



Elected Board Member Applicant Statements



Jacqui Victor * Recommended by the Board Appointments Panel

'I've already served my 1st term on the board. Our journey over the last 18 months has been very intense with government changes. I really feel I can contribute more to this board and be of great support to our CEO Kay who is doing an awesome job to keep HITO and the team going'



Craig Stinson * Recommended by the Board Appointments Panel

A successful hairdresser and business owner for many years, I have mentored and trained many apprentices during this time. I have experience in both Governance and strategy and bring an excellent understanding of the hairdressing industry currently and what the industry needs for growth in the future. I have been involved with HITO for a number of years, as giving back to our industry is important to me. During this time, I have been an active Industry Advisory Panel member as well as an Industry Awards Judge for the past 3 years. I run my salon from the floor and enjoy mentoring apprentices. I also bring to the position, experience in competitions, training, and education an understanding and wider view of our industry from working as a national technical and sales person for several years. As an employer training staff constantly I understand the challenges that face both new talent entering our industry, and employer's needs. I feel its time for me to add further value to HITO and our industry with the skills and expertise I have gained and further enhance this vibrant, creative industry at a Board level.



Maree Falconer

I have been hairdressing for 17 years and have been operating my own successful hair salon for the past 6 years. With hairdressing it brings me great joy to be doing a job that I love and having great passion for the hairdressing industry makes for a dream job. Over the years I have done a lot of on job training with apprentices which is rewarding to see them succeed. I have been a hairdressing assessor for HITO for 9 years now and still love assessing. It's rewarding seeing the stylists becoming qualified and the growth and journey each individual has endured along the way. You never stop learning and growing as a person especially in the hairdressing industry and I see that through assessing all the time and always learning new things myself. Family is a huge part of my life as well as I have 3 beautiful children an amazing supportive partner. Being in the hairdressing industry has enabled me to have a great home and work life balance which I think is really important in today's society. I think I would be an asset to the HITO Board and would have new ideas and knowledge to bring to the table along with being a team player and a hardworker and always honest, reliable and super loyal. I would appreciate being considered.



Jeremy Scarle

Working on the floor as a full time manager and stylist I know exactly where our industry is at, and what we need to carry it through to the future. By training and mentoring apprentices, and Industry Assessing through HITO, I have a valuable, well rounded insight into our apprenticeship scheme; and identify the importance this holds with sustaining our standards going forward.

I represent the younger generation of hairdressers and therefore hold new insights into what todays hairdresser brings to the table; their wants and needs. This must be represented to keep the training model current and relative.

Throughout my career, I have been blessed with mentors who have kindly 'paid it forward' in many ways - and now it's my turn to give back to the industry I owe so much.



Victoria Thrussell

My name is Victoria. I have been involved with the hairdressing industry for 15 years. Hairdressing is my passion. I trained through the apprentice system, I now own a salon and train apprentices of my own. Our Industry does truly makes a difference to the esteem and wellbeing of the individual. With the challenges that lie ahead, our qualification has never been more important. By voting for me Victoria Thrussell I will ensure that we continue to raise the standards, increasing the number of qualified hairdressers in the industry and continue to attract, engaging and inspire apprentices.