



Nominee for Treasurer 2020-2022

Natasha Mitchell

Current Treasurer of ANZFSS, since 2019

Natasha is the Science Leader at Evidence Recovery, Forensic Science SA where she manages a team of 11 forensic officers responsible for the examination and recovery of evidence from crime exhibits. She is also a Senior Forensic Biologist undertaking DNA analysis of evidence from serious complex criminal casework and provides opinion evidence in South Australian courts. Natasha is also an Army Reservist posted to Unrecovered War Casualties Army where she undertakes DNA analysis for the purpose of identifying remains of Australian Soldiers from past historical conflicts.

Nominee for Secretary 2020-2022

Melissa Airlie

Current committee member of the ANZFSS – Queensland Branch, since 2018.

I am a Sergeant of Police / Forensic Officer at the Major Crime Unit of the Queensland Police Service. I have worked as a forensic officer in this position since 2009. As part of my work, I completed a Master of Forensic Science at Griffith University and have recently published related research: An evaluation of infrared photography for detecting bloodstains on dark-coloured floor coverings encountered at crimes scenes.

Currently, I am undertaking my PhD at the University of Canberra, part time, in forensic hair analysis and James Robertson is my supervisor. I am researching the evaluation, validation and development of objective methodology in hair analysis. My interest is in trace evidence (in particular, hair analysis), validation of forensic methodology and development of objective methods using computer learning models based on open source platforms.

I lecturer in forensic science at the Faculty of Science and Engineering at the Queensland University of Technology each first semester. I have lectured since 2011.

The remainder of my time is spent with my very supporting and loving husband and our beautiful three-year-old and four-year-old girls. Normally I would write something here about how we love to travel and go skiing and climbing, but instead we are learning to love and appreciate those things closer to home, like camping (which I never imagined would make this list).