

Metropolitan Region

Five (5) Representatives to be elected for a three (3) year term.

Mrs Lynette Brand

How many years have you been a Member of the RNSWCC and its predecessors:-

40+ years

Breed associated with:

- Labrador Retriever
- German Shepherd Dog
- Bernese Mountain Dog

Business experience:-

- Company Director

RNSWCC Board of Directors &/or Committee experience:-

- Current President of DOGS NSW
- Member of DOGS NSW Executive Committee - 7 years
- Member, DOGS NSW Board of Directors since 2016 - 9 years
- Chair, DOGS NSW Media & Government Legislation Committee

Association with Affiliated Clubs:-

- President, Bernese Mountain Dog Club NSW
- Life Member, Bernese Mountain Dog Club Victoria

Judges Status (if any):

- All Breeds Judge
- Novice + CCD Obedience

Other Relevant Information:-

As Chair of the Media & Government Legislation Committee, this Committee has made headway in having DOGS NSW recognised as a peak stakeholder in the support of responsible breeding and dog ownership. Being invited to attend meetings with DPI and many senior members of NSW Parliament, I will continue to lobby for the recognition of our members through Government.

I am passionate about our DOGS NSW body, and hope that positivity can be attained with the input of our members and their elected office bearers, over the coming years; with support, in particular, of our sporting activities.



Board meetings held during the last term 34
Board meetings attended in that time 33



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Mr Guy Spagnolo

How many years have you been a Member of the RNSWCC and its predecessors:-

53 years

Breed associated with:

- Labrador Retrievers
- Cocker Spaniels

Business experience:-

- Local Government Employee - Baulkham Hills Shire Council - 20 years



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Board meetings attended in that time 27

RNSWCC Board of Directors &/or Committee experience:-

- Director, DOGS NSW Board of Directors - 12 years
- Co-ordinator for the Gundog Group for DOGS NSW Conformation Judges Education Program for approximately 23 years.
- Serving Chair of the DOGS NSW Honours Working Party
- Serving Chair of the DOGS NSW CIP Committee

Association with Affiliated Clubs:-

- Past Committee Member of The North of the Harbour All Breeds Kennel Club Inc.
- Past Vice President and Committee Member of The Labrador Retriever Club of NSW Inc for over 40 years
- Life Member of The Labrador Retriever Club of NSW Inc.

Judges Status (if any): All Breeds Judge

Other Relevant Information:

I have been honoured to have represented the Metropolitan members as a Director of DOGS NSW for the past 12 years. I have always made myself available to listen and provide assistance when needed.

I bring to the table a wealth of experience as a dedicated breeder and advocate for ethical breeding practices and responsible dog ownership of purebred dogs.



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Mrs Tracy Hofman

How many years have you been a Member of the RNSWCC and its predecessors:-

25 years

Breed associated with:

- Keeshond
- Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)

Business Experience:-

Recently retired, 42 years spent in corporate management roles, 30 years in National Policing. I have a Masters in Human Resource Management.

My last executive role was as the NSW Corporate Business Partner leading Finance, Human Resource Management, Corporate Strategy and specialist teams. My strengths lie in fiscal management; culture and change management, people centred innovation and business/strategy development, planning and execution.

RNSWCC Board of Directors &/or Committee experience:-

- DOGS NSW Judicial Panel
- DOGS NSW Finance Committee (previously)

Association with Affiliated Clubs:-

- Keeshond Club of NSW – previously held President Secretary & Committee member roles.

Judges Status (if any): Licensed for Groups 1, 5, 6 & 7. Trainee in Group 3.

Other Relevant Information:

I am eager to stand for election to the Board, aiming to leverage my contemporary business expertise to optimise positive outcomes for DOGS NSW. If elected, my priority will be to take a comprehensive approach to our business, seeking ways to collectively create a sustainable, future-proofed organisation catering for all canine disciplines. My reputation is grounded on a strong ethical and moral foundation, an open communication style, and a commitment to fostering a shared sense of purpose. As a leader, I am principled and impartial.



Accordingly, I would strive to enhance the transparency and accountability of Board decisions, ensuring members are informed of our challenges and the reasons underpinning and driving the need for broad change.

Collaboration is critical; I want to work alongside others who are equally committed to the success of DOGS NSW and have the business acumen to deliver achievable strategic and business outcomes. I would purposefully influence the Board to engage meaningfully with our membership, drawing on our extensive knowledge base to help drive positive, impactful and viable change. The Board alone cannot enliven the breadth of changes required; it is up to all of us to ensure our future.



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Mr Ross Sinclair

How many years have you been a Member of the RNSWCC and its predecessors:-

36 years

Breed associated with:

- Afghan Hounds
- Bull Terriers

Business experience:-

Planning retirement and it is time to use my extensive business experience to give back to our wonderful dog world.

I have 40 years' experience in both public and private organisations in senior executive roles, including banking, manufacturing, aerospace and senior executive roles at the Ministry of Health in NSW and across health systems, being responsible for leading complex systems and business operations.

I am a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA), have a Bachelor of Business Degree and Masters in Management and have extensive experience in Chairing and sitting on Boards at senior levels, for example a Board President and National Chairman of a large association from 2017 to 2025.

I'm a dedicated professional, passionate in supporting all DOGS NSW members across all Conformation and performance dog sports and I have the ability to help lead the organisation into the future. Driving innovation and providing solutions for DOGS NSW will be my focus to improve our long-term sustainability. I have the skills to analyse data and develop strategic directions needed to build business opportunities. I understand our current data and the challenges facing our future. I have demonstrated experience in leading business improvement and I would work tirelessly to grow all dog sports and Conformation and consult with the members to deliver real change. It would be an honour and a privilege to serve all members of DOGS NSW and the Board.

RNSWCC Board of Directors &/or Committee experience:-

- Chairman DOGS NSW Finance Committee – 3 years current
- Member of Finance Committee – 3 years in 1990's
- Chairman Inaugural Fast N Furious Committee – 2025
- Convenor DOGS NSW Strategic Planning Working Party – 2025

Association with Affiliated Clubs:-

- Afghan Hound Club of NSW
- Hound Club of NSW

Judges Status (if any):

Hounds Judge and Open Toys and Terriers.

Other Relevant Information:

Currently studying both Toys and Terriers.



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Mrs Mara Bontempo - Ross

How many years have you been a Member of the RNSWCC and its predecessors:-

3 years

Breed associated with:

- Poodles (Miniature) & (Standard)

Business experience:-

- Director (Own Business) 1980 - 1985 Health Care Industry.
- Pharmaceutical Industry 1990 - 2008 Various positions in Management, Business Strategy, Marketing, Sales and Training.
- Director (Own Business) 2009 - Current. Mara Aesthetics Pty Ltd. Focus on the medical products and methods to enhance well being and health care. Technical training for medical professionals, organisation of medical conferences, presentation skills, mentoring and coaching



Marketing, planning and organisational skills associated with a 30 year business career places me in a position whereby I can contribute to DOGS NSW Directorate. I am focused achieving successful organisational outcomes either an individual, committee member or Board Member.

I also believe the major challenges that I see for DOGS NSW include:

- (a) Increase the membership and revenue for DOGS NSW by promoting the benefits of membership to a wider audience ensuring DOGS NSW relevance to the broad canine community.
- (b) Attracting new and particularly younger members to the sport.
- (c) Increase DOGS NSW Public Relations activities.

RNSWCC Board of Directors &/or Committee experience:-

- Currently on the DOGS NSW Public Relations Committee

Association with Affiliated Clubs:-

- Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club Inc: Instructor Obedience 3 years. Member: 20 years.
- Trial Manager / Secretary: Double Obedience Trials Manager, Northern Suburbs, 2023 and 2024. Pioneered the first successful double obedience trial at Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club Inc.
- Instructor for Retrieving and Obedience in 2025. Completed the Canine Behaviour Science and Technology Course.
- Member of Metropolitan Mid Week Dog Training Club Inc and Member of The Poodle Club of NSW Inc (6 years)
- Conformation entrant with Standard Poodles at Sydney Royal and Poodle Nationals.

Judges Status (if any): NIL

Other Relevant Information:

I am an experienced Board Director and have demonstrated ability in managing people, conflict resolution, strategic planning and organising events in Australia and Overseas.



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Mr Stephen Oliver

How many years have you been a Member of the RNSWCC and its predecessors:-

40+ years

Breed associated with:

- Tibetan Spaniel
- Chinese Crested
- Chihuahua (Long & Smooth)
- Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
- Collie (Rough)
- German Shepherd Dog



Business experience:-

- 35 years – Royal Australian Navy
- 8 years – Auditor Private sector (BComm)
- UWS – English as a second language educator, Finance Educator and Examinations Assistant (2 years)

RNSWCC Board of Directors &/or Committee experience:-

- Board Member: 3 years, Senior Vice President: 2 years
- Member & Secretary - Members Education Committee - since 2012
- Member Prefix Working Party - since 2012
- Members Education Prefix Program Premises Inspector - since 2012
- Complex Fundraising Working Party – 2017, 2018, 2023 & current
- Chair of DOGS NSW Show Committee – 2024-Current
- Library & Archives Committee – Secretary 2013-2017
- Toy Group helper since 2012

Association with Affiliated Clubs:-

- 4p's All Toy Dog Club – Secretary/Show Manager since 2020
- Flat Face Toy & Tibetan Spaniel Association – Treasurer/Show Manager 2021 to present
- Chinese Crested Club – Treasurer 1997 to present
- Asian Breeds Club of NSW – Secretary 2012-2015
- County of Cumberland Association - Show Manager/Committee member since 2017
- Sydney Royal Steward 2018-present
- Chief Steward/Show Manager various Clubs since 2012
- Established Puppy Training & Socialisation since 2019

Judges Status (if any): Junior Handler Judge.

Other Relevant Information:

From a farming environment with working Dogs, joined the RAN, serving in the gunnery and seamanship division. 1978 suffered near fatal injuries, upon retirement gained University qualifications with the assistance from the Navy. Worked as an auditor throughout Australia.

My wife imported 3 German Shepherds in 1970s, where I learnt and loved showing skills with our dogs. My first dogs were Collies 1980's, however, with the navy injuries limitations, I ventured into the toy ring with a Cavalier, Chihuahuas and Cresties, then my beloved Tibetan Spaniels. With my wife tragically passing, I was encouraged to become a Steward/Show Manager and have continued in those roles ever since, gaining insights into the breeds and judging techniques of the show world.

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Mrs Lynette Brown

How many years have you been a Member of the RNSWCC and its predecessors:-

39 years

Breed associated with:

- West Highland White
- Jack Russell
- Sealyham
- Fox Terrier (Wire)
- Whippet

Business experience:-

Administration/ operations management private & public sectors. Consultant linking Government Department with primary focus on analysis & application of Federal Legislation.

RNSWCC Board of Directors &/or Committee experience:-

Currently:

- CJEP Examinations Committee (Chair)
- Finance Committee
- Aggressive Dogs Committee
- Director/Treasurer RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity
- Strategy Planning Working Party
- Dogs Australia Breed Council Liaison Working Party

Served 2015-2021 & 2022-2025 Board of Directors - Metropolitan Region.

President 2016-2019 with another term in 2023.

Senior Vice President 2019-2021, supporting President Dr Hedberg BVSC

Previous Member:

- Spring Fair Dog Show Committee (Chair)
- Finance Committee (Chair)
- Judges Committee (Chair)
- Media & Government Legislation Committee
- Terrier Co-Ordinator
- Life Member British Terrier Club, former President and Secretary
- Dalwood Committee Member

Judges Status (if any): All Breeds since 2012.

Other Relevant Information:

Almost 4 decades of active involvement in the Canine Community, I bring extensive experience in governance, stakeholder engagement, operations, advocacy, complemented by credentials as an All-Breeds Judge and



long-term breeder of Pedigree Dogs and a strong commitment to growth.

When President I led profound organisational reforms, restructuring, implementing automation, enhancing infrastructure, strengthening fiscal policies, engendering improved productivity, prompt processing, with a healthier bottom line, redevelopment of the DOGS NSW website, with our office the envy of the country also providing superior and prompt service with a pivotal role in formation of the DOGS NSW Charity.

Future Focus:

- Actively furthering the promotion of the intrinsic value of pedigree dogs in society
- Support all members in endeavours of their chosen disciplines
- Long-term lease of Orchard Hills or appropriate, affordable substitute
- Strengthening our place as a major stakeholder with the DPI and DLG
- Progressive advocacy for our role as the pinnacle in providing healthy and socialised pedigree companion dogs to society

With proven integrity, vision and commitment to member advocacy I seek your support to continue strengthening DOGS NSW for the future.

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Mrs Sue McFadden

How many years have you been a Member of the RNSWCC and its predecessors:-

43 years

Breed associated with:

- Cocker Spaniels
- Labrador Retrievers

Business experience:-

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation 1978 to 1997.
- HR / Payroll / IT including Employment Officer; Executive Assistant to HR Manager (TV), National Manager ABCs Electronic Timesheet System and IT User Manual Development.
- 1997 - 2016 Legal Receptionist & Bookkeeper
- 2017 - 2024 Owner grooming Salon
- 2024 Legal Assistant (Current)

RNSWCC Board of Directors &/or Committee experience:-

- Serving Member PR Committee
- Current Chair Grounds Development Committee
- Current Judicial Panel Co-Ordinator
- Former Member Spring Fair Committee

Association with Affiliated Clubs:-

- Life Member: Cocker Spaniel Society of NSW over 40 years
- Show Secretary & Vice President: Cocker Spaniel Club ACT - 2016-2023
- Show Secretary: The Labrador Retriever Club of NSW Inc - 2016 to 2018
- Secretary & Show Secretary: Sporting Spaniel Society of NSW - 2019 to present
- Committee Member: Golden Retriever Club NSW 2019-2024
- Past Committee Member: North of the Harbour Kennel Club

Judges Status (if any): Gundogs

Other Relevant Information:

I bred and showed Labradors with my parents from the 1970 to 80s. I purchased my first Cocker Spaniel in 1982 a breed I continue to exhibit at present.



In 2022 I was elected as Director to represent the Metropolitan Region.

Having participated in "the Golden Era" of dog shows, I understand potential for excellence when organising events with dedication. As Show Secretary for several breed clubs & past member of the Spring Fair Committee, I have gained valuable experience in event management.

Established the DOGS NSW Grounds Development Committee in 2024 focusing on fundraising for member facilities. Through close collaboration with the PR Committee and our dedicated volunteers, effectively promoting our purebred dogs & DOGS NSW to the public via fundraising activities, information stands & initiatives, encouraging responsible dog ownership, buying from ethical registered breeders, inviting membership & event participation.

In 2024 our Committee ran its first successful double championship show. We are expanding opportunities for all members with planned grooming seminars, 3-day Sprint Trial, evening show & Scent Work Trial.

I am standing for re-election as I have so much more to achieve.

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Mr Phillip Brown

How many years have you been a Member of the RNSWCC and its predecessors:-

44 years

Breed associated with:

- Lhasa Apso
- Bullmastiff

Business Experience:-

IT Management,
Systems Analysis

RNSWCC Board of Directors &/or Committee experience:-

- Fast N Furious Committee

Association with Affiliated Clubs:-

- Life Member of The Lhasa Apso Club Inc (previously)
- Various positions on both The Lhasa Apso Club Inc (previously) and The Bullmastiff Club of NSW Inc.

Judges Status (if any): All Breeds Judge.

Other Relevant Information:

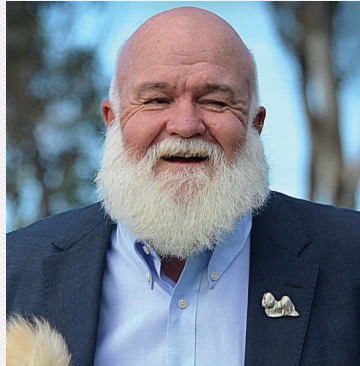
It's time for change!

The job of a director is to ensure the continued success of the business. A Board of Directors needs to focus on the sustainability of the business.

Falling numbers of members, registrations and entries to shows threatens the existence of DOGS NSW. While Conformation shows may be suffering, Dog Sports are thriving, and we need to nurture all of these.

We must find ways to develop new revenue sources to ensure continued success if DOGS NSW is to survive. I was involved in the organisation and running of the first Fast N Furious shows, which was an outstanding success, both financially, and in terms of exhibitor feedback. This is the type of innovation we need to work on.

The current show calendar needs revision to help support our country affiliates. Shows held in close proximity reduce the entry at both.



As a director, my focus would be on these major issues, and I would be attempting to unite the board to focus on these major issues.

