

## **FHS 2017 School Council Member Profiles**

This year we are fortunate to have full membership on our school council which will operate with these members until March 2018. It was decided by the members that we should provide the community with some information about us, the subcommittees we are members of and our contact email address. We welcome any queries, comments or feedback from the school community so please feel free to email us on any school council related matter.

Best regards

Kath Boyer

School Council President.

### **School Council Members**

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Pauline Rice

Linda Mitchell

Olie Balestra

Alicia Easteal

## **Parent, Community and Co-opted Council Members and Profiles**

**Kath Boyer**

**School Council President**

**Member: Community Subcommittee, Masterplan Subcommittee, Finance**

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My involvement as a volunteer at FHS began 2012 in the school canteen (back then the canteen was operated by the school and school council) and then subsequently became involved in the canteen subcommittee which is now the responsibility of the Community Subcommittee (to which I remain a member). My youngest son is now in Year 11.

I value opportunities to contribute to the both the governance of Fitzroy High School and to be involved with the school community.

As a school councillor since 2014, I have been School Council Vice President and School Council President 2016 & 2017, a member of the Community and Masterplan Subcommittees and I attend Finance subcommittee meetings. This year, I had the privilege as president of being involved in the school review process. I am also invited to and attend special events such as the year 12 Valedictory Dinner and the Premier's Awards.

I volunteer at events such as the annual school drama and/or cabaret performances (you may have met me selling wine or food) and am involved in organising volunteers for these and other school events.

As a family, we are very proud to belong to the FHS community.

**David Huxtable**

**School Council Vice President**

**Member: Education Subcommittee, Masterplan subcommittee.**

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David joined FHS School Council in 2016.

David runs a consultancy business in Northcote, with experience in heritage conservation and management, strategic planning, communication design and public education. In 2016, David established the FHS Dyslexia Support Group, which endeavours to provide an important sounding board and resource for parents, teachers and the broader community. Dyslexia is a greatly misunderstood and under resourced learning difficulty, and David is committed to making a difference in this area.

The Dyslexia Support Group meets every month at the school and everyone is welcome.

**Ric Creaser**

**Treasurer Finance Subcommittee**

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Resigned 2017 leaving a casual vacancy until 2019 - filled by Marina Henley

**Sue Smith**

**Convenor – Community Subcommittee**

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I have two children at FHS, in year 8 and year 10, who are happy members of the school community – a school that values and respects children and adults as individuals and active contributors to the community. I have been on the FHS School Council for two years. I am currently the convenor of the Community subcommittee and previously, was a member of the Education sub-committee.

During my time on School Council I have been involved with many varied projects, from governance around school policies and strategies, to fundraising events which raise funds to improve access to educational opportunities for all children at the school.

I would like to continue my work with the FHS School Council to improve communications within our FHS community and to ensure all children at the school are able to make the most of the great education that FHS offers.

**Tonya Slee**

**Member: Masterplan Subcommittee**

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I am a current school council member and parent of Hamish in year 11. I joined school council last year as I wanted to contribute to the school community, FHS has always supported Hamish's individual learning needs and I felt it was time to give something back to the school.

I have been on the Master Plan subcommittee in 2016 and welcome the opportunity to continue on this subcommittee to see the master plan into its next stage

**Kent Laxfors**

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Resigned 2017 leaving a casual vacancy until 2018 - filled by Stephen Wise

**Roger Smith**

**Member: Community representative on the Fitzroy High School Council.**

**Convenor: Masterplan Subcommittee**

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Roger has been a member of the Council since 2012 and has strong interests in state school education and approaches to teaching and learning 'about', 'through' and 'for' the environment. His connection with the school began through a long friendship with Tim Dolan and Lyn Lowe, and their children, who had a significant association, over many years, with Fitzroy North Primary School and then Fitzroy High School. During the period 2013 -2016 Roger Convened the Environment Subcommittee of School Council and in 2016, when the Subcommittee was subsumed into the Master Plan Subcommittee, he continued as convenor of this new Subcommittee that has the task of overseeing the development of a replacement school Master Plan during 2017. The Master Plan subcommittee still maintains a responsibility for matters that impact on the school's buildings and grounds and general Education for Sustainability (EfS) issues.

Roger is a writer, editor and education consultant in Geography, Environmental-Heritage Planning and Geography-Environmental-Global Education and has been working in this capacity since 1997. Previous to this he was Senior Lecturer in Geography, Planning and Environmental Studies in the School of Human and Environmental Sciences at the University of South Australia and moved to live in the city of Melbourne more than 20 years ago.

As past president of several national teaching and curriculum associations he has maintained his connections with state school education through membership of several South Australian and Victorian school councils.

In recent years he has been a writer and facilitator, specialising in Environmental Education, for the Melbourne Graduate School of Education at the University of Melbourne as co-author of a curriculum position paper, in 2008-2009; co-author of one static and two dynamic illustrations of practice for the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL), in 2011; a team leader and writer for the Australian Geography Teachers' Association Inc (AGTA) and Education Services Australia (ESA) on-line learning resources created to support the Australian Curriculum, in 2012 ; editor and researcher for two novels by the Melbourne author, Richard Falkinger, in 2013-2015 and lecturer assisting the Masters Architecture course for senior architecture students in the Melbourne School of Design, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning at Melbourne University, in 2011-2017.

Roger has always had an awareness of urban, transport and population planning issues and has taken a keen interest in how these are evident through protected heritage, support for environmentally sustainable development, the maintenance of just social practices and educating for sustainability. He maintains this awareness through his interest in photography of natural and built environments and camping and walking in bush settings and along heritage trails. In-between time he often travels to S.A. to visit his daughter, son and grandchildren.

### **Sharon Cleaves**

**Convenor: Education Subcommittee**

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Fitzroy High School provided a really supportive and flexible environment for my son's transition from primary to secondary school and now that he is settled in Year 8 I am really pleased to be able to contribute to school council. When I am at the School it feels like a diverse, respectful and purposeful community and it embraces many of my core values.

I have spent a rewarding working life focused around the education sector. Originally a secondary school teacher, teaching Year 7-12 Design and Art, and coordinating a faculty. More recently I have been a long-term employee of La Trobe University. At La Trobe I have worked in a variety of roles, including careers education (Graduate Diploma in Careers Education), student recruitment, VET and Indigenous adult education. My practical skills include large and small event coordination, public speaking, writing for publication/web, marketing, customer service database management and cross-sector liaison. My current position at La Trobe involves event coordination and teaching in a specialised cultural heritage VET program, which is taught at venues around Victoria.

### **Ralph Saubern**

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Ralph Saubern is a new member of the school council in 2017. He is the father of Clare and Reuben, who started at Fitzroy High School in Year 7 this year.

Ralph has a background in teaching. He has worked for the past 17 years at the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), where he is the director of the educational services division. His interests in education include the use of data to inform learning, teacher professional development, educational technology and educational leadership.

Ralph has previous experience as a board member, sitting on a number of boards and committees as part of his work at ACER. He is also the Treasurer of the Clifton Hill Cricket Club.

Ralph is looking forward to making a contribution as a member of the School Council, particularly in the areas of education policy and financial management.

**Laurel Johnson (Community Member)**

**Member: Education Subcommittee**

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Laurel Johnson is a long-time member of Melbourne's inner north community, having lived in Clifton Hill since 2008. She currently has an association with Fitzroy High School as the carer of one of its students, but has known about the history of community support for FHS for a long time, and is pleased to support that tradition as a Community Member of the School Council. Laurel migrated to Australia in 1996, and has worked for the Department of Education and Training for the last 4 years, currently in the Koorie Outcomes Division. Her professional background is in early childhood, and she has worked in the not-for-profit, research, and State and local government sectors in that field for almost 15 years.