
2022 Committee Bios



Mr Les Boag - Chair

Since joining the Committee 8 years ago, I have regularly attended CRC race meetings to represent the Committee and communicate with members. For the last 2 years I've been Vice Chair, following being Honorary Treasurer. I have worked on subcommittees including Budget, Risk, Compliance, WHS and the exciting planning of our Site Redevelopment.

I have bred and race thoroughbreds with ACT trainers and own on-course stables. I'm a retired Army Officer and Austrade General Manager with Accounting and Business Computing tertiary qualifications.

I will keep pushing CRC to fight harder for a FAIR share of the funding our Racing Product provides to the ACT Government. I'll support initiatives to lower Worker's Compensation Insurance premiums while increasing Prizemoney and push for the CRC Precinct Development to improve facilities for members and our trainers.

I seek re-election to continue representing and working hard for all CRC members and the ACT Racing Industry.



Ms Liz Clarke - Vice Chair

I've had the pleasure of being on the Club's Committee for the past two years, contributing particularly to planning for the precinct redevelopment; and work health and safety. I've been a member of the Club since 2013. I retired in 2021 having been a Senior Executive in the ACT Public Service for over ten years. My key roles were the major venues and property portfolios. This included Exhibition Park, GIO Stadium, Manuka Oval, National Arboretum, and Stromlo Forest Park. My skill set is Government relations, governance, business strategy, strategic planning, risk management, and stakeholder engagement.

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I've been a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors for over ten years.

I'm excited about continuing to provide support to the Club, ensuring long term sustainability and growth of the thoroughbred racing industry in the ACT.



Mr Duncan Edghill - Treasurer

Duncan currently serves the Club as its Treasurer and as Chair of its Finance and Risk Subcommittee. He has been a Committee member since January 2019.

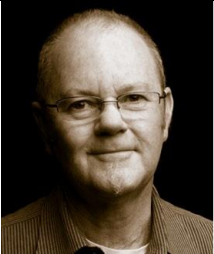
Duncan is committed to supporting the Club's long-term financial security through its precinct development activities and through prudent management of the Club's resources. He is also dedicated to improving the race-day experience for members, to supporting industry participants and to promoting a thriving racing industry here in

Canberra.

Duncan brings to the Committee extensive experience from both the government and private sectors. He currently heads the ACT Government's infrastructure directorate. Previously he worked for a major Australian investment bank in commercial and legal roles, both in Australia and internationally.

Duncan is an owner of racehorses and a passionate supporter of horse racing in Canberra.

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Mr Greg Friedewald

I started my working life as a journalist on the former Sydney Sun. I worked in government public relations in the NSW public service before moving to Canberra in 1986 to take up a position as Director of PR for a Commonwealth Department. I worked as a press secretary and political advisor in State, Federal and ACT political offices, spending 10 years on the staff of the ACT Chief Minister, 6 of them as Chief of Staff. I was Government Relations Advisor on ACTEW's Water Security Project; and communications advisor in the early days

of Canberra Metro.

I'm a racing enthusiast and have been involved in a couple of large thoroughbred ownership syndicates. I've been a member of the CRC since 2011, and have been fortunate enough to have been to race meetings across Australia, in Asia and the US.



Mr Norm Gardner

Having managed my current training & breeding operations for 25 years - and my own successful gasfitting business for over 40 years - I offer the Committee a unique combination of extensive racing industry knowledge and significant commercial and business acumen.

Since the relocation of my stables to Canberra in 2003 I have worked hard to build a successful and sustainable training operation while forging strong working relationships with the Club executive, stewards, fellow trainers, and all other industry stakeholders.

Having benefited from the stewardship of previous Committee members' foresight and actions in shaping the current local racing industry, I now seek to actively shape the vision and successful execution of the Club's future strategy for the continued ongoing benefit of the local industry. Having previously served on the Queanbeyan Racing Club Committee, I bring a practical understanding of race club committee activities and both the expectations and impost of the role.



Mr Daniel Gaul

Daniel has seen, experienced and been involved with the continuous rise and growth of the Canberra racing industry due to his well established presence in Canberra and beyond.

Daniel has a steadfast view of the past visions and therefore the future vision of racing in Canberra and is committed to ensure its longevity.

Daniel's commitment to his connections, not only in the racing circle but it's wider participants has formed life long friendships. His circle stands testament to itself.

This is due to his respect of the holistic racing community but more so his passion for the Canberra racing scene.

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Mr Ben McAlister

Thoroughbred Park has been special to me since 1998 when our horse, Zoregal, won the National Sprint - horses and Racing are in my blood.

I've lived in Canberra for the last 10 years - my wife and I have three young children. Before moving here, I worked across 5 continents with KPMG, Shell, UBS & Westpac in roles covering sales, strategy, finance, operations, risk & compliance. I've been employed by Doma Group for the last 8 years and am responsible for finance, treasury,

operations and investments.

I'm a passionate person and possess drive and motivation to 'get things done' and always try and do things better. I have a great personal and business network which will compliment my role on the committee. I will drive the Club to provide even better facilities for participants and the public and ensure focus remains on the promotion and development of horse racing in Canberra.



Mr Emmanuel Notaras

I am Canberra born and bred and a passionate racing enthusiast having raced thoroughbreds for over fifty years and bred them for over thirty.

My focus is support for owners, breeders and trainers through innovative programming and a more equitable distribution of prizemoney. I believe this will deliver larger fields resulting in greater wagering turnover and consequently higher payments to the Club. I am also a strong advocate of the Club's Equine Welfare Policy.

I have served on numerous Committees and Boards. I led the establishment of Canberra CBD Limited and was elected its inaugural chair and held the position for nine years. Its role was to administer the Government's Civic Improvement Levy and advocate and lobby on behalf of the CBD's stakeholders. The Company was the forerunner of the ACT Government's City Renewal Authority.



Ms Nikki Pulford

I have always had a passion for horses and thoroughbred horse racing and have most recently become a part owner in my first racehorse. My family have been active in the racing industry in Canberra for many years and through them and friends who are racing enthusiasts I have gained a good understanding of the industry. I am a member of Women in Racing who work incredibly hard to keep their members well informed and support the Canberra Racing Club.

As a female leader in Government with extensive experience in corporate governance and business management including human resource management/stakeholder engagement, I believe I can be a valuable contributor to the Canberra Racing Club Board and an effective advocate of members of the club.

With your support to join the board I will be an enthusiastic representative for you in the ongoing development and growth of the Canberra racing industry.

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Mr Mathew Ryan

I'm a CPA with extensive experience in Commercial negotiations. I lived overseas for 10 years where I ran my own businesses, including owning the exclusive rights for all of Fosters beer brands in Mainland China, where I won the Austrade Business Development award for my great success in brand building.

I moved back to Australia and love living in Canberra – it's home. I am Head of Industry Engagement for Leidos Australia and enjoy being able to follow my lifelong passion for horse racing and attend race meetings at CRC. I'm on a number of boards, including a NDIS NFP that's doing amazing work for people that need assistance.

I want to assist CRC in these challenging times and if elected my extensive Commercial and Entrepreneurial experience and youthful energy can assist the CRC Committee in shaping future strategies to address the upcoming challenges and maximise the benefits of all opportunities
