



Carer Council

Member Spotlight

Dana Wright | Carer Council Member

Background

Dana is a kinship carer member based in metropolitan Adelaide. Dana was reappointed to the Carer Council in December 2026 after serving as an inaugural member on the Council.

What type of care do you provide?

I provide kinship care to one of my grandchildren.

What are some of your fondest memories of caring?

I have lovely memories continuously, as I see my grandson grow and develop. We love travelling and some of our fondest memories are of our travels together when my grandson talks about the places we have been to and some of the experiences we have had together.

A recent memory has been watching my grandson grow and gain confidence as he moves into a new school year, stepping up to learn new challenges and skills.

What experiences and skills do you have that will be useful to the Carer Council's work?

Working in government for 40 years has given me a sound knowledge of how government processes work and the challenges around this.

I have connected with many agencies throughout my work, including health, disability, education and child protection and this has given me confidence to feel that I can contribute positively in the Carer Council role.

How did you become a carer?

As a kinship carer, the situation arose due to family need.

Can you share something about yourself outside of caring?

I am a Registered Nurse and have worked with children in acute and community services over the last 40 years. I currently work in Dept. Health and Wellbeing as a Project Manager in a part time role, so that I can provide care to my grandson.

When not working, I like to keep fit to keep for my own wellbeing and to make me a better carer. I love walking and have recently started doing yoga. We also love to travel and explore various locations in Australia when we get the chance.

From your experience, what are some of the areas that need addressing in child protection?

From what I have learnt meeting with other carers and being on the Council, some of the big areas that need addressing include consistency in practices, improved communication and transparency with carers, carers being more collaborative in the processes and decision making and fairer financial supports for carers who often are at financial disadvantage because of their caring role.

What are your hopes for the Carer Council?

Carer's voices are so important and need to be heard. If we are to recruit more carers into the current system and keep carers doing the difficult and challenging work that we do, we need strong voices and advocates. I am always keen to talk to other carers and hear experiences from their perspectives.

I saw the changes and impact that the Carer Council has had on the system over the last year and feel a great honour to be able to continue contributing to improved outcomes in a variety of areas affecting all carers. I continue to feel passionate about ensuring that carers are treated with respect and that there is equity and fairness in all government processes and procedures.