



2024 Board director Nominee Bios

(Alphabetical)



Sergeant Annette Gilbert

Pathway to Policing Program Project Officer – People, Culture and Wellbeing

With a lifelong commitment to community service, I have been an active participant in various committees, including Neighbourhood Watch, Blue Light, Work Health Safety committees, and the SAPOL Women’s Focus group. My dedication extends beyond these roles to significant contributions in educational and advocacy groups such as Kindergarten

Governing councils, Parents and Friends committees, and Zonta (women community empowerment group). My most notable tenure has been with the SA Police Sports Federation, serving as a committee member since 2000, Secretary for four years, and President since 2005. Additionally, my involvement with the Australasian Police & Emergency Services Games as State Delegate for a decade, and now as Deputy State Delegate, underscores my leadership and dedication to members’ wellbeing and community development.

My aspiration to join the Board is driven by a passion for aiding others, especially within the ‘blue’ family community. I have demonstrated this passion as a course mentor at the Police Academy for many years, where I worked extensively to assist in the development of the members of my courses as well as the other courses in training at the time. My extensive experience across various committees and with fundraising has equipped me with valuable insights and skills that I am eager to contribute to the Board. I am honoured by the prospect of your support and am committed to leveraging my experience to further our shared goals and initiatives.



Senior Sergeant Robert Gregory

STAR group

I am deeply committed to the mission of SA Police Legacy, having served as an Ambassador for the past five years. My recent journey walking the Kokoda Track with the National Police Legacy cohort allowed me to form close connections with legatees from around Australia, further strengthening my dedication to supporting the police community and honouring the legacy of our fallen colleagues.

For the past 15 years, I have had the privilege of coaching the South Australia Police football side. Through annual matches against other states, we honour fallen officers and foster camaraderie among our peers. As the Vice President of the SA Police Sports Federation, I am passionate about promoting unity and well-being within the service. I believe my experience and commitment uniquely position me to contribute meaningfully to the Board of Directors.



Senior Constable First Class Simon Lloyd

Road Policing Section North, Holden Hill PS.

I began my career with SAPOL in 2009 and have served as an operational police officer for nearly 15 years. Throughout my tenure, I've been posted in both metropolitan and regional areas, worked with the Business Support Unit, SCAC, and served as an instructor at the Police Academy. Currently, I am assigned to Road Policing North at Holden Hill Police Station.

In recent years, I've witnessed the incredible work that SA Police Legacy does for police officers and their families, especially after the loss of serving officers who were friends of mine. SA Police Legacy has been a steadfast support for the families of our fallen, offering essential financial assistance and various ongoing support programs to police families in need.

Before joining SAPOL, I worked in both State and Federal Politics, gaining extensive experience in fundraising activities, media and community engagement. This exposure to federal and state politics on both sides of Government has provided me with numerous opportunities to build and foster working relationships with local and federal members of parliament, their staff, and various government agencies. I continue to nurture these relationships, and I believe this is a valuable asset I would bring to SA Police Legacy.

If elected to the Board of SA Police Legacy, I would aim to use my position to further promote the organisation's commendable work. I plan to encourage more operational police officers and the newer generation of SAPOL to get involved, ensuring that SA Police Legacy remains relevant and actively engaged.



Sergeant Nicholas Minge

Training, Recruit and Probationary Constable Coordinator, Golden Grove PS.

I am a Sergeant of Police and have been a proud police officer for over 17 years, working on patrols for more than 10 of those years at Parks and Elizabeth and most recently in training roles at the Academy and Northern District.

I have seen firsthand the excellent work done by SA Police Legacy for police officers and their families during their times of need and in crisis prompting my desire to give back. SA Police Legacy is a strong and proud organisation with 35 years of supporting the police family. I want to ensure that it continues to be a strong and relevant organisation moving forward and that it can continue its good work, maintaining and expanding the services it provides to eligible members and their families.

During a time when SAPOL is struggling with retention and recruitment, organisations such as SA Police Legacy remind us of the strong police culture of camaraderie and looking after your mates. We rely on one another for support both at work and during times of personal crisis. Remembering those who have gone before us – especially those who have given their lives in service – is vital in preserving this cultural legacy of sacrifice and dedication to our community.

I want to work with SA Police Legacy to ensure that the organisation remains well supported, strong and representative of us as frontline police. I want to help to ensure that the good work done by this organisation continues and that in challenging times my mates and their families

are supported and remembered. I want to be considered for this important board membership position so that I can help you as a member of South Australia Police support your colleagues and their families during the most difficult times, but also celebrate the awesome Police Culture that is unique to us and the families of those who have served the community on the frontline.



Matt Nairn

Retired police officer and current SA Police Legacy board director

I have previously served SA Police as an operational member since 1984, having retired in 2023 as Officer in Charge Eastern District. Throughout my policing career and into the management stream I have worked in many diverse areas and always maintained a strong focus on the policing team and caring for each other, something that police do very well.

I am seeking your vote to re-elect me to the SA Police Legacy board where I am focused on delivering the maximum support and funding to our members and families in their time of need (both at work and at other times of need). As a current board member I have supported SA Police Legacy in attracting new sponsors which has seen strong financial growth, which in turn allows SA Police Legacy the opportunity to expand its support for its membership.

I strive to focus on delivering a SA Police Legacy that has strong core values and continues to deliver well into the future for all South Australia police, affiliated members and their families.



Glenn Thomson

Retired police officer and current SA Police Legacy board director

I served with SA Police for over 43 years and have been a Board member of SA Police Legacy for the last 12 years, one year whilst still serving and 11 years whilst retired. I have held the position of Vice President for the past 2 years.

During this time, I have been very active in representing SA Police Legacy, serving on many and varied sub-committees, as well as being involved in making important decisions that have an impact on our members. Having seen the fruition of our new premises, I have since moved onto other projects, the most important of these being the establishment of a Memorial in honour of Brevet Sergeant Jason Doig.

Furthermore, on a regular basis, I attend the Police Academy to meet and speak with cadets to emphasise the importance of SA Police Legacy and why I believe in the organisation.

Having been a Legacy boy (Armed Services) I see the benefits of our own SA Police Legacy and I believe the work we do for our members is paramount. I am an Honorary Life Member of SA Police Legacy, of which I am extremely proud, for the time and commitment I've demonstrated during my tenure. I am passionate about our ability to assist all our members and my wish is to continue this work.

Your vote will allow me to continue and I ask that you consider voting for me.



Chief Inspector Kellie Watkins

Public Protection Branch and current SA Police Legacy board director

I am one of very few currently serving SA police officers that sit on the SA Police Legacy board, I have dedicated the past 4.5 years to growing the organisation and ensuring sustainability for future generations. With a husband in the job and children of my own, I understand the vital role that SA Police Legacy plays in providing assistance to Police Officers and their families. I have invested time and effort into this organisation, aiming to give back to friends, families and colleagues. My vision for SA Police Legacy is to ensure support is readily available for individuals and families facing serious illness, death, or trauma, now and in the future. I want to continue my work on the Board to expand our service and grant offerings, develop new support programs, including mental health support for current and retired members, additional assistance for widowers and those in palliative care, increased financial support for young legatees who have lost a parent, and the inclusion of Protective Security Officers in our membership.

I am an experienced Board director holding my current position on the SA Police Legacy Board since 2020, as well as several years as a Board Director for SIDS & Kids South Australia. Through these positions, I have demonstrated strong governance, strategic planning, and organisational rebranding skills to ensure long-term viability. My commitment to serving organisations with purpose, particularly those connected to the police community, is evident in my work.

Currently, I serve in South Australia Police as the Officer in Charge of the Family and Domestic Violence Section. Over my 20-year policing career, I have developed skills that are beneficial to my role on the SA Police Legacy Board, including team leadership, management of critical operations, sound decision-making, organisational reviews, and oversight of governance, risk, and human resources management. I am also a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, bringing both education and experience to the SA Police Legacy Board. I am eager to continue supporting police officers and their families—both serving and retired, and to strengthen the SA Police Legacy brand by delivering on our core strategic priorities: support, remembrance, sustainability, and governance.