



## **2023 Board of Director Elections**

Members of SA Police Legacy can cast their vote for the board director elections. Members of SA Police Legacy are serving and retired (SWORN) South Australian police officers.

Six nominations have been received for three positions. Below is a short summary on each candidate (alphabetical). Please take the time to read each submission prior to voting.

Remember, votes can be submitted here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAPL2023VOTE>

### **2023 Candidates**

#### **Peter Graham OAM (retired)**

I served as a member of SAPOL from 1961 until retirement in 2010. I served on general duty and traffic patrols and whilst the bulk of service was with CIB I progressed through various ranks, retiring as Chief Inspector. My service embraced both Country and Metro postings. I have been a member of SA Police Legacy through my policing career and retirement.

In 1983 I was elected to the Board of the Police Credit Union and served as a director for 32yrs, including 7 years as Chairman. I am presently Chairman of Swimming SA Board and given my service to that sport I was awarded as a Member of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2017.

I believe my experience in these positions gives me a broad and comprehensive understanding of what is required for the SA Police Legacy director role. I believe the Board is responsible for the strategic direction of the organisation and must establish policies to enable management and staff to drive the organisation to the achievement of goals.

Having served one term as a Police Legacy board member, my reason for renomination is to continue with my contribution to the work of the Legacy team. That, coupled with the passing of close friends and former colleagues generated concern for the well-being of partners and family in times emotional turmoil. Indeed, I have referred all to the Legacy team for assistance, guidance and support that they provide so well. I am committed to the role, function and ethos of Police Legacy - an organisation founded by police for police and their families.

I seek your support in enabling me to continue with my commitment.

### **Inspector Kevin Lawton FAICD (Comcen Shift Manager)**

I am a serving police officer of 38 years and have always supported the extended blue family. I was a friend, colleague and a University study partner of the late David Barr who was tragically murdered on duty in 1990. I was there when he died and have always felt a desire to do more and give back to legateses.

I have board experience (previous Deputy Chair, Police Health and previous Chair of Blue Light (SA) Inc.) I have completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) course and am a Fellow of the AICD and hold a Bachelor of Management (UniSA), Graduate Certificate in Applied Management (AIPM), Associate Diploma in Business (UniSA) and Associate Diploma in Justice Admin.

I have managed several workplaces throughout SAPOL and have a very deep understanding of the nature of police work and police culture. I have a strategic mindset and will be able to contribute to strategic planning of SA Police Legacy as well as providing a sound understanding of financial management and good governance.

### **Tom Nyenhuis APM (retired)**

I am a retired member of SAPOL having served a total of 43yrs, retiring in 2017. I have served in both country and metropolitan areas and completed my service at the Elizabeth Police Station as the Operations Senior Sergeant.

I was awarded the Australian Police Medal (APM) in 2013 for my work in operational policing and dedication to occupational work and safety. This included high levels of service delivery both internally and to the community.

I have board experience with the Barossa and Light Football League as Chairman of the Football Tribunal (current). I am also a life member of the Elizabeth Police Social Club.

I was elected to the board of SA Police Legacy 2 years ago and now up for re-election. During this time, I have been active within the workings of the board to ensure that we have good governance and strategic direction. During this time, we have assisted numerous members in both financial and emotional support, as well as ensuring the retired members of SAPOL also get looked after.

I ask again to seek your support and vote to ensure the great work done by the staff and board of SA Police Legacy continues for many years to come.

### **Inspector Luke Richards (Staff Officer to the Commissioner)**

I am a serving police officer, having worked across both metro and regional postings in frontline and managerial roles. Having experienced the loss of my father at a young age and seeing the impact this had on our family I have become passionate about looking after those suffering grief, loss and ill-health.

Prior to joining SAPOL I owned and operated my own small business within the hospitality industry. This gave me experience in managing all facets of the business, including managing a team of staff. I have a strong understanding of SAPOL members and culture, as well as sound financial management skills.

I would like the opportunity to assist my community and SAPOL members further and believe I can do this by being elected as a SA Police Legacy board member.

### **Superintendent Julie Thomas (Officer in Charge, Northern District)**

Whilst holding senior manager roles in both Human Resource Management and Health Safety and Welfare Branches, I have established an excellent understanding of the importance that organisations such as SA Police Legacy play in the support of Police officers and their families during periods of crisis and bereavement. Oversighting the management of SAPOL Employee Assistance Section and, as a member of the Police Dependents Fund Board for nearly three years, I am also privileged to have experienced SA Police Legacy's involvement in the support of SA Police personnel and families.

I am a change-influencer who can communicate clear purpose and direction and I can forge relationships, motivate and respectfully challenge the thinking of others. I hold various post-Graduate qualifications including a Graduate Certificate in Business Administration (UniSA) which involved financial management modules and 'Governance Foundations for Non-for-Profit Directors' – Australian Institute of Company Directors (2023). I have current and previous experience on various boards including Police Superannuation and Police Dependents Fund.

Recently, I have been actively seeking a Board position in the Not-for-Profit Sector in order that I can give back and contribute to the community outside of my policing role. I cannot think of a more worthy organisation to be associated with to enable contribution to the wider SAPOL family.

### **Mark Willing (Retired)**

It has been an honour to serve on the board of SA Police Legacy and I ask for your support in seeking re-election. As a board member since 2007 I have continued to advocate and support police families in their time of need.

As a police officer for over 41 years until my retirement in January 2023 I have gained a reputation as an authentic leader of high integrity, hardworking, credible, compassionate and person centred. I have a strong grasp and understanding of corporate governance reflected in the expertise and knowledge gained as a board member of Blackwood Community Hospital 2002 – 2006 and SA Police Legacy 2007 – 2023.

As President 2009 - 2022 I used my board experience, business skills and networking expertise to help shape the future growth of SA Police Legacy by introducing a variety of initiatives and programs to help support police families and respond to changing community needs. I fully understand the loss faced by police families which has been a keen driver for me to be visionary and ensure the memories of those that have fallen are not forgotten and their families are supported and treated with utmost respect and dignity.

I understand the challenges and opportunities faced by SA Police Legacy and remain committed to keeping SA Police Legacy members at the centre of decision making and ensuring the provision of high-level services and support to SA Police Families.