

## Members of Council 2018



**SIMON PEILE** (55) Elected to Council April 2017, Chairman since January 2018.

Simon was born in Zambia in 1962. He spent a year at school in Lusaka before his family moved to Cape Town. After seven years at Western Province Prep School he moved to Bishops, where he was a boarder in Founders House from 1976 to 1979. Whilst at Bishops Simon was a Maths Olympiad finalist (top 100) in 1978 and 1979 and was in the top 30 in the science Olympiad in 1979. After school he took a gap year in the UK, first attending Charterhouse in Godalming to write A-levels and later working as a stooge at a small prep school in Pitlochry in Scotland. He graduated from UCT in 1984 with a Bachelor of Business Science degree, majoring in Actuarial Science, and qualified as a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries in Edinburgh in 1987. Simon then worked and lived for periods in London, UK and in Sydney, Australia. After six months in Australia, Simon joined an adventure travel company to work as an overland expedition leader. This required him to drive and maintain expedition vehicles for up to twelve months at a time while tackling some of the most difficult terrain that Africa could throw at him. After four trans-Africa expeditions and two around South America, and a short spell as a white-water rafting guide back in Australia, Simon returned to Cape Town. He returned to his profession, quickly rising to being the leading consultant at South Africa's largest firm of consulting actuaries. In 2003, he and his wife, Magda, also an actuary, joined forces to start an investment management company. In 2015 their company, Sygnia, was listed on the JSE and the company continues on a strong growth trajectory under Magda's leadership. Sygnia is considered a disruptor in the financial services industry and as a fintech company places a lot of focus on the use of new technologies in delivering investment products and financial services at low cost to consumers. In March 2017 Simon stepped down from some of his responsibilities at Sygnia to be able to his focus time on multiple other initiatives. Simon and Magda have two sons, Alexander and Nicholas, and are in their fifteenth year of being parents at the school. Alexander matriculated from Bishops in 2016 and is reading for a Liberal Arts degree at Columbia University in New York City. Nicholas is currently in grade 12 at Bishops. Both boys excel in English, creative writing, acting, public speaking and debating and both have represented their country in public speaking and debating. Magda and Simon are enthusiastic collectors of contemporary and modern/pop art from around the world, often adding to their collection on their travels. Simon has served on the OD Union Committee, is a member of the Bishops Investment Committee and is a trustee of the Bishops Trust. He still loves to travel and can often be found in obscure parts of the world tracking down rare and unusual bird species and has a life list of over 3,900 species.



**BISHOP GARTH COUNSELL** (63) Elected to Council in January 2008

Bishop Garth Counsell is the Anglican Bishop of Table Bay in the Diocese of Cape Town, a position that he has served in for thirteen years now. In this capacity he works alongside Archbishop Makgoba with responsibility for the day to day oversight of the diocese. He was first ordained in 1979 and served as a priest in the parishes of St. John's Wynberg, St George Kuils River, All Saints Bredasdorp and St. Saviour's Claremont, before being made a bishop. Garth's interests include soccer (a former player, referee and administrator), rugby and cricket, reading and listening to good music, especially smooth jazz and light classics. He serves as Chairman of the Fikelela Aids Project, The Anglican Children's Home Support Committee and as a trustee of the

Lady Buxton Centre. He is married to Marion who heads up the training academy of a leading hairdressing group. They have a married daughter Megan, an old Herschelian and mother of their four year old grandson. Their twin sons, Timothy and Matthew, matriculated from Bishops in 2008 and after graduating from UCT both work in Johannesburg in the property industry.



**DAVID BURTON** (56) Elected to Council in March 2013.

David is one of four brothers all schooled at Bishops from beginning to end. He matriculated in 1979 and graduated from UCT with a BA (Law) and an LLB in 1987. After legal articles he established himself in private legal practice in Cape Town and has practiced here as an attorney since 1991. His areas of professional speciality include commercial law, litigation, advertising law, intellectual property law, sports, event and sponsorship law, trusts and estate planning. He has lived almost his entire life within 500 meters of Bishops and continues to do so with his wife, Nicky and their two children, Amy (20) and Drew (17). Amy is presently studying for her BA at UCT and Drew is in Grade 11 at the College. In 2002, he founded a charitable foundation – The Solstice Foundation - and currently serves as its chairperson. He operates a small wine retail business and was formerly a Charter Member and President of the Rotary Club of Pierhead. He was also a non-exec member of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board for six years. David also served a full three-year term on the OD Union Committee. Apart from family and friends, David is passionate about philanthropy, wine and all things equestrian.



**THANDI MOYO** (41) Elected to Council in December 2014.

Thandi is a Certified Accountant and she trained at Ernst & Young (now EY). After leaving the auditing and accounting world, Thandi worked for several years for Save the Children UK as a Deputy Country Director. Save the Children is one of the largest relief organisations in the world and their work focuses on orphans and vulnerable people. She held this job for several years leaving when her husband, Mandla, was relocated to Cape Town. “It has been a blessing to live in Cape Town, as I believe it is one of the most beautiful places in the world” she adds. Having been a full time, stay-at-home mother to two sons until last year, Thandi now works as a Property Consultant for Pam Golding Properties. She loves the fact that she is able to help people make one of the most important decisions in their lives – buying or selling their homes. She says that each day in the office is different bringing with it a new challenge and top prize for her is the flexibility of the job which allows for her to still be there for their boys. As a result, Thandi is very actively involved at Bishops where her two sons are in Grade 7 and Grade 3. She has been a member of the Bishops Prep Parents’ Association for the four years as Treasurer and as Chair. She attended Council meetings as an observer ex officio in that capacity. Thandi leads the Pre Prep Prayer Group and assists the school in many ways including as a class rep and through the tuck shop and school outreach. Her hobbies and pastimes include reading and playing tennis. She is a member of the Pinelands Women’s Tennis League. These days you are likely to also see her pounding the pavements as she aims to run her first half marathon later this year. Her resolution for 2017 is to set a good example for her boys, Zami and Landi, by leading a healthy lifestyle. Mandla, her husband, is already running the Comrades Marathon this year so she says she has lots of kilometres to catch up on!



**ELIZABETH FULLARD** (76) Elected to Council in February 2015.

Elizabeth is a senior and highly respected independent educationalist in South Africa. She matriculated from The Collegiate School for Girls in Port Elizabeth and taught at several schools, both in the RSA and UK. She lectured in Didactics and Educational Psychology in the Education Faculty at the University of Port Elizabeth and was Professor of Tertiary Didactics at the University of Durban-Westville before her appointment as Rector of Barkly House College of Education in Cape Town. With the closure of the teachers' colleges, she moved back into the school sector where she became Principal of Sans Souci Girls' High School and then Principal of Rustenburg High School for Girls. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rhodes, and the degrees of Bachelor of Education, Master of Education and Doctor of Education (Educational Psychology) from the University of Port Elizabeth. She has a further doctoral degree from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands (Curriculum Studies, Social Psychology and Special Education). She also has a Licentiate in Speech and Drama from Trinity College of Music, London, and is an elected Fellow of the College. Although she does not currently run a private practice, she is registered as a psychologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa. Elizabeth has been very involved in recent years with quality assurance reviews at schools both for the Western Cape Education Department and for the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa ("ISASA"), including the most recent survey at Bishops in 2014. Elizabeth is actively involved in the life of the Anglican Church, mostly as a Lay Minister in the Parish of St Thomas, Rondebosch. She enjoys reading and follows the fortunes of the national sporting sides with interest (from the comfort of an easy chair). She also joins a group of mavens to play Mah Jong once a week! She has one daughter, Alexandra, who is married to Brian and three grandsons, Michael (11), James (9) and Daniel (2).



**CHRIS HAW** (36) Elected to Council January 2016.

Chris was at Bishops (Gray and then Founders House) from 1994 to 1999 and his family have had an association with the school since 1856. He has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Cape Town and a PhD in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Oxford where he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. He is the co-founder and Chairman of the Board at SOLA Future Group, a clean energy company involved with large scale solar plants and battery storage. He is also co-founder, and first Chairman, of the South African Photovoltaic Industry Association (SAPVIA) through which Chris has successfully lobbied government for increased quotas of solar photovoltaics in South Africa. SOLA has successfully developed 290 MW of solar PV projects in South Africa, spanning 750Ha and which will generate approximately 100 billion carbon-free kWh over the contracted life of the plant. Chris is an avid sportsman. As well as a regular watersport enthusiast (kiting-surfing, surfing and paddling), Chris played rugby at first team level for UCT, Villagers and Oxford University. Chris is also a keen musician and has released two albums with local bands Chiaroscuro (2003) and The Swingsetters (2014). He is a father of two (Kvitka and Michael) and currently resides in Fernwood Estate, Newlands with his wife, Dzvinka.



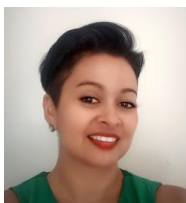
**PHUMZILE MOSHE APLENI (37)** Elected to Council January 2016.

Moshe is currently the Head of Communications for the JSE listed Spur Corporation, based in Cape Town. Born and bred in Gugulethu, Moshe received a Hamilton Mvelase Bursary and matriculated from Bishops in 1997. He is a Trustee of the Bishops Trust, which raises funds for the school and particularly the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund, a vehicle that affords previously disadvantaged boys a chance to attend the prestigious school. Moshe is a member of the Board of Trustees of the African Scholars Fund, a non-profit organization that assists secondary school learners in both the Eastern and Western Cape. Moshe also serves on the board of the National Arts Council of South Africa, appointed by the Minister of Arts and Culture. Moshe is a member of the Institute of Directors South Africa, where he has completed courses in Board Effectiveness and Corporate Governance. He has been in the marketing and communications industry for the last 7 years, starting as the first Marketing Manager for Gugulethu Square Shopping Centre from 2010 to 2012. He was the Project Manager leading the street renaming project in Gugulethu on behalf of the City of Cape Town and the ground-breaking Name Your Hood project. This initiative was a first for a South African township. Subsequent to that, Moshe was selected amongst a panel of experts to assist with the renaming process within the Naming Committee of the City of Cape Town. From 2015 to August 2017, Moshe worked at Independent Media head office as the communications officer for the group, and then the marketing and brand officer for the Cape Times. In 2017, Moshe completed the Management Development Programme (MDP) at the University of Stellenbosch - Executive Development Business School. He is married to Matomelo and they have a son Neo, born in November 2017.



**NAJMA SHAIKH** Elected to Council January 2016.

Dr. Najma Shaikh is an Infectious Disease Epidemiologist and has worked extensively in the public health sector in South Africa. She completed her MPH in Epidemiology at Columbia University in New York City, as a post-doctoral Fogarty Fellow in 1994. She was awarded the Oliver Tambo Fellowship for public health leadership and has a graduate diploma in Health Management from the University of Cape Town. She previously worked as a Senior Specialist in the HIV/AIDS Directorate of the Western Cape Department of Health, and also headed the Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit of the Western Cape Department of Health. Dr Shaikh has worked as an academic, researcher and health manager during the course of her career. Currently, she is the Epidemiologist for Kheth'Impilo – a national NGO that provides HIV prevention, treatment, care and support on behalf of the South African government. Her projects currently encompass the areas of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights for adolescents and marginalised communities using existing platforms for social innovation. She is married to Professor Haroon Bhorat, and they have three children, Taahir (19) – who matriculated from Bishops in 2016 and is currently studying at UCT - and twin daughters Aliya and Samiya (14). Najma is passionate about modern art and social innovation.



**SAMANTHA PETERSEN (47)** Elected to Council in November 2017.

Samantha recently stepped down as Chairperson of the Prep Parents' Association, a position that she held from February 2015. Samantha is Chairperson of the Bishops Trust. Samantha studied journalism through the Peninsula Technikon, public relations through the Public Relations Institute of South Africa (PRISA Certificate)

and worked in and for corporate South Africa for more than twenty years. Today, she is a full-time mother to her son, Kasavan Moonsamy, aged 12, who is in Grade 6 at Bishops Prep. After completing matric at a local government school in Cape Town in 1988, Samantha joined First National Bank and quickly moved up the ranks to Investment Consultant and Head of Sales. The PR world beckoned after five years and Samantha joined TWS Communications (Simeka), one of SA's largest PR companies. Up until recently, Samantha was Head of Marketing and Events for the non-governmental organization, Sulabh International Centre for Action Sociology - South Africa (SICAS-SA). After completing a Diploma at Pen Tech and with five years PR, communications and event experience, Samantha then opened her own PR, communications and events company - specializing in government relations, financial communications, change management and cultural diversity training programs (for corporate SA and local government). She has been heard on local radio station (P4/Heart 104.9) as their financial news presenter with Aiden Thomas and graced the pages of many magazines that have covered her success as a Black entrepreneur and role model. She was employed by Investec Asset Management to head up and manage their events unit in 2001. She successfully conceptualized, planned, organized and managed hundreds of national events for clients such as trustees of pension funds and independent brokers. She retired from corporate life in 2005. Samantha has been actively involved at Bishops as a class rep and Carnival coordinator since her son joined Grade R in 2012. Samantha is a world traveller, strong communicator, networker and philanthropist. She is passionate about her country, educating and motivating our youth and being a strong and confident role model for her son. She loves life, entertaining, reading, travelling and walking and is interested in wellness and a more holistic approach to health and general well-being.



**MOTHOBHI SESELI** Elected to Council January 2018.

Mothobi graduated from the University of Johannesburg with a Master of Arts in Economics, and followed this with a Post-Graduate Diploma in Global Business from Jesus College at Oxford University. Mothobi also completed the Executive Programme For Growing Companies at Stanford University Graduate School of Business in Palo Alto in the USA. A fellow member and Certified Director of the Institute of Directors, Mothobi is also a former national junior tennis champion and Ballroom and Latin American dance champion. Following stints at various companies in the investment management industry, including Liberty Asset Management, Alliance Capital Management and Investec Asset Management, Mothobi founded Argon Asset Management in March 2005. Since then Mothobi has been the recipient of many awards, including the Black Management Forum's Business Personality of the Year 2016 award, National Business Awards' top performing entrepreneur South Africa for 2016. Argon recently received an award from ABSIP for the best black-owned investment firm in South Africa. He is married to Petra, they have two sons who have both been at Bishops since Grade R. Motheo is at College in Grade 8 and Phahamo is in Grade 2 at the Pre-Prep. Mothobi and Petra also have a daughter, Tsia, who is in Grade R at Herschel.



**GREG DEANS (54)** Elected to Council in May 2018

Greg is married to Michelle and they have two children. Kyle is a Grade 11 student in School House. His main interest is in rowing whilst he has a keen interest in history, art and music (he plays the drum set). Gina is in Grade 6 at St Cyprians. She is an astute scholar who is crazy about ballet. Michelle and Greg are both cyclists,

both in the mountains and on the road. Greg has a long history in endurance sports after a relatively successful period of being a water polo and rugby player. They enjoy travel and Greg considers himself a history “nut”. Greg is hugely appreciative of the enormous role that education has to play in South Africa. He has served as a Trustee of the Marconi Beam Schools Trust (Rabie’s CSI project) and is now deeply involved in underprivileged Early Childhood Development (ECD) via a Swiss funded entity, Sinebome Trust. Greg is an old boy of St Albans College and a graduate of Wits University and UCT GSB. He has lectured at UCT and GSB in recent years. Greg joined the Rabie Property Group in June 2004 and was responsible for new business, planning and marketing which expanded into the Group’s diversification into Leisure and Internet Communication Technology businesses. Greg was active in the establishment of the Century City Conference Centre and Hotel as well as the last mile, high speed access network business Century City Connect.

Greg was previously Managing Director of Century City Ltd, the previous developer of Century City to which he was seconded by its then major shareholder BoE. At the time Greg was Regional General Manager of the Bank's Corporate Property Finance division. During the early 1990s Greg ran his own development company in Gauteng after working as a contract surveyor and contracts manager involved in turnkey projects and international negotiations for Basil Read where he also served as Regional General Manager. He joined NBS Devco Transvaal as Regional Director in 1994 rising rapidly through the ranks and in 1996 was appointed Managing Director of NBS Devco, which later became BoE Property Ventures. With both national and international experience in the property industry, Greg has a great deal of experience in the Township Establishment process, which is a key component to the development of Century City. With a background in and an exposure to Investment Banking it was a natural fit for Greg to lead the Rabie diversification into the Leisure/Hospitality and Internet Communications Technology Industries. Greg vacated his executive functions at Rabie in July 2016 to pursue a 12 month sabbatical whilst still consulting to the company. Greg founded Stadel (Pty) Ltd in 2017 which focusses on direct property development as well as property asset management and advisory services.



**GRAHAM MOLYNEUX (46) Elected to Council in May 2018**

Graham was born in Cape Town and educated at Bishops in his formative years (1977-1979), and thereafter at Rondebosch (1980-1989). His father, Christopher, was an OD (1959 S) who, until his demise in 2016, was involved in music at Bishops including playing the organ for College evensong. Graham’s step-father, Graham Coote, was the founder of brass music at Bishops in the early 1970s, and his mother, Jenny, taught the piano at the prep.

He obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting from UCT, before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant with Deloitte in Cape Town in 1997. He is also a qualified Chartered Tax Adviser (UK) and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Tax Law from UCT.

After completing his articles with Deloitte in Cape Town, Graham spent 8 years in London, during which time he worked in the finance teams of Deutsche Bank and Barclays Capital, and thereafter he joined Deloitte LLP, where he specialised in Mergers & Acquisitions taxation. He returned to Cape Town in August 2005 and transferred with Deloitte, where he remained for a further 3 years. He joined EY as a tax partner in February 2009 specialising in corporate international tax and tax strategy. During his 9-year tenure at EY, Graham played various roles including leading the Cape Town tax practice for a number of years, involvement in listed company audits, and assuming accountability for the tax services delivered to many of EY’s largest multinational tax clients across Africa.

In March 2018, Graham joined Mazars in Cape Town as a tax partner, where he is primarily tasked with driving the growth of tax advisory practice.

Graham is a regular presenter, panellist and master of ceremonies at external seminars and conferences, and he appeared in 2015 and 2017 as the live studio tax expert during the SABC broadcast of the Budget Speech.

Graham was appointed Chairman of the Finance & Risk Committee in May 2018 and he also serves on the Remuneration Committee.

Graham's passion is music. He enjoys entertaining on the piano (he holds a Grade 8 ABRSM) and he is an accomplished singer, having sung in a variety of chamber choirs, *a capella* groups, musicals, operas and rock bands in some magnificent venues around the world, including the Anglican Cathedrals of St Paul's, Worcester and Liverpool, and the Royal Albert Hall.

Graham is also a sports enthusiast. He plays tennis and golf and enjoys mountain-biking. He is a keen supporter of cricket and rugby, having played both at amateur club level in UK, and can often be found on the touchlines of the Piley Rees on a Saturday morning. He also enjoys good food, fine wine and British comedy.

Graham has been married to Lindy for 15 years and has two children – Max, a music scholar in Grade 8 (Birt), and Emily, an avid cub, musician and Irish dancer, who is in Grade 5 at Oakhurst Primary.



**ADAM PIKE** (43) Observer: Chairman of the OD Union (since March 2018).

After attending junior school at SACS, Adam moved to Bishops in 1988 where he was a dayboy in Ogilvie, matriculating in 1992. After school, He spent a year in Sintra, Portugal working as barman, in his parent's pub. The following year he returned to South Africa, to UCT, to study philosophy, classics and drama. After graduating in 1996, Adam took to the stage, starring in critically acclaimed works such as *Master Harold and the Boys*, by Athol Fugard and *Visiting Mr Green*, by Jeff Baron. He wrote for the small screen and stage, having his play, *Locked*, produced and performed at Artscape. He was nominated for the Vita (twice) and Fleur du Cap theatre awards. Adam returned to UCT in 2003 to study law, served articles at what is now Werksmans, completed a master's degree specialising in corporate law in 2013, resigned from Webber Wentzel on 16 September 2014 and has run his own practice, Pike Law, since then. He specialises in M&A, corporate actions, corporate and commercial litigation, shareholder activism and other complex and interesting problems. His wife Lisa and their two daughters spend as much time on their bicycles as possible, terrorising all and sundry on the Constantia greenbelts. Alexandra (7) and Katherine (4) attend the International School of Cape Town, where Adam serves on its board of directors. Adam initially served on the OD Committee as an Observer before becoming a full member of the Committee, heading up the legal, governance and risk portfolio. At the 2018 AGM Adam was appointed as Chairman of the OD Union committee.



**MALCOLM GRAY** (47) Observer: Chairman of the College Parents' Association (since February 2016)

Malcolm graduated from the University of Natal in 1996 with an LL.M in Environmental Law. Previously he obtained a BSc and an LLB. Post qualifying Malcolm practiced as an attorney specializing in commercial and environmental law at Shephstone & Wylie in Durban. In 2000 Malcolm joined Investec Asset Management, where he held a number of senior positions. Most recently he was Global Head of ESG. In September 2015, he stepped away from corporate life, to take a sabbatical. More recently he co-founded Libryo, a London-based VC-backed legal tech business providing compliance solutions to businesses around the world. Malcolm has held a number of board positions in the corporate and NGO sectors. He served as a parent representative on the Western Province Preparatory School Board between 2009 and 2013.

Malcolm is married to Colleen and they have three wonderful boys: Daniel (OD 2009, Mallett), James (OD 2016, Mallett) and Josh (Grade 11, Mallett). Daniel, a computer animator and photographer is currently teaching snowboarding in Canada. James is currently enjoying a well-deserved gap year, with a strong interest in esports and computers. Josh has a predictably busy College life including hockey and basketball. Colleen manages some of the family businesses and has been an a member of the Bishops and Mallet community since 2005. Malcolm and his family share a passion for travel and environmental sustainability. He and the boys are also snowboard enthusiasts. Malcolm enjoys running, cycling and yoga.



**CHARMAINE CHEMINAIS** Observer: Chairperson of the Prep Parents' Association (since May 2018)

Charmaine was born in Pietermaritzburg and is the mother of Alexandra, 15, who is in Grade 8 and attends Reddam in Constantia and Sebastian, 12, who is in Grade 6 at Bishops. Charmaine has owned her own polygraph company since 2007, which focuses on investigations, pre-employment screening and polygraph tests, mostly in the Western Cape.



