



PORT ADELAIDE
FOOTBALL CLUB

Port Adelaide Football Club Board Election 2025 for 2026

Candidate Profiles

There are TEN (10) candidates for ONE (1) position.

The order of candidates as they appear on this page has been determined by lot by the Returning Officer.



Vito BORRELLO

As a passionate supporter and financial member of the PAFC for over 40 years, I feel I would be the ideal candidate to join the Board of Directors. I have an appreciation of the history and expectations of our Club, understanding the challenges ahead in our quest towards achieving greatness and building on our impressive history of 37 premierships.

I have strategic and leadership experience in the Corporate and Not for Profit sectors, with my most recent role being CEO of a South Australian organisation. I also have experience as a Non-Executive Director. I have completed an MBA and am a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

I am excited about the prospect of contributing to our evolving Club with the progressive and positive changes that have been made in recent months. Our financial performance over the past few years has set up our Club for the future.

With many years of following our Club as a passionate supporter and my extensive business and Board experience, I feel that I can make a significant contribution to our Club and the Board.

My areas of focus would be:

- Build a stronger connection between members and the Club
- Evolve the SANFL, AFLW and AFL programs
- Complement and build on the current high levels of Corporate Governance and Financial performance

I would be honoured to be given the opportunity to apply my knowledge, experience and passion in assisting our Club to build on our impressive record of 37 premierships.



Michelle DUNSTAN

Michelle Dunstan is an experienced and well-respected board member and committee chair, with a reputation for delivering sound and transparent governance, innovative thinking, diplomacy and driving results. Michelle has had a passion for the Port Adelaide Football Club as far back as she can remember.

With deep governance, commercial, financial and risk expertise across many sectors including retail, water research, not-for-profit, waste and education sectors, she brings board and executive experience as a director, committee chair, GM Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer with a proven track record in financial stewardship, risk, compliance, corporate services and strategic program delivery.

Michelle offers a disciplined, outcomes-focused approach to governance: having experience establishing robust risk frameworks, clear delegations and transparent reporting that aligns resources to strategic priorities. She has led multi-disciplinary teams, driven major capital and program planning, and translated strategic plans into measurable operational performance.

Michelle brings qualifications including: graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, is a Fellow Certified Practicing Accountant, holds a Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Commerce degree.

Her governance philosophy is pragmatic and performance-centred: strong board oversight and sound financial controls create the conditions for effective coaching, talent development and player welfare, which in turn lifts on-field results. By embedding accountability, risk mitigation and clear decisions right through the organisation, Michelle's desire is that executive leadership can focus on recruitment, development and match-day performance with confidence leading to sustainable growth and improved performance on and off the field.



Abbie TAYLOR

As a long-term Port Adelaide member of more than 15 years, I've supported our club through challenging periods and celebrated the progress we've made together. I care deeply about Port Adelaide's future and would be proud to contribute to the next stage of our journey as a member-elected Board Director.

I currently serve as a Board Director with the Australian Institute of Training and Development (AITD), where I have helped strengthen leadership capability, sharpen strategic direction based on member feedback, and lift governance, risk management, and decision-making. This work was focused on setting clear priorities, listening to members, and building a strong, sustainable organisation for the long term.

My professional career has been spent in people and culture leadership. I bring a people-first lens, different perspectives, and diversity of thought to the Board table – focusing not just on performance, but on how decisions impact members, players, staff, volunteers, and the broader community.

I also have hands-on experience in community sport and membership organisations. As Vice President of Woods Panthers Netball Club, I worked closely with the President to lead a strategic partnership with South Adelaide Football Club. This included a full club rebrand that improved financial performance, grew membership, and contributed to on-court success.

I am committed, thoughtful, and values-driven, and I will always represent Port Adelaide with professionalism and pride. I would welcome the opportunity to serve our members and help shape a strong future for our club.



Kym DOWNIE

It would be a true honour to serve on the Board of the Port Adelaide Football Club, contributing to our club's proud tradition and ongoing success.

As a lifetime supporter and proud Largs local, my connection to Port Adelaide runs deep. My grandfather, Harold Hampton, was awarded PAFC life membership after his wartime service, and my father grew up in Alberton, surrounded by the club's spirit and legacy. For me, being Port Adelaide is part of who I am, upholding the values, spirit, and unique culture that set our club apart.

I've seen firsthand the club's impact, both as an active member and through grassroots sport. Locally, I've served as a founding member of the Premiership coaching group for women's footy, helping Port District Football Club win our inaugural senior women's premiership in 2025. I've also contributed to several other community boards and committees, strengthening my commitment to leadership and service.

Professionally, I bring over 30yrs of Banking Leadership & Executive experience in finance, governance, risk management, and strategic leadership. As a recent graduate of the Governor's Leadership Program (GLF), I hold credentials from the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and am nearing completion of my Executive MBA at the University of Adelaide (EMBA).

Family, camping, the ocean, and footy are at the heart of who I am. My values of authenticity, humility, and achievement guide everything I do. If elected, I will represent our member base with pride so our club can thrive on and off the field.

Go Port!



Justin LECKIE

I nominated for the member elect Board Director position to help strengthen the voice of all members, fans and volunteers with the board/other custodians of our great club.

As a lifelong supporter and member since 1986 (and current PACS/TAC member), I have seen it grow from a successful community club to an AFL powerhouse that is debt free and owns its license. We are well placed for both on-field and off-field success.

I firmly believe that members play a crucial role in club achievements.

Currently, I am Vice President of the AFL Fans Association and have volunteered for nine years to help capture/understand fan views and provide a strong, independent voice for the largest stakeholder in our game. I also play and volunteer in local Masters football.

Professionally, I am a Certified Practising Accountant with over 30 years of experience in governance, finance, assurance, business improvement and management. I have served on boards, advisory committees and initiatives that improve transparency, accountability, and long-term sustainability.

I hope to use these experiences to benefit the PAFC.

If elected, my priorities will be:

- establishing a membership committee (with actual members), improving member engagement systems and maintaining regular contact with members
- contributing to future plans, ensuring resources are used efficiently and clearly reported
- ensuring that club facilities/assets are accessible to members first
- backing volunteers/supporter groups, and
- maintaining traditions and experiences I enjoyed as a young PAFC fan.

I am committed, passionate and ready to be part of the team.



Louis LEVENTIS

My connection to the Club spans a lifetime- growing up barracking for Port Adelaide from the age of six, serving for years as a trainer for the Magpies in the SANFL and Port Adelaide in the AFL, and supporting the Club as a Chairman's Club member and sponsor. These roles have given me a deep appreciation of the Club's culture, history, and community. Professionally, I bring over 30 years of experience across accounting, law, and business. After nine years as an accountant, developing strong skills in financial management, compliance, audit, and strategic planning, I have spent the past 23 years practising law, advising clients on complex commercial, corporate, property, and governance matters. For the past decade, I have also operated my own legal practice, strengthening my leadership, financial oversight, and strategic decision-making capabilities—skills essential for board governance. I am a Notary Public and serve on the Council of Notaries in South Australia, contributing to the regulation, professional standards, and ethical governance of Notaries statewide. I have also served for many years on the Master Builders South Australia Contracts Committee, assisting in the development of contract standards, compliance frameworks, and dispute-resolution processes. My lifelong connection to Port Adelaide, combined with deep professional experience in governance, risk, and organisational leadership, positions me to contribute meaningfully to the Club's future. I am committed to strengthening financial sustainability, enhancing member engagement, and upholding the values that define Port Adelaide—hard work, integrity, and the spirit of "We Never Give Up."



Kirsty DEGABRIELE

As a lifelong, one eyed, third-generation Port Adelaide supporter, former footballer and senior leader, I am seeking your support for election to the PAFC Board.

I grew up around Alberton and the PAFC. My dad, brother and I all played for the Port Magpies, and the club's people, history, values and uncompromising standards shaped who I am, on and off the field.

I played over 200 games across the SAWFL, SANFL and National Championships, captained at club and state level and trained within an AFLW high-performance environment during the early years of women's football. Football taught me accountability, leadership under pressure and the importance of culture in sustained success.

Currently, I'm a senior leader in Mental Health Services at Adelaide PHN. I work closely with Boards, Government, senior leaders and community members, overseeing governance, financial management, performance monitoring and risk across multiple services.

I bring current board experience and specialist expertise in mental health and wellbeing, diversity, inclusion, and community and member engagement. I offer a combination of football experience, strong governance capability and a deep understanding of people, culture and performance in high-pressure environments.

If elected, I will bring a steady, values-led voice focused on:

- Enhancing Port Adelaide's culture and standards
- Supporting high performance across AFL and AFLW
- Strengthening connection with members and community
- Ensuring strong governance that underpins long-term success

Premierships and strong clubs are built with clear values and disciplined leadership, and this is what I would bring to the club.



Thomas JONAS

I am nominating for election to the Board of the Port Adelaide Football Club. I care deeply about the long-term success of the Club and the role it plays in the lives of its members and the broader community.

The 15 seasons I spent as a player and staff member have given me a deep appreciation for the Club's history, values and expectations, as well as the responsibility that comes with representing something bigger than yourself. It has taught me that sustained success is built on strong culture, clear vision, refined processes, accountability and genuine care for stakeholders of the Club.

Since retiring from PAFC in 2023, I have continued my involvement in sport and business, with roles in commercial partnerships, leadership and culture development. I served as a Board Member of the AFL Players' Association and hold formal qualifications in Law and a Master of Business Administration. These experiences have helped shape a considered, governance and future focused approach to leadership and decision-making.

If elected, I will bring a steady, current and independent voice to the Board, informed by lived experience within the football program. I have a deep understanding of the unique challenges facing AFL players, clubs and the Industry in a rapidly changing environment. My focus would be on supporting strong governance, sustainable wellbeing and performance, fiscal responsibility and maintaining the strong connection between the Club and its members.

I am seeking election to listen, and to serve the best interests of Port Adelaide Football Club.



Brett HILL

Over the last 20 years, clubs with strong member influence have consistently won more premierships. I want Port Adelaide to be one of those clubs again.

Port has always been part of my life. My father has been a member for more than 50 years. I grew up watching games at Alberton and giving my pocket money to players after matches. As a teenager, I bought my first lace-up Prison Bars jumper from George Fiacchi at West Lakes. These experiences shaped my identity, and I strongly support honouring the club's successful traditions, including the Prison Bars.

The current board has done an outstanding job stabilising the club financially and clearing historic debt. With that foundation in place, I believe the next phase must ensure football success remains our permanent, non-negotiable focus.

I have served as President and Public Relations coordinator of a state professional board, worked on the Finance Committee of the Australian Chiropractic College, and led organisations with significant operational and cultural responsibility. I understand governance, strategy, accountability and how to build high-performing environments, and I believe I can contribute meaningfully to the club.

Our purpose has always been clear: we exist to win premierships for our members. To strengthen that alignment, I support restoring a majority of member-elected board positions, alongside strong skills-based appointments, and establishing a permanent Member Advisory Committee.

I have a 17-year-old son I've never been to an AFL Grand Final with. It's time that changed.



Ben HAYNES

I am seeking your support for my nomination to join the Board of the Port Adelaide Football Club. As a long-term member and lifelong supporter, my connection to the club runs deep.

Some of my fondest memories are of attending Magpies games, surrounded by the passion and pride that define our club. Those early experiences shaped my love for football and instilled in me what it means to be Port Adelaide—resilient, united, and unwavering in our commitment to excellence. Being a Port Adelaide supporter has always felt less like a choice and more like a proud inheritance.

Professionally, my strength lies in strategic finance. I hold a Bachelor of Finance from Adelaide University, have worked as a Financial Adviser for 16 years, and now run my own Wealth Management firm. In this role, I help individuals and organisations build long-term financial strategies that promote resilience and adaptability.

I currently serve as Treasurer on the Board of the Peak Representative Body for Foster and Kinship Carers in SA. This experience has highlighted how strong financial governance can transform organisations, fostering growth and stability.

Port Adelaide has rebuilt itself through strong financial stewardship, but the challenges ahead require continued discipline, innovation, and stability. I believe my experience can help strengthen our financial position, support strategic decision-making, and ensure we remain competitive against the AFL's largest and wealthiest clubs.

I would be honoured to contribute to the club's future success and uphold the values that make Port Adelaide great.
