



## Maple Street Co-op AGM 2020 Nominee Director Short Form Biographies

### 1. Kamala Alister (retiring Director seeking re-election)

I have been a member of the Maple Street Coop for 25 years. My personal values align strongly with the Coop values around wholesome and organic food, local economic control and cooperation. We have raised our four boys on vegetarian whole foods and we are grateful that the Co-op has been there to support our good health and strong community.

I am also grateful for the experience and learning I have had over my many years as a director of the Co-op. During the last two years as Board Chair, I feel we have made some very positive moves forward in terms of professionalising the Board and supporting the Co-op to expand and serve the member-owners and the community even better. I understand that the role of the Board is to represent the interest of the member-owners and for this it is important to remain connected to the members and the community, to look forward and outward in our strategic thinking and to run our Board in alignment with the Co-op/s values. My personal vision for the Co-op is to see it continue to grow and thrive as an important source of personal and planetary good health, to grow as a touchstone and inspiration for our community, and to be a leading member of the co-operatives and ethical business movements in Australia and the planet.

I have had governance experience with several other organisations over the past two decades and have received governance training with Independent School's Queensland during my many years involved with the River School. I have also been trained in facilitation and communication with Jill Jordan and Robyn Clayfield, among others. Additionally, I am now close to completing the Executive Masters of Business at the University of the Sunshine Coast. This study has been very valuable during the time I have been serving as Board Chair for the Co-op.

### 2. Adrian Anderson (new Director nominee)

### 3. Kerry Cosgrove (new Director nominee)

I am recently semi-retired and now a permanent resident of the area. My wife and I have owned a property at Balmoral Ridge for the past 12 years and have been regular visitors during those years, and 1969 through 1972 we owned a small farm at the foot of the Conondale Range, so we already have a deep-seated love and knowledge of Maleny and surrounds.

I have a strong belief in community, and the philosophy of communal ventures and whilst I won't claim to be the most organic of humans, I am a strong advocate of clean foods. Coming from a rural background I love the idea of supporting local farms and product.

A large part of my working career has been spent working with volunteer committees and boards covering a broad range of organisations, including sporting, cultural and musical.



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### 3. Kerry Cosgrove (new Director nominee) – continued

I am a strong advocate of transparency and information sharing, and as a result have been instrumental in developing National Magazines (pre social media) and Social media (Facebook, Twitter, What's App) platforms in later years.

I have had a number of businesses over the years including a Bicycle shop (30 years), a Bicycle Touring company and a wedding venue.

I believe the Co-op is in for exciting times ahead and I believe have a good set of skills to bring to the table.

If elected, I look forward to finding my feet and then providing what expertise I possess to ensure we have an exciting and prosperous year.

### 4. Bev Jorgensen (retiring Director seeking re-election)

### 5. Anna Morningstar (new Director nominee)

Anna Morningstar is a Kinesiologist and Homeopath with over 25 years' experience in the Natural Therapies Industry.

Anna has countless years' experience in owning/running and creating businesses, not only with her own natural therapies business but assisting in the creation and management of a family owned business. This has provided Anna with an invaluable business and financial management skillset.

Anna has been a member of the Queensland branch of the Australian Kinesiology Association management committee from 2003 until 2012 and enjoys being part of a team environment that work to create a greater good for community. During this time, she held positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and National Committee Representative.

Ever since she was a member of the Brisbane Organic Growers Group in the early 1980's, living an organic sustainable lifestyle has been a passion of Anna's. Being a natural health practitioner, she supports her clients with her knowledge and skills to lead a healthy lifestyle by eating organic food and using natural products in the homes.

When she moved to Maleny in 2009 she was very happy to find the CO-OP because a community that supports each other is high in her values.

### 6. Katherine Szuminska (new Director nominee)