

Management Committee

Glyde-In 2016 - 2017

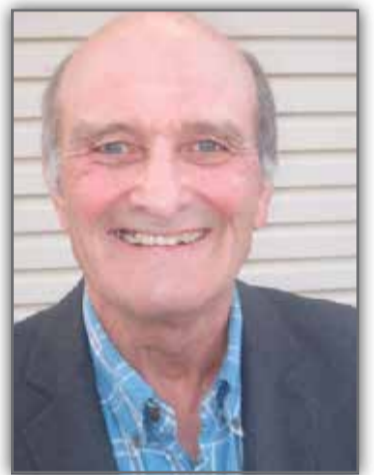


Gordon MacNish
(Chair)

I felt honoured when invited to join the management committee. I believe in Glyde-In and its aims. We call it a 'Community Learning Centre', but in truth it is much more than that: it's a support centre making a valuable

contribution to our community. There is a strong relationship between "well-being" and having a wide circle of supportive friends. I believe this is what Glyde-In provides. I hope I will be able to make a small contribution to the on-going success of Glyde-In.

I grew up on a farm in the south west and of course, as you do, became an Agricultural Scientist. After retiring from a satisfying career in the Department of Agriculture and Murdoch University, I decided I had best find some new friends. When I moved to East Fremantle, I heard that there was a walking group at Glyde-In on Thursday mornings - a chance to get fit while making friends. I arrived feeling a bit tentative but received a warm welcome into the group. And that's the way I have felt about Glyde-In ever since.



Gordon Whitmore
(Treasurer)

After working almost 40 years as a chemical engineer when it was time for me to retire I received a Glyde-In program in my letter box. Several topics were exactly what I was looking for so I became a member and found Glyde-In was

just what I wanted. I've been impressed with the sense of camaraderie of all Glyde-In members and the caring and sharing attitude of everyone. I have attended numerous trips and talks and even given one myself. I continue to really enjoy the Monday cycling group rides and a chance to see parts of Perth that I wouldn't otherwise get to. Now is the time for me to give something back to the community and I hope I can do this by being on the Glyde-In management committee and possibly applying a little of what I learnt in industry to Glyde-In.



Alan Guy

I am fortunate in living close to the Glyde-In, giving me the opportunity over the

last 11 years to attend talks, courses, outings, our singing group, scrabble, croquet and also to do small maintenance jobs at the Centre. I have a fairly extensive experience of being on voluntary committees in one capacity or another. This covers diverse groups such as Rugby Union (which is current), One-parent

Families, a Local Pageant group who do yearly performances and an Overseas Volunteer Support organisation - that was VSO UK with whom I spent 2 years teaching in Nigeria. I am, therefore, familiar with the workings of committees and the need for them to have fresh thoughts and presence injected occasionally. Being retired, I feel I have the time and still have the energy to pay back a little for all the great times I have had at the Glyde-In by offering my services on our Committee. I hope I can take part of the load off some of the hard working members and hopefully bring some new ideas. I first came to W.A. in 1965 but had to return to the UK in '77 for family reasons, returning in 2004, hopefully for the rest of my days.

Robert Potts
(Secretary)



I have always been impressed by the passion and involvement of staff and members in Glyde-In activities. The range and depth of Glyde-In courses has contributed, in my view, to the benefit of members and our community; I felt I would like to contribute in some small way as a member of the Management Committee. I spent 24 years in the Royal Australian Navy followed by several years of University, then as an overseas volunteer with my wife Marguerite in Papua New Guinea, East Timor and India. In recent years I have worked in the Kimberley with Aboriginal Corporations in management roles.



Linley Batterham

I was a primary school teacher until 1990, and then obtained a BA and Masters by research at Murdoch Uni. After that, I acted as research assistant for academics there, and I've also been on many community committees over the years. I've lived in Bicton all my married life.

I love Glyde-In for the friendship, the organisation and the variety of activities, and I look forward to being on the committee.



Ali Hansen

I love the 'can do' attitude of everyone I have encountered at Glyde-In. The optimism and genuine care of everyone in their cooperation and collaboration infuses an impressive community feel to the atmosphere at the Community Centre. I wanted to give back a little and I was thrilled to be considered for the Management Committee. Starting out my working life in

nursing, some years passed before I realised mainstream medicine didn't quite fulfil my aspirations in health. Having a penchant for holist health, together with my passion for flora I soon moved to study and work in horticulture, followed by herbal medicine. Motherhood then joyfully filled my life together with a stream of administrative jobs and activities leading me into event management. These days finds me tending gardens and pursuing my art which makes my heart sing.

I hope that as a committee member I can contribute to what I consider a fantastic organisation and I look forward to working with a great bunch of people.



Jono Farmer

This is my second time on our committee as two years ago I retired from the Chair after four years and another four as a member of committee. I was introduced to Glyde-In after joining Margaret Watson's Monday cycling group. It

seemed like a pretty interesting sort of place so I became involved in volunteering for maintenance jobs around the centre. Some of the jobs we have completed were the construction of the rear deck and relocating the wheelchair access toilet, and construction of the wicking beds and Garden of Memories. I wanted to re-join the committee as I felt I needed to keep in touch with what was about to be an interesting time in Glyde In's development.

Terry Mercer
(Vice Chair)



I first became aware of Glyde-In through my wife, who teaches drawing and I was immediately struck by the wonderful warmth and feeling of community shown by all the people that I encountered. I got more involved by doing odd jobs around the centre as well as attending a variety of classes and outings and have now become a tutor. I am a retired mechanical engineer whose interests include woodwork, photography and choral singing.

Glenda Burns



Glenda Burns has been a Glyde-In member for over 7 years and is well-known as the 'shepherd' on the centre's bus trips, ensuring that the same number of people who start out is the same as that coming home. She is also a regular Enrolment-Day volunteer. Glenda contributes to the work of Glyde-In because she thoroughly enjoys the people here, and admires the way so many members, well beyond their retirement, continue to learn and to try new things.



Pam Riordan

Pam Riordan started running the outdoor programmes for Glyde-In 15 years ago - bushwalking, kayaking, canoeing and astro-navigation. She enjoyed the people and got to know more about

the centre, and says she found it was a very creative organisation. She gradually got to know how it functions and was even more impressed. She believes Glyde-In is such a good organisation that she came out of her 15-year moratorium on attending committee meetings.



Rosemary McLaughlin

From my first introduction about seven years ago to Glyde-In Learning Centre by an enthusiastic member when I moved to Fremantle, I couldn't help but be impressed by a

sense of community and friendship. I have enjoyed many of the talks, courses, outings and tours. I was brought up on a dairy farm in the south west, studied nursing, then worked in occupational therapy with the Australian Red Cross Society, including service overseas, and then as a voluntary member for many years. I now do regular voluntary work with Save The Children and Fremantle Toy Library [designing and making costumes]. I feel honoured to be asked to be a management committee member and will endeavour to contribute usefully to this great organisation with a great group of people.