

## About the Board

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### Board Members

Board Members are appointed by the Governor in Council for a term of 4 years. The current Board's Term of Office expires on 20 December 2012 and its members are as follows:



### The Psychologists Board of Queensland as at 19 March 2009

back row (l to r)

Sallie Gardner, John Sharp, Patrick (Des) Coates, Narelle Dickinson, Kenneth Pakenham, Grace Pretty

front row (l to r) Christine Richardson, Robert Schweitzer, Gina Geffen, Kingsley Bedwell, Kerri Anne Mellifont

### Registrant Members

Gina Geffen (Chairperson) - BA (Hons), PhD

Robert Schweitzer (Deputy Chair) - MA (Clin Psych), PhD

Kenneth Pakenham - BA, MA (Hons)(Psych), PhD

Grace Pretty - B Sc (Hons)(Psych), M Sc, PhD

Patrick Coates - B Sc(Hons), D Psych (Health)

Narelle Dickinson - BA (Hons)

Christine Richardson - Ph.D Assoc. MAPS B.Psych (Hons)

Sallie Gardner - B.A (Psychology & Social Science), Grad Dip Ed, Post Grad Dip School Counselling, M. Ed Studies

### Public Members

John Sharp - public member

Kingsley Bedwell - public member - B Soc Wk

### Lawyer

Kerri Anne Mellifont- legal representative - LLB (Hons); LLM; SJD

## Board Meeting Schedule

The Psychologists Board of Queensland usually meets on the third Thursday of every month. As this date may occasionally change, please check with the Board for the date of the next meeting.

The Board requires that any material to be considered at a formal meeting of the Board must be lodged in the Board's Office at least ten (10) working days before the meeting. This is to enable the material to be processed and added to the meeting agenda, which is circulated to members one week in advance of meetings.

## Board Functions

Under Section 11 of the *Psychologists Registration Act 2001*, the Board has the following functions:

- (a) - to assess applications for registration
- (b) - to register persons who satisfy the requirements for registration
- (c) - to monitor, and assess, whether registrants comply with any conditions of registration
- (d) - to keep a register of, and records relating to, registrants
- (e) - to promote high standards of practice of the profession by registrants
- (f) - to develop or adopt programs for the continuing professional education of registrants, and encourage their participation in the programs
- (g) - to develop or adopt training programs in the practice of the profession that are relevant to a person's eligibility for registration
- (h) - to confer and cooperate with interstate regulatory authorities
- (i) - to confer and cooperate with entities engaged in the development of national policies about the regulation of the profession
- (j) - to confer and cooperate with the following entities about the education of persons in the practice of the profession -
  - (i) educational institutions
  - (ii) entities responsible for accrediting courses, or accrediting institutions to educate persons, for the profession
- (k) - to inform registrants and the public about the operation of the legislative scheme in its application to the profession
- (l) - to examine, and advise the Minister about, the operation of the legislative scheme in its application to the profession
- (m) - to monitor, and enforce, compliance with this Act
- (n) - to undertake research, relevant to the legislative scheme, into the regulation of the profession
- (o) - to collect, and give to persons, information about the practice of the profession by registrants
- (p) - to perform other functions given to the Board under this or another Act.