

## BRIEFING NOTE

### 1. ISSUE

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Election of Directors at the Bridge Housing Limited 2018 Annual General Meeting.

### 2. BACKGROUND

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Clause 8.4 *Tenure* of Bridge Housing's Constitution states that Directors are elected for a term of three years. At the conclusion of their term, Directors are entitled to seek re-election and reappointment as directors but a Director who has been a Director for 9 years is not eligible for re-election and reappointment.

Caroline Scobie and Shirley Liew are scheduled to complete their three year term at the 2018 AGM and both have indicated that they wish to stand for re-election to the Bridge Housing Board.

Two new directors Jill Hannaford and Lynne Ready were appointed to the Bridge Housing Limited Board on 2 February 2018. Clause 8.9 Casual Vacancy requires Directors appointed through a casual vacancy to stand for election at the next AGM.

Bridge Housing's [Constitution](#)<sup>1</sup> is available on [www.bridgehousing.org.au](http://www.bridgehousing.org.au) under Governance.

### 3. DISCUSSION

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In 2018 two Director are retiring under cl. 8.4 *Tenure* in Bridge Housing's Constitution.

Director	Skill Category
Caroline Scobie	Human Resources and Law Member of the Human resources, Nominations and Marketing Committee
Shirley Liew	Financial Management and Risk Member of Finance and Risk Committee

Caroline and Shirley seek re-election to the position of Director. The Bridge Housing Board supports their nominations.

Directors seeking election to the Board under Clause 8.9 Casual Vacancy are

Director	Skill Category
Jill Hannaford	Community and Stakeholder Engagement, and Social Sustainability Member of the Finance and Risk Committee
Lynne Ready	Public Policy and Management Member of Asset and Procurement Committee

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bridgehousing.org.au/about-us/our-business/the-board/bridge-housing-constitution>

The experience of all directors seeking reelection has greatly assisted in leading the company will assist in managing our next period of substantial growth driven by the Social Housing Management Transfer and our next Strategic Plan 2018-2021. Bridge housing will grow from 2000 to 3100 properties over this period.

Biographies for all Directors appear below, and are also available on [www.bridgehousing.org.au](http://www.bridgehousing.org.au) under [The Board](#)<sup>2</sup>

If you require further information do not hesitate to contact John Nicolades, Company Secretary, on 02 8324 0800 or [j.nicolades@bridgehousing.org.au](mailto:j.nicolades@bridgehousing.org.au)

#### 4. DIRECTORS' BIOGRAPHIES

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##### **Shirley Liew BBus MBA Grad Dip Appl Finance. FCPA, FTIA, MIIA, FAICD**

Director since 2009

Skill Area: Financial and Risk Management

Shirley is currently a professional non-executive director with various board directorships and chairs various risk, finance and audit committees. She is also a business owner of varied interests while leading Shirley Liew Probud Advisory Services, a strategic business building consulting and financial management advisory firm she co-founded in 2011. She has more than 22 years' experience in finance, assurance, risk and business advisory, and held practice lead partner roles in major chartered accountancy firms. Shirley is also Chair and Board Director- Outset Group (Ambertiles Australia) Pty Limited.

##### **Carolyn Scobie M.A. (Japanese) B.A./LL.B. Grad Dip CSP GAICD**

Director since 2015

Skill Area: Legal

Carolyn is Group General Counsel and Company Secretary of QBE Insurance Group. Carolyn has over 25 years of legal experience in corporate and commercial property areas, including prior to Goodman three years within the legal profession and six years as in-house Counsel with the Japanese construction company, Kumagai Australia Group. She is a member of the Governance Institute of Australia and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

##### **Jill Hannaford BappSc (AppEcG) (Hons 1), MUrb&RegPlg**

Director since 2018

Skill Area: Community and Stakeholder Engagement, and Social Sustainability

Jill is a social scientist who is passionate about diversity and social equity. Jill leads the Technical Communities of Practice at global professional services firm GHD, where she has worked for the past 25 years. She is responsible for collaboration and the pursuit of technical excellence across the broad range of infrastructure sectors. Jill is responsible for GHD's Reconciliation Action Plan. She co-founded IAP2 in Australia in the 1990s and has strong community engagement expertise. Jill is a founding corporate partner of CareerTrackers; an Indigenous internship program and has worked very closely with CareerSeekers; an organisation that provides internships for refugee and asylum seeker professionals. She is a leader of Diversity and Inclusion in the workplace and in community organizations. She has guided change at GHD and in the infrastructure sector.

##### **Lynne Ready AICD Grad, MMan, GDipPA, BSocWk, DipPM, CertIV TAE**

Director since 2018

Skill Area: Public Policy, Management

Lynne has wide-ranging executive level experience in public policy and service delivery management for disability residential services, child protection, residential and respite services for children, and social housing. Lynne is currently Child and Family Manager at YMCA NSW, where she develops and manages innovative child and family programs. She was previously a Director of large residential centres and specialist supported living in Ageing and Disability at the NSW Department of Family and Community Services. Lynne is also a former Director of the NSW Office of Community Housing and Area Manager for Public Housing.