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The Children's Guardian



Janet Schorer PSM is the NSW Children's Guardian.

Janet has a long-held passion and commitment to making sure the most vulnerable members of our communities are recognised as an integral part of society. Janet's passion led her to train as a nurse with The Children's Hospital at Westmead, before gaining qualifications as a child and adolescent psychologist.

A desire to see better outcomes for Aboriginal people saw Janet move to policy and program management roles, including taking a lead role in the development and implementation of Aboriginal Child and Family

Centres across NSW. Janet's commitment to vulnerable members of our communities saw her lead negotiations with the Australian Government as Executive Director, NDIS Reform in the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, ensuring the NSW transition to the NDIS was successful and kept people with disability at the forefront.

In June 2019, Janet's contributions to the NSW public service were recognised when she was awarded a Public Service Medal for outstanding public services particularly through the protection of children. Janet was made a National Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia (FIPAA) in 2019. She is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (MAICD), a Co-opted Councillor of the Institute of Public Administration Australia (NSW) and an Alumni Ambassador for the Australia and New Zealand School of Government.