

2019 IAHA Board Director (Graduate) Nomination

My name is Kimberley Hunter; I am a proud Nyikina woman from the West Kimberley Region of Western Australia. I pay homage to my ancestors and old people whose strength, resilience and fight for justice have given me the opportunities that I have today. I also acknowledge the many lands, waters, stars and skies that have nurtured, protected and guided me into being and continue to shape me into the person I am becoming. In particular, I pay my respects to Kurna Yerta where I was born and raised in Adelaide South Australia, Barngarla Country where I lived and worked in the rural town of Whyalla South Australia and Gadigal Country, where I currently reside in Sydney New South Wales.

I have a Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy) and a Graduate Certificate in Public Health. I have been an active member of IAHA since 2014, have participated in IAHA's Health Fusion Challenge as a student and in 2015 was honoured IAHA's Future Leader in Indigenous Allied Health award. The impact IAHA has had on both my personal and professional growth has been immeasurable and is an organisation I truly value being part of.

I currently hold the position of Research and Policy Officer at the Australian Human Rights Commission within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Unit. Within this role I have exercised and developed skills in leading and coordinating national consultations, research, policy development and stakeholder and community engagement. I also have skills and expertise working as an Occupational Therapist in an academic, community development and clinical capacity across rural and remote settings.

In all of the roles that I have and will continue to occupy, I am dedicated to advocating for and improving health, wellbeing and social justice outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

I see IAHA's priorities and objectives to SUPPORT an engaged membership; GROW a strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce; TRANSFORM a culturally safe and responsive health system; and LEAD by the provision and development of strong national allied health leadership as a strong foundation in which to work from.

I share IAHA's vision for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and future generations to be healthy, strong, thriving and self-determined. In working towards this, we all carry great responsibility, but we carry it together. Each and every one of our members play a critical role in making change real for our mob, from those working on the ground to those informing best policy and legislation. I believe in IAHA, our membership, our Secretariat, our Board, our strong cultural groundings and our leadership.

I believe it is important for IAHA to remain unwavering in our position as an influential Peak Body who carries the voices of our members and over 60,000 years' worth of knowledge of what good health looks like. For me, IAHA is a vehicle for change, and I want nothing more than to be part of that change. I am a team player, respectful communicator with thought-through ideas and effective decision making capabilities. I am confident that my voice will provide a unique and valuable perspective to our Board and I am committed to furthering the development of my governance and leadership skills in order to fulfil my role effectively.

Thank you for considering my nomination, I look forward to continuing our journeys together as part of the IAHA family for many years to come.