



Port Adelaide Football Club Member Elected Board of Director Election 2018 CANDIDATE PROFILES

FOUR (4) candidates for ONE (1) position

* Indicates elected member standing for re-election.



George FIACCHI*

I would like to nominate for re-election to the PAFC Board as a Director.

As a Board member for the past 6 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges of being involved in a football club and more importantly the PAFC.

During this time, we have seen the PAFC return to a respected football club on and off field, with solid foundations for future growth. Whilst we haven't had the success we expect on field, we are confident that it is not too far away. We have assembled a very talented football department, a strong playing list and quality coaches, ready to take us to the next level.

Our guiding vision is still "We exist to win premierships and make our community proud" as it has been ever since I first walked into the club as a 13-year-old.

I'm really proud that the heritage of the PAFC is now respected across the club and the plans for the 150 years celebration in 2020 will make all PAFC supporters proud.

Our members first philosophy has seen us break membership records each year and we continue to make profits in tough economic conditions.

Professionally, I am a business consultant and work across numerous industries, from Banking, Retail, Franchises and Media. I am a proud past player of the PAFC, so understand success comes from a team first philosophy and hard work.

The future holds many challenges as we strive for Premierships, growing our membership base and becoming financially viable consistently.



David O'DONOVAN

Born and raised in Port Adelaide, I am a very proud past player, supporter and financial member of Port Adelaide Football Club.

As a young adult growing up and representing the Club I learnt about commitment, loyalty and hard work, along with many other important life lessons that shaped the person I am today. These qualities and experiences form the cornerstones of my 33 years of professional service to the community with South Australia Police.

For several years I have volunteered as a member of the Club's Integrity Committee. Now I seek election as a Member Elected Director so that I can further contribute to the Club, sharing my knowledge and experience in life and business, as well as my strongly held community values and service standards to a Club that itself exists for the Community. I would also provide strong leadership, a different perspective on issues and advanced skills in communication and engagement, ensuring the presence of a strong voice for the membership.

I also believe the two Member Elected Board positions should be subject to a maximum tenure to allow for greater participation by members at all levels within the Club, and I will seek to change the Constitution to reflect this important issue.

If given the honour and opportunity of being elected I give my personal commitment to represent the membership and the Club to the very best of my ability, and to advance the reputation, community standing and success of the Port Adelaide Football Club.



Gavin WANGANEEN

My career in professional football began with a premiership in 1990, with the Port Adelaide Magpies. I then spent 6 years with the Essendon Football Club, where I won another premiership as well as the Brownlow Medal in 1993. I came home to South Australia to Captain the Port Adelaide Football Club's inaugural season in the AFL. Winning the premiership for Port Adelaide Power in 2004, was one of the greatest highlights of my football career.

As a 300 game player and member of the AFL Hall Of Fame, I bring considerable knowledge and expertise in football, and I feel this is a valuable asset when planning for our club's future successes. For the past ten years, I've been heavily invested in the Port Adelaide Community Programs, including our Indigenous Communities Program, and the Power to End Violence Against Women, which play an important role in changing the lives of those facing adversity, and give us as a club the ability to effect positive change.

Since retiring from Footy in 2006, I've worked in Government, business, been elected onto the interim board of the first ever Indigenous Players Alliance, and have established myself as a Contemporary Indigenous Artist.

I now sit as a passionate supporter of the PAFC alongside members, supporters and a fanbase who drive and demand high expectations, consistency and success from our playing group. It would be my privilege to support the board in achieving the standards that will allow us to thrive on the big stage.



Craig THOMPSON

I am originally from Adelaide but have spent the last 25 years interstate in Sydney and Melbourne. My father Don, who passed away in 2015, played in 5 of the 6 in a row legendary team of the 1950's. So my entire family, including my Sydney daughters, are Port Adelaide tragics. I understand that we don't have a mortgage on this quality in the Port membership!

I am determined to see our great club become one of the most successful and revered in the AFL through both premierships and financial and community performance. I feel I can offer service in two key areas:

- Leadership I feel that we need to strive to have the best people leaders
 possible in both the playing group and the throughout the club. Leadership
 wins premierships and attracts the best quality people;
- Strategy We must be in the upper quadrant of financially successful clubs. This requires a clear strategy and precise execution.

My business background has been based around these 2 critical areas and I feel compelled to help the club in any way that I can.

I run my own consulting business that specialises in Leadership and Strategy
Development/Execution and I work closely with CEO's and Executive Teams of listed
public companies. Prior to my own business I had a career in finance culminating in being
an Executive Director of Macquarie Bank where I headed up two key Divisions.