presently a PhD candidate, thesis title is Noongar Women's Birth Experience. She has a deep commitment to woman-centred care and the education of nurses and midwives to provide quality care to birthing women now and into the future.

Sara Davis – CMP Representative

Sara's son was born at home, in water, a life-changing experience which awakened in Sara her passion to study Midwifery. Sara studied in the UK and practised Midwifery for 3 ½ years doing hospital and community midwifery. She re-located to Perth in 2009 and joined the CMP in 2010. I am passionate about continuity of carer and supporting women and families to achieve the birth they desire. I believe in the importance of cultural change to help women and families to achieve this.