



Board Election 2023

Nominees for the position of Director

SANDY STUART

My family has had an association with this Club since its inception. My Grandfather, Sandy Stuart, laid the foundation stone at the original Club and was Secretary for many years.

My father, Dugald Stuart, was patron for many years. My 2 brothers have been pipers in the Club pipe Band, one still plays. My daughter, was also a drummer and highland dancer.

I took over the patronage of the Club from my father. While I was Patron, I was asked to join the Committee which I was voted on approximately 13 years ago. In my early years on the Committee, the Club was struggling, over the last 10 years with a strong President and CEO, and an enthusiastic Committee, I have seen the Club progress to a position where we have never been stronger. With your support I feel that I can still make a strong contribution to the Club.

LOUISE MACDONALD

I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the board and would bring a unique combination of business, golf, and Scottish cultural experience.

I am a consulting partner at Ernst & Young and a qualified marketer with an MBA.

I started my career in the golf industry after playing high level amateur golf. I worked as Head of golf at Women's Golf Victoria and with Golf Australia. I worked on multiple televised women's Australian Opens. I am USGA Course Rating trained. I am a former Board Member of the Australian Women's Professional Golf Association.

I grew up immersed in Scottish culture, with my parents being members of Clan Donald. I learned Scottish country dancing from a young age. My three children are all involved in the club through the Canberra Highland Dancing Academy.

I look forward to supporting the club to further succeed and establishing the success of the Burns Golf Club acquisition.

PAUL TAIT

I, Paul Andrew Tait have been a member of the Burns Club and Burns Social Golf Club since moving to Canberra in 2005. I have also served on the Burns Social Golf Committee for the last 6 years.

I am also a full playing member of the Burns Golf Club Belconnen.

I am a licenced Plumber, Gas Fitter and Electrician and the sole Director of Austral Energy Service Pty Ltd.

I am nominating to be a Director of the Board because I believe I can bring the following skills and knowledge that I have developed during my professional career.

- Electrical services and infrastructure
- Plumbing services and infrastructure

- Mechanical building and infrastructure
- Project Management
- Personnel management

I have a vested interest in seeing further upgrades and improvements to the Burns Golf Club Belconnen.

Scottish Ancestry

Paternal Great Grandfather, John William Tait & Great Grandmother, Margaret Clunies MacGregor were born in Scotland. My wife Rebecca Irene Tait's father, George McKerrrell was born in Scotland.

ROHAN SAMARA

I would like to nominate to represent you on the Board. I have been a board member since mid 2000's and most recently elected as Junior Vice President.

My fellow board members and I have guided the Club through the ups and downs of this industry, to ensure the viability of Canberra's oldest Club.

Whilst on the Board, the Club's success had been through careful financial management and steady growth. One of the Club's developments was partnering with the Star Buffet to bring an outstanding food offering. The Glen was built, which provides our members a great place to relax. The purchase of the Belconnen Golf Club has seen our membership grow to close to 35,000.

I promise to continue to strive to ensure that your Club, the Burns Club will be in a sound position to continue to provide the community a great place to gather, play and be supported.

GUY FALCONER

I am deeply committed to becoming a director of the Burns Club, and I believe my passion and dedication make me the ideal candidate for this role. As somebody of Scottish origin and a profound appreciation for its rich history and significance within the community, I am driven to preserve and promote the cultural legacy of Robert Burns. Fundraising is crucial for the club's sustainability and growth, and I have concrete plans to contribute. I will continue organizing the weekly golf raffle and helping with other fundraisers to boost our financial resources. I also envision new opportunities that benefit the club and engage the wider community, fostering a sense of shared purpose. As director, I aim to unite our passion for Robert Burns and Scottish heritage, spreading his works and values to a broader audience, ensuring the Burns Club's enduring impact in our community.