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Natalie's academic achievements include earning a master's in special education, specialising in Montessori and Steiner methods, and later earning a Dual Award degree in political science. Natalie has extensive experience in mainstream and special education settings, spanning over 15 years plus years. Natalie was first diagnosed with Mild cognitive impairment in 2018 and later diagnosed with Primary Progressive Aphasia a language-led dementia in 2021. In Natalie's present role, she sits on the Dementia Australia Advisory Committee, where she and others living with dementia provide strategic advice to Dementia Australia in shaping dementia services, policy, development, and systemic advocacy. Natalie has also recently been appointed Board of Directors for the Australian Aphasia Association, where she represents people living with dementia to be seen and heard who experience communication difficulties. Natalie is also a research advisor and works with teams freelancing between universities on research projects. Natalie most recently was appointed member of ADI Global Expert Panel representing Australia, changing the way the world looks at people living with Dementia. Natalie believes sharing her story is key to raising awareness and understanding of the challenges that she has faced and being recognized for the many abilities as a person living with dementia.

