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Dear colleagues

Our election timetable reminds us that now is the time to start thinking about nominations for Council positions, including office-bearers, Committee of Management members and Regional Directors. The attachment lists the positions which are continuing and those that are due for appointment in June 2026.

This is **on the basis of our current constitution**, which as you know is under review. Progress to date has involved suspension of regular Committee of Management meetings (previously held every two months). Council is currently meeting monthly from February to December. Directors have discussed this arrangement and agree that it has been working well. It will continue in 2026, with the constitution working group going on to consider other possible improvements in our governance arrangements.

We are assuming that the current constitution will still be in force at the time of the June 2026 elections.

In line with our Mandatory Board Quota procedure, I need to draw your attention to the gender balance on Council.

We are committed to having at least 40% women Directors. Currently we are going well on this. 58% of our Directors are women: 11 women out of 19 Directors.

However, in June the total number of Directors could change. Three Regional Directors also have a position on the Committee of Management. Two of these positions are due for election this year – if other members are elected, the total membership of Council will be 21. To achieve 40% membership would require Council to include 9 women.

- Six women Directors hold positions which do not expire till 2027.
- So three women need to be elected or appointed in the 2026 round for us to be sure of achieving the 40% ratio this year.

Please could you discuss this when you are considering nominations / appointments?

Regards,

President Croquet Victoria

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Patron – Her Excellency Professor the Honorable Margaret Gardner AC

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

June 2026

1. Positions due for election in 2026

Office bearers

Vice-President	Stephen Forster (has served for 6 years; not eligible to stand again)
Secretary	Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt (eligible to stand again)
Treasurer	Claire Keating (has served for nearly 6 years; not re-nominating)

Ordinary members of the Committee of Management under our current constitution

Rita Jenkins	(eligible to stand again)
Ian Potter	(eligible to stand again)

Regional Directors in regions due for re-election

Eligibility to stand again is determined by the Region

Bayside	Treesh Reeve
Geelong	Janelle Morris
Gippsland	Tom Lacey
Murray Valley	Ian Potter
NDCA	Damien Hadfield
WMCMA	Kevin Beard
Wimmera	Rachel Cousins

Total number of Directors positions to be filled in 2026: 12

Women: 6

Men: 6

2. Continuing members – positions due for appointment in 2027

Office bearers

President	Kate Patrick
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Ordinary members of the Committee of Management under the current constitution

Pat Smith
Robin Russell

Regional Directors

Ballarat & District	Pat Smith
EMCA	Wayne Worladge
Goldfields	Joan Loorham
Goulburn Valley	Trish Pedrotti
NEDCA	Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt
SEMCA	Terri Manwaring
SWCA	Russell Worland

Total number of continuing Directors: 9 individuals

Women: 6

Men: 3