



MARY GURGONE

DIRECTOR



Mary Gurgone was appointed to the NAATI Board of Directors on November 1, 2014 and has been the National Director for Fortis Consulting since 2009, named as one of the top 30 Management Consulting firms in Western Australia, as published by WA Business News. She migrated to Australia from Italy and has a lifelong commitment to cross-cultural and cross linguistic communication. She has been nominated for the WA Women's Hall of Fame in 2016.

Ms Gurgone has a Master of Business, teacher training and vocational training qualifications, Bachelor of Arts (English and Italian), and NAATI accreditation as a professional translator and interpreter. She is an educator and leader, promoting high standards in interpreting and translating.

Her commitment encompasses: the introduction of translator courses and specialist short courses in interpreting into the vocational education sector in Western Australia; National presidency of the Australian Institute of Interpreters and Translators Inc (AUSIT) in the early nineties; State President of AUSIT WA (1989-2002) and a Fellow of AUSIT; Member of the Federation Interpreters and Translators (FIT) Human Rights Committee 1998-2000; Member of a variety of Board and Committees related to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) matters.

Ms Gurgone is passionate about quality in translating and interpreting and has worked tirelessly for the translating and interpreting profession as an educator and as part of her extra-curricular activities as well as maintaining a career in government for over three decades. Roles have included leadership in education, training, evaluation, audit and policy. As Director of Policy and Planning she led the national review of Overseas Trained Nurses and contributed to change of national policy.

Ms Gurgone continues to lead strategic national projects related to Australian Multiculturalism. Some examples are with the Cultural Diversity workshops for senior management with the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency and the award winning Culture Communication and Relationship at Work (CCRW). She is the Director of the WA Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care program.

Ms Gurgone volunteers as Chair of the Zonta House Women's Refuge Board where migrants and Aboriginal women are a growing proportion of the clients. She has also completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course. Ms Gurgone's term expires on October 31, 2017.