



2024 AFA Committee Nominations

At the close of the nomination period, the following nominations have been received.

Executive

President	Drew Harrison
Vice-President	Joshua Ellen
Treasurer	Jo Slade
Secretary	Ben Royes
	David Strong

Regional Representatives

Australian Capital Territory	Michael Ashton
New South Wales	Louise Stephen
Queensland	Kathryn Royes
Tasmania	David Strong
Victoria	Belinda Fry
South Australia	

General Committee

1. Zac Day
2. Richard Mellon
3. Lauren Monohan
4. Paul Newman
5. Amanda Pennicuk
6. Ben Royes
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Nominations will be invited from the floor for the South Australian Regional Representative and final General Committee positions.

The following supporting statements have been submitted.

Ben Royes

I am passionate about growing our sport and believe the best way to achieve this is through an enfranchised and engaged membership led by a strong, transparent and accountable committee.

I have been a member of the Committee since 2020 and in this time have called-out instances of waste and bad-behaviour where I have seen them. I currently chair the Development Sub Committee.

I believe there is significant opportunity for the AFA to refine our processes and improve our communication with members to ensure the Committee is governing to serve the best interests of *all* members and secure the viability of our sport.

Outside of the Committee, I am a Judge and active member of the Queensland Flyball community. Along with my wife Kathryn and daughter Ashleigh, I have been involved in Flyball for six years and currently have 3.5 racing dogs. I regularly materially support other clubs from all states (particularly new clubs) through the donation of new equipment. I regularly live-stream Race Meetings (including the 2019, 2021 and 2022 Nationals as well as the 2023 State of Origin weekend) not only as a service to those unable to attend but also to provide a practical opportunity to increase the exposure of our sport.

I have a career background in IT and Project Management. I believe my skills in these areas along with my strong communication skills and attention to detail would be invaluable to the Committee moving forward and in particular in the position of Secretary. I believe I can make a positive contribution to the Committee and look forward to continuing to serve our members and advance our sport.

David Strong

FLYBALL BACKGROUND

Tassie Flying Paws Dog Club

- Member of Tassie Flying Paws Dog Club since its creation
- President since the beginning of the Club (6 years)
- Club has grown from 10 to 60 members, dogs from 15 to 75
- Competition organiser of inaugural flyball competition in Tasmania and others since
- Negotiated a State government grant to build an indoor facility for the use of the Club.

AFA

- Committee member of the AFA for the past five years as AFA Rep for Tasmania
- Member of the AFA Rules Sub-Committee for the past five years and Chair for the past three years
- Certified Steward
- Certified Timekeeper
- Chair of the AFA Constitution Sub-Committee that is currently drafting a revised version of the Constitution to ensure it is contemporary and represents governance best practice.
- Member of the Dog Incident Sub-Committee.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Skills and capabilities

- Fellow of CPA Australia and Australian Human Resources Institute
- Graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Bachelor's Degree of Business (University of Tasmania)
- Forty plus years' experience in governance, risk management, financial management, human resource management, IT management, business management and sports management

Why do I want to be the Secretary of the AFA?

Having served on the Committee for the past five years and Chair of both the Rules Sub-Committee and the Constitution Sub-Committee I have an appreciation for the where the Committee can improve Its governance.

From both my work experience and volunteer work as an Executive member on various Not-for-profit Boards for membership organisations, I understand the challenges of delivering contemporary practices for our sport and membership and how we improve,

These challenges include engagement with the membership, streamlined and easy to understand policies and procedures for both the Committee and the membership, governance practices that ensure legal compliance, a safe and healthy environment for all members and their dogs, accessible information and extract the best use of technology to deliver outcomes.

While I am active member of the Committee, I believe in this role I can provide further leadership for the Committee and the members of the AFA.

I look forward to actively serving the AFA membership if given the opportunity.

Thanks David