



2025 Board director Nominee Bios

(Alphabetical by surname)



Superintendent James Down

Officer in Charge – Forensic Services Branch

I have served with South Australia Police since 1998 and currently lead the Forensic Services Branch. With over 25 years of operational and strategic policing experience, I have held senior leadership roles since 2015 and am committed to advancing public safety, innovation, and organisational excellence. I hold a Diploma of Business Management (Policing) from UniSA and a Graduate Certificate in Policing from the Australian Institute of

Police Management.

Throughout my career I have led initiatives that strengthen SAPOL's culture and community engagement. I am a strong advocate for mental health, wellbeing, and inclusion across the policing profession, serving as a SAPOL Health and Wellbeing Officer. I also lead Foot Patrol, a social running group that promotes fitness and camaraderie while supporting SA Police Legacy through awareness and fundraising.

I have a long-standing connection to SA Police Legacy and currently serve as an Ambassador. I feel deeply aligned with Police Legacy's mission to support police families, particularly those facing hardship or loss, and view board service as a meaningful way to contribute to this legacy of care.

As a board member, I would bring strategic leadership, operational insight, and a genuine passion for community service. I am committed to helping SA Police Legacy grow as a trusted support network and guiding its future with integrity, compassion, and purpose.



Michael (Mick) Fisher

Retired police officer

With 45 years of operational police experience and over 20 years in leadership roles, including Director and Deputy Chairman of the Police Credit Union, I believe I could significantly contribute to the mission of SA Police Legacy.

My extensive background has provided me with a deep understanding of the needs of the core membership—police officers. I would utilise this knowledge to develop effective strategies for attracting new members and helping Police Legacy continues to remain relevant and supportive to its members.

Throughout my career with South Australia Police, culminating in my retirement as Detective Chief Inspector in June 2025, I held pivotal roles, including Officer in Charge of Criminal

Investigation Branches and the Serious and Organised Crime Branch. My experience managing complex criminal investigations, including cyber and financial crime, equipped me with the skills necessary for effective oversight and strategic planning. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I served as the Executive Officer in the Police Operations Centre, where I coordinated South Australia's operational response and enforcement management. This experience honed my leadership and crisis management abilities, which are essential for a position on the Board.

In addition to my police service I was elected as a Councillor for the City of Onkaparinga and subsequently appointed Deputy Mayor. These roles further developed my governance skills and commitment to community service. I am eager to bring my experience and passion for supporting the police community to the Board of SA Police Legacy, ensuring that the organisation continued to honour and assist those who dedicated their lives to protecting others.



Peter Graham OAM

Retired police officer and current SA Police Legacy board director

I have been a member of SA Police Legacy through my policing career and retirement.

I served as a member of SAPOL from 1961 until retirement in 2010, including general duty and traffic patrols and the CIB. My career embraced both Country and Metro postings.

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 served as Director and Chair of Swimming SA Board and was conferred a Member of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2017 for service to the sport. I am a Life Member of Swimming Australia and Swimming SA.

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. The Board is responsible for the strategic direction of the organisation and must establish policies to enable management and staff to drive the organisation in the achievement of goals.

Having served two terms as an SA Police Legacy board member, I nominate again to continue with my contribution to the work of the Police 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. I have referred many to SA Police Legacy for assistance, guidance and support that they provide so well. I am committed to the role, function and ethos of SA Police Legacy - an organisation founded by police for police and their families.

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



Chief Inspector Andrew McCracken

Operations Manager – Northern District

I am a Chief Inspector and have been in SAPOL for 38 years. My last 8 years has been as an Officer at Communications as a Shift Manager, a District Duty Officer, Prosecution and back home to the Northern District as an 'Operations Manager'. Prior to that my policing experience has been primarily operational to the rank of Senior Sergeant First Class in the LSA's, having also worked at Prosecution and the Police Academy.

Over my time I have seen firsthand the remarkable work that SA Police Legacy has performed for their membership and families. In our current times policing and life has become even more challenging and complex. SA Police Legacy has always been there in our corner to provide support and various types of assistance in personal crisis. This is of great comfort when it is needed and supports our policing culture of camaraderie, helping in times of crisis and 'looking after our mates'. These are important values that need to be enhanced for our current times and the future ahead.

I seek your vote to be part of the SA Police Legacy board. I can provide value to this position due to my wide breadth of experience, my communication style and managerial abilities. Furthermore, I see my role is to provide leadership, energy, to influence change, support and enhance the exceptional work this organisation does for its membership.



Tom Nyenhuis APM

Retired police officer and current SA Police Legacy board director

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 4 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.

My most rewarding time in the past 2 years was involvement in the organisation, design and installation of the Jason Doig Memorial in Lucindale early this year. Over the past 2 year the current board has assisted numerous members in both financial and emotional support, as well as ensuring the retired members of SAPOL also get looked after.

It is my intention if re-elected to further enhance improvements for current serving members and seek further benefits for those members. 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.



Mark Willing

Retired police officer and current SA Police Legacy board director

It has been an honour to serve on the SA Police Legacy Board since 2007, and I respectfully seek your support for re-election. My heartfelt commitment to supporting police families through their most difficult times remains unwavering. After 41 years of service as a police officer, retiring in 2023, I've earned a reputation as a compassionate, principled leader.

My person-centred approach is grounded in integrity, credibility, and hard work. I bring significant corporate governance experience from serving on the boards of Blackwood Community Hospital (2002–2006) and SA Police Legacy (2007–2025).

As President of SA Police Legacy (2009–2022), I drew on leadership, business acumen, and community networks to guide growth and introduce programs that championed the evolving needs of police families. Honouring the legacy of fallen officers and supporting their loved ones has driven my vision and dedication.

I remain actively involved in SA Police Legacy fundraising events, such as walking the inaugural Heysen 75 Walk in 2024. As current Chair of the Membership Sub-Committee, I focus on strengthening engagement and ensuring members feel valued and supported.

Above all, I am present when the unthinkable happens - offering compassion, stability, and support. I understand the challenges ahead and remain committed to placing our members at the heart of every decision, ensuring SA Police Legacy continues to deliver high-quality services and enduring support to police families across South Australia.