

**Priscilla Ennals**

**OTA Board of Directors Application 2024**

**Biography**

I am an occupational therapist with 30+ years' experience in clinical practice, academia and the For-Purpose sector. An experienced director (elected 2018), I currently hold the role of OTA President.

A passion to improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes for/with people who experience mental ill-health, distress, and disadvantage has driven my career. My current employment as Senior Manager of Research at Neami National, a large national provider of mental health, homelessness, and suicide prevention services, allows me national insights into health and social care practice, policy, and funding.

I have served on the Board Finance Risk and Audit, and Nominations committees and on Executive. I have been on the Scientific Committee for the National OT Conference over eight years, chairing the committee at the 2023 conference in Cairns. Contributing to the profession through OTA continues to deliver me great challenge, connections, development opportunities, enjoyment, and satisfaction.

**Passion for OTA's Purpose**

Occupational therapy adds value to the lives of people and communities. I believe in the way the association supports occupational therapists to maximise this value through its strategic intentions for connection, empowerment, pride, and progress. Connection ensures OTs feel supported and have a sense of belonging to the wider profession and the systems in which we operate. Access to contemporary knowledge and ideas empowers OTs to deliver evidence based and holistic care throughout the span of their careers and to influence the systems they work in. Having a progressive, united voice means we can have the strongest influence on policy and resourcing agendas and can centre the voices of both occupational therapists the people who use our services in these political spaces. Celebrating and championing the great work done by individuals, teams, sectors and the profession provides inspiration and drives the profession forward.