Nomination for IAHA Board 2019

My Name is Patricia Starr Councillor

I am a Yamaji Wadjari Naaguja Nyarlu (Woman) from Meekatharra western Australia

I have been a member of Indigenous Allied Health Australia since 2010 whilst I was a student studying at CSU.

I attended forums and conferences with the help of the scholarships that IAHA offers, I built up my confidence and self-esteem to submit my application as a director in 2015, where I was voted in by the IAHA members.

I have this last chance to run again to continue on with the work, time and effort to make IAHA all it can be for all of us members moving forward.

My background is mental health but my focus is social and emotional wellbeing encompassing health for my Indigenous peoples and I bring this to the boardroom table each time I travel from Meekatharra WA to Canberra ACT and sit for days having robust discussions and making decisions in the best interest of our members and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

I have always made it my business to mix in with my fellow members at our forums and conferences and in between, in person and via social media and emails etc.

To get feedback and taking on suggestions for IAHA, and urging members to consider applying for the board to also do the same.

Indigenous Allied Health Australia is for the members by the members, which is what I as a former student, graduate and member realised years ago and this is the message I convey to all that ask about IAHA

A lot has happened in ten years; we have grown so much including our memberships and our programs such as cultural responsiveness and mentoring and the sale of our merchandise.

And best of all our health academy.

If I am unsuccessful in getting back in as a director I am more than happy to continue as a member and I am proud and happy of what our Directors, CEO and staff have accomplished and I wish all future directors the best of luck and do all you can with respect for each other and our members.

Kind Regards

Patricia Councillor

Director