



BOARD MEMBER 2022



DONNA KENNEDY

Board Secretary and Executive Director

TAE40116 Certificate IV Training and Assessment (2019)

Donna and her late husband operated a successful leadlight studio from 1986 to 2005 in Hampton. In 2002 Donna became part of the inaugural Committee of Architectural Glass Design Australia Inc. (AGDA) serving as Secretary from 2002 to 2015 and Executive Director (2008 to 2015). In her time with AGDA Donna organised several exhibitions (including **Glass@FedSquare**), was involved in artistic and industry-based initiatives, and obtained a Federal Government grant for \$125,000 which allowed 58 Australian glass makers to obtain their Certificate III Glass & Glazing qualification in 2012.

In 2015 Donna started GLAAS Inc. with Bronwyn Hughes, a not-for-profit organisation with the stated aim of developing the use of glass in Australia in art and architecture in both the built and natural environments. Donna is responsible for the day to day operations of the organisation as well as the development and implementation of events and initiatives in her role as **Executive Director**. In 2018 Donna identified a Victorian State Workforce Training Innovation Fund grant opportunity and assisted Melbourne Polytechnic to submit an application which was successful, to establish Certificate III and IV Glass and Glazing qualifications at Melbourne Polytechnic; and to allow GLAAS Inc to establish the Australian Centre for Glass Design supported by MP. Donna also co-managed a Federal Government grant to run a Launch into Work program in 2019 for Glaas Inc, which resulted in 7 of the 9 young unemployed participants gaining work in the glass sector.

Donna is currently employed part time by Melbourne Polytechnic to coordinate the nationally accredited Certificate III and IV Glass and Glazing courses.

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