CANDIDATE PROFILES

POLAND, John
I have been a salaried staff member of Edith Cowan University since 1997. I am currently the Community Officer in the Faculty of Computing, Health and Science where I coordinate many science outreach programs. These are aimed at raising the profile of science within the community and of the courses available at ECU. I am interested in a broad range of staff related issues, particularly those relating to access and equity. As a graduate of ECU, I am interested in the profile of the university in the wider community and its future in the higher education sector of Western Australia.

MCGREGOR, Kerri
I joined the ECU team, in Governance Services, five years ago and have enjoyed valuable opportunities and challenges, including two secondments: ECU International & Commercial, and HR Services where I remain as HR account manager for two Faculties. Coupled with an extensive administrative/marketing background my experience at ECU equips me with a working knowledge of committees, policies and procedures, and best practice. I believe that the University is genuine about its commitment to staff, students and stakeholders. I would like to extend my contribution to the environment that has supported my career, values and family commitments. As a full time staff member, mother, and student I would respect the role of ‘Salaried Staff Member’ where I would represent the voice of general staff at the Council table. I am available to chat on ext. 5361, or email k.mcgregor@ecu.edu.au.

CRETNEY-BARNES, Lianne
Lianne Cretney-Barnes is Director of Marketing and Development at Edith Cowan University (ECU). She has been at ECU for 6.5 years and has responsibility for the strategic planning of the University’s marketing and development functions. Her role involves advising key members of the University on marketing and development activities, and consulting with faculty management, centres and business units on marketing and development issues. Prior to working at ECU, Lianne was Manager Marketing and Information Systems for the Australian Institute of Management. She has also worked in the retail and finance industries. Lianne has a Doctor of Business Administration and is an Associate Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and the Australian Marketing Institute and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She is currently on the board of the ECU Foundation, ECU Resources for Learning (ECURL) and Access 31 Community Television (Australia).

BERESFORD, Marilyn
I have been with ECU for 5 years, mainly in the role of Faculty Manager in Business and Law. I am an ECU graduate having completed an MBA. I came to the University with extensive senior management and policy experience in human services in the non-government and government sectors together with experience in running my own consulting business. Coming from this background, I enthusiastically embraced ECU’s open and equitable approach to tertiary education, its practical orientation and its determination to be flexible. I feel extremely proud to be part of an organisation that actively promotes social justice and service to its students and communities. Working in the Faculty has afforded opportunities to engage closely with colleagues to set clear directions for improvements to the student experience and to work life for staff. This has been a privilege and a pleasure and I look forward to continuing this journey.

HARRIS, Michael
Joining ECU’s IT Services team in 2001 after several years in the private sector in junior supervisory & management roles, I have always sought to help shape and contribute towards the future and vision of both my service centre and the organisation. I have significant strengths in the areas of Process Improvement, Marketing & Communications, and Staff Advocacy. I also serve as Director of Operations & Strategy for a technology services company based in Queensland, as well as leadership roles with local community organisations. I seek re-election to the position, so that on behalf of our valued general staff we can make even greater contributions and input to delivering the high standard of education we strive to offer. As an independent representative, it is my intent to work for all staff to bring about positive outcomes and strategies that can help to make ECU an Employer of Choice.

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