



## CANDIDATE PROFILES

### NOMINEES FOR PRESIDENT

#### **Philip Desmond Scott**

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I have been a member of this wonderful club for 35 years and have been fortunate enough to serve on the Clubs board since 2003. I initially held the position of Vice President and have held the position of President since 2015. I feel proud to have been part of the Club with its history and tradition and I am equally as excited to be a part of the future of the venue.

I have been a member of the Corowa RSL Sub Branch for 8 years having served in National Service in 1972-1973. Since returning to the district to live I have undertaken many community roles, achieving a life membership to Corowa Apex Club.

I am known as a “Jack of all Trades” when it comes to my employment, as the Greenkeeper for the Corowa Lawn Tennis Club, Contract Caterer for private functions, Wool Classer and Maintenance Man. Although this might not be for everyone I love that I get to spend time with a huge variety of community organisations and the great members within these clubs.

If re-elected I look forward to contributing to the ongoing success of the Club, with the planned completion of our major refurbishment as well as planning and implementation of further capital works projects to ensure our Club continues to be an excellent venue for its members and guests alike. We will continue to develop policy to ensure the Club adheres to best practice, and most importantly the venue continues to be the best place for our members to enjoy their social and sporting activities.

I would deem it a privilege to contribute to the ongoing development and growth of the organisation whilst keeping in tune with the requirements of the members. I would appreciate your ongoing support so that I can remain involved in the planning of our organisation.

#### **Peter Gregory Easdown**

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I was born and raised in Corowa. Initially trained and worked (7 years) in professional accountancy before branching out into mineral exploration, metalliferous mining and mine development.

With over 30 years' experience in mining operations and subsequently managing director of Kaolin Mining and Development Australia Pty Ltd.

I have now retired and now offer my services as a Board Director if the club members see fit to elect me.

Past Community Involvement:

Board Director - Corowa Golf Club (1975/6)

Charter President – Oaklands and District Lions Club

Charter Member – Oaklands State Emergency Service

President and Licensee – Oaklands RSL Club

President – Oaklands RSL Bowling Club

NOMINEES FOR VICE PRESIDENT (2 POSITIONS) - ELECTED *UNOPPOSED*

**Francis (Frank) Dennis Gee**

**Jenni Delany**

NOMINEES FOR TREASURER - ELECTED *UNOPPOSED*

**Chris Thomas**

NOMINEES FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR (3 POSITIONS AVAILABLE)

**Ben Clifton**

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The role of Director for the Corowa RSL embodies several passions of mine – business leadership, community engagement and veteran support. I believe RSL's play an integral role in the community, for veterans and civilians alike, and I want to be part of their growth into the future.

Moreover, I believe I have the business skills and leadership characteristic to develop and drive strategic direction to improve the business of the Corowa RSL club.

I have the experience of running efficient business models in both private and public sector. I have managed personnel in a broad range of industries and circumstances. From local agricultural to Military Operations in an unstable country, to a chef and wait staff in a restaurant, I have always led by example and with mission success.

My proposed strategy encompasses themes of socialism and family, developing a family friendly environment; ensuring business longevity and providing a hub for people to spend special moments with their loved ones.

I would ensure that firm direction and resources would be allocated to training and enabling our staff to build a reputation for service and quality offerings.

My focus will always be on ensuring that our loyal members are treated accordingly and receiving greater benefits. When we have a stronger and more profitable business we will be able to invest more back into the community.

I believe the RSL still plays a major role in the task that it was founded on – connecting with and supporting our ex and returned servicemen and women. With Veteran suicide and homelessness at such high rates, establishments like the RSL are the critical service providers that can make all the difference.

### **Elin Collins**

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Once an accountant always an accountant... I began my career at a Corowa-based accounting firm and moved on to Focus Partners in Albury in 2005. I'm now one of the Principals of the firm, which has seen me undertake various qualifications and training in not just the areas of accounting and financial planning but also management of staff, strategic planning and company management/corporate governance.

Outside of the day-to-day bean counting, I do have a keen interest in the Corowa RSL Club Ltd. I was the lead auditor for your organisation for 4 years (until 2016). That role gave me an opportunity to see and advise on many aspects of the operations of the Club, the structure, the staff - it's not hard to see why the Club is as successful as it is! I have a great passion for local business, and if elected would use my business knowledge and professionalism to strive for constant progression.

I believe I have a strong communication and leadership skills, having advised and managed clients and colleagues of varying ages, backgrounds and beliefs. This is experience I can use to ensure that we have a constant and efficient flow of information between board and management, and of course our members.

Through my current position, I have worked with clients of varying business sizes on all aspects of strategic business planning. As a Club we should be setting common goals and a vision for our future, and constantly measuring performance against these goals. I am a strong believer in bench marking against others and setting goals to improve our performance where necessary.

I do have a story other than counting things through! My husband and I, along with our 3 year old daughter have just moved back to our local community and at the same time would love to be involved in this amazing venue and business.

Members know we have a fantastic Club which has grown and evolved in a way our current Board should be proud of. However, we must never become complacent. The Club already has an extremely capable operational team on the ground, let's not reinvent the wheel. Our role as Board members is not just compliance, it's a much bigger strategic picture which involves looking after the best interests our members and community, and ensuring we strive to continue for excellence.

For the exciting opportunities that I have no doubt lie ahead, we need a visionary Board who can create the future, not mind the shop.

## **Martin Magill**

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Please allow me to introduce myself and tell you a little about myself.

My name is Martin Magill and I am standing for the position of Director of the Corowa RSL Club Ltd. I am prepared to attend and complete any courses required to be a Director.

I have always been community minded prior to and since moving to the area. I have resided in Wahgunyah for 26 years with my wife (Dianne who is currently the President of the Corowa RSL Women's Auxiliary) and our 3 daughters. I am currently a member of the CFA (Wahgunyah Brigade 25 years), Corowa Golf Club and the Corowa Health Culture Fitness Centre. I am a member of the Corowa Uniting Church Council (20 Years). I have been a member of the NSW RSL for 47 years and since moving to this area in 1993 I have been a member of the Corowa RSL Sub Branch where I have held appointments of Committee member, Vice President and I have been President for the past 6 years.

I have been a Freemason for 48 years and a member of Wahgunyah Masonic Lodge for 26 years and am currently the Treasurer of the Lodge. I am also a member of the Wahgunyah Men's Shed.

I was a Member of the Australian Defence Forces (Army) for 28 years and 10 months rising in that period to the rank Warrant Officer Class 1 (Artificer Vehicle). During this time I have seen active overseas service in South Vietnam and numerous postings in NSW, VIC and Qld. I was the Doctrine Warrant Officer at Bandiana, which involved the formation of vehicles and equipment. This necessitated the evaluation and updating of guiding for the Army in the areas of operation deployment, the layout and siting of Army workshops in the field, which also covered grades of repair and lines of support to be undertaken.

I was a Project Officer at the Engineering Development Establishment Maribyrnong and responsible for the consideration of equipment to be introduced into the Army. This involves the setting of test parameters, providing advice on all technical matters pertaining

to the equipment to be trialled, and the production of reports and technical assistance to Senior Staff on the evaluation maintenance, repair, modification and defect investigation of equipment currently in use and under evaluation. I was also a Technical Instructor at Army Apprentices School Balcombe, this involved being responsible for curriculum development, delivery and evaluation to meet required standards and also in the counselling of students on their progress, welfare and character development. While being posted at Canungra QLD I was the Treasurer of the Canungra Army Golf Club.

Upon my retirement from the Australian Defence Forces I was employed at Uncle Toby's (10 Years) rising to the position of Machine Operator/Food Trades Level 5 before my retirement.

I hold the following qualifications:

Diploma OH&S (National Safety Council Australia)

Certificate in Industrial Communication B, Fork Lift Operations (Wodonga TAFE)

Certificate Workplace Trainer (National Course Code 2005AAC)

Workplace Assessor Training (National Course Code 2005ABC)

If I am successful in my nomination for the position of Director on the Corowa RSL Club Board I will continue to be involved and serve the community, and the promotion of the Corowa RSL Club Inc and its members.

### **Jenny Hopgood**

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I am honoured to have been appointed to the position of Director on the board of the Corowa RSL for the past 4 years. I have enjoyed and relished this position and would be proud to continue for a further term.

- I am the organizer of the Line Dance Weekend, held at the club in August each year. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and there are people from all around Australia that have this event in their annual calendar.
- For the last 7 years, I have arranged the making of the decorations and supervise the decorating of the club for the annual Country Music Roundup each year in June.
- This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the McGrath Foundation "High Tea" which attracts well in excess of 100 members and guests to the club. For all the previous "High Tea" events, I have been the person to arrange all of the sponsors and donations for our raffle and auctions on the day, also organising the decorating and table settings for the day. This event is an exceptional showcase of our wonderful club and its facilities.

Previously:

- President – Currum Ladies Football Club – approx. 12 years
- Director – Mentone Hotel – 3 years
- Licensee – Prince Alfred Hotel, Port Melbourne – 4 years
- Operator of Dial-A-Dinos, Pizza Hut and Fasta Pasta

As a director, I feel that I have made a positive contribution to the RSL and would continue to do so in a productive way. I am always available and happy to speak with members and guests on any issue that they wish to discuss.

If I am unsuccessful in obtaining the position of director on the board of the Corowa RSL, I will continue to support, promote and patronize the club to 100% of my ability, as I think this is a great asset to the town of Corowa.

### **Lance Davis**

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My name is Lance Davis and I have recently retired as a permanent member of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) after 40 plus years of full time service, of which 34 years has been with a focus on leadership and management.

For the past 9 years, I have held the position of Lieutenant Commander (Marine Engineer) on transfer to the Naval Reserves, and I still provide my services on a needs basis when required.

I have completed studies in both Marine and Mechanical Engineering and have obtained qualifications for Government Complex Procurement as well as a Diploma of Business and I am currently of the IEAUST (Institute of Engineers Australia).

During my tenure in the RAN my employment interests included Facilities/Maintenance Manager to 4 naval establishments (HMAS Creswell, Coonawarra, Albatross and Stirling), this also included being responsible for base maintenance. Moreover, I have been deployed as the Engineer Officer on both destroyer and amphibious class vessels in which I was responsible for the end to end management of ships maintenance, engineering plant operation, personnel matters and providing technical advice.

I have a knowledge background in risk and safety assessments of buildings, port facilities and ship environments.

My strengths are management skills, personnel management, problem solving and communication.

Additionally, I was also owner/operator with my wife of a small business whilst posted in the Western Australian area. My interests are lawn bowls (Member Corowa Services Bowling Club), golf (Member of Corowa Golf Club) and motorcycle riding. I live in Corowa and I am a financial member of the Corowa RSL Club and the Corowa RSL Sub Branch.

**John Brennan**

No Profile submitted.

**Peter Gregory Easdown**

Profile submitted under Nominees for President.

**Philip Desmond Scott**

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