

## **2010 PROFILE**

**The Honourable Jane Aagaard MLA**  
Speaker of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly  
Member for Nightcliff (ALP)

Jane moved to the Territory in 1985, is married with three children and lives in the heart of Nightcliff.

Prior to being elected in 2001, Jane was a business owner. She holds a Bachelor of Business from the Queensland University of Technology.

Jane is actively involved in the community and belongs to the Nightcliff Primary School and Nightcliff Middle School councils, as well as being an active supporter of other Nightcliff Electorate schools: The Essington School Darwin, St Paul's Primary School and the Greek Orthodox School.

She is proud to represent the people of her electorate and the wider community in her role as the Patron of the Nightcliff Evergreens Seniors group, Nightcliff Sports Club, Nightcliff Bowls Club, Legacy War Widows Darwin, Nightcliff Orchid Society, Nightcliff Aqua and, more recently Dragons Abreast. She is also Vice-Patron of United Nations Association NT and Surf Life Saving NT.

Jane is an active member of the Nightcliff Uniting Church and a former elder. She attends the Nightcliff markets every Sunday and is a keen supporter of the annual Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival which heralds the beginning of the Dry.

As the Member for Nightcliff Jane hosts regular functions for constituents including tours of Parliament House, community barbecues and pizza parties, historical tours of the electorate and special functions such as the annual Nightcliff Electorate community Christmas party and the Seniors' breakfast every August in celebration of Seniors Month in the Territory.

Jane has held the Health portfolio in the Northern Territory Government and has been the Speaker of the House since 2005.

As Speaker she has been very involved in increasing the levels of parliamentary education, including to remote areas of the Northern Territory, and opening the Parliament to the people.