

I'm a social worker first. I began in direct practice in Germany and Australia, working with women, young people and people released from prison before moving into social work education, guided by my interest in and passion for field education. As a lecturer and course coordinator at James Cook University, I greatly value the time I spend with students and the practitioners who supervise them. I am also interested in the bigger challenges facing our profession and the communities we work with. My work in ecosocial work and climate action has reinforced that social work needs to be part of national conversations about social, environmental and economic impacts and that a strong national voice starts with a strong connection to the profession itself.

I became involved with the AASW because I wanted to contribute to my professional community. That started through the North Queensland Branch and eventually led me to the National Board. Serving on the board has provided me with relevant insight that I think is well used at the branch level to support the repair process between the different governance levels of national board and state and territory branches. I would be looking forward to being involved in this work at the branch level.