



CANDIDATE PROFILE

Darren Gillespie Nominated for President



Qualifications, experience and skills (relevant to the role) that you will bring to this position

I have been performing the role of QLD Suns President for the past 14 months, and a general member of the QLD Suns management committee over the previous few years. Over the last three years I have worked on our coaching selection panels, competitions, and the expansion of M League. I have been responsible for the management and strategic development of M League including growth of this competition, and further recognition of this event with Netball QLD which has joined the HART Sapphire Draw in 2024 and further integrating in 2025. In January 2024 I took over the role of President following the resignation of Steven Curr. I was the 2023/24 committee member responsible for the major project portfolio of successfully hosting the Australian Championships at Nissan Arena in 2024. This was with the support and professionalism of our Tournament Director and our other fantastic volunteers.

Further to my experience on the QLD Suns committee, I am a Project Manager for a construction company. These skills directly relate to the position of President for the QLD Suns. This includes working in a team, delegating tasks and tracking completion, making decisions which impact members and employees, stakeholder management, and negotiating contracts and benefits for our members. Due to this, I think I am qualified for the position and my skills have been beneficial to the QLD Suns members over the past 14 months and will continue to do so over the next year and a longer-term strategic plan.



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Darren Gillespie
Nominated for President



Why have you decided to nominate for this position with the QLD Suns?

I am a long-term member of the QLD Suns and competed at many Australian Championships at all levels. I started playing for QLD Suns in 23s and under, and have since competed in Men's Opens, Mixed Opens, Men's Reserves and Mixed Reserves over the last 15 years. As a long-term player and member of the QLD Suns with experience playing at all levels, I believe I bring a wide range of experience as a player who can relate to our members at all levels of the association. I understand the struggles and frustrations of our members as players, but also the difficulties in running and growing the association from our grassroots to elite netball through my experience as a player and a professional.

Despite the workload that I have in my professional capacity, I am very dedicated to our members and the strategic, and sustainable growth of our association. I am a strong believer that the best person to lead the QLD Suns in our next phase is someone who has recently played for the QLD Suns, is in touch with the needs of our members, is focused on the strategic development of our association from grassroots through to out elite level, has a fresh perspective, and is willing to move the QLD Suns in new directions. I believe I am the person to lead our association in these fundamental pillars. Now is the time for QLD Suns to transition from a model which is solely a user (player) pays, to a model which leverages our QLD Suns brand to support our players and better develop men's and boy's netball in QLD. I am not afraid to make the hard decisions, have the tough conversations, and fight for our members and association in a professional and respectful manner.

I look forward to the opportunity to lead Suns in the next phase of our association and would like your support to be elected in the position of President to do so.

Candidate endorsed by

Jarrad Gaunt
Emmelie Bromley



CANDIDATE PROFILE

Tammy Holcroft Nominated for Vice President



Qualifications, experience and skills (relevant to the role) that you will bring to this position

QLD Suns Experience / Contribution:

- * Have been on the Qld Suns executive committee since 2010 (excluding 2018 & 2023) in various roles including Secretary, Vice President, Operations Manager, Junior Development Officer and Tournament Director.
- * Have organised and managed the last 4 AMMNA tournaments held in QLD for our organisation - Gold Coast 2012, Brisbane 2014, Gold Coast 2017 and recently Brisbane 2024.
- * I have also been State of Origin Coordinator for 2021 - 2024, MLeague coordinator for 2021 and 2022 competitions, Rising Suns Junior Boys Clinic Program developer and presenter for 2020, 2021 and 2022.
- * QLD Suns Coach Roles - 2011 Reserve Mens Head Coach, 2013 Reserve Mens Head Coach, 2014 Under 17's Head Coach, 2018 - Under 20's Head Coach, 2019 to 2022 - Under 17's Head Coach, 2022, 2023, 2024 Under 23's Head Coach, 2025 Under 20 Head Coach.
- * QLD Manager Roles - Open Mens 2011, 2015 Reserve Mens,

External /Other Committee Experience:

- * AMMNA Executive committee for 8 years - Roles include International Director, Integrity Officer, Domestic Director. Have also run a further 5 tournaments for other states since 2013.
- * Redlands Netball Association Executive Committee / Management Board / Operational Committee 2014 to 2022; Roles include Coaching Convener, Inclusion Officer, NetSetGo convener, Junior Development Officer.
- * Pink Magic Netball Club - President from 2014 - 2020.
- * Additional 8 years' experience working in community group around Redlands area.

Experience / Expertise: The last 16 years I have worked in various community and sporting organisations as a volunteer, specialising in program development, Business analysis and development, membership engagement and retention, restructuring and governance.

I have a proven track record of providing opportunities and getting results for Qld Suns and its members; as well as being actively sought out by other organisations to provide professional advice and support during organisational changes or program implementations (Such as inclusion of male athletes at Association and School based competitions).

My professional life compliments my volunteer life, where I apply many of the same skills to ensure we are producing the best outcomes for our people.

With my experience, I have a broad knowledge and understanding of our organisation, its members and its partners including developing strong working relationships with Netball Queensland, AMMNA and Sports Australia.



CANDIDATE PROFILE

Tammy Holcroft Vice President



Why have you decided to nominate for this position with the QLD Suns?

I've been involved with Queensland Suns since 2010 and have contributed to the organisation and its members growth and development.

We are in a pivotal time for men's & mixed netball across the country and around the world, and its vital we have committed, experienced, proven and trusted people on our executive and leading our organisation moving forward. Success starts at the top. Our executive have to be able to work together for our organisation regardless or personalities, have healthy, respectable, honest and robust discussions, but most importantly be on the same page in how we propel this organisation forward.

I love to see our teams and our athletes succeed, both on and off the court and being on the committee is the best way I know how to support our Association to achieve great things.



CANDIDATE PROFILE

Mel Cook

Nominated for Treasurer



Qualifications, experience and skills (relevant to the role) that you will bring to this position

I bring a combination of financial management expertise, business experience, and an understanding of the Queensland Suns' operations to the role of Treasurer.

My business background has equipped me with strong financial management skills, including budgeting, cash flow management, and financial reporting. I have experience in analysing financial data to support informed decision-making and ensuring compliance with financial policies and reporting requirements.

Through my time as Treasurer, I have gained firsthand insight into the financial needs and challenges of the organisation. I have identified opportunities for improvement and am committed to refining financial processes to enhance efficiency and sustainability. My ability to apply business principles to financial management will help ensure the Suns remain financially stable and well-positioned for future growth.

I am highly organised, detail-oriented, and proactive in managing financial responsibilities. My commitment to clear communication and transparency will continue to support the committee in making sound financial decisions that benefit the organisation as a whole.

Why have you decided to nominate for this position with the QLD Suns?

I am nominating for the Treasurer position with the Queensland Suns because I am committed to supporting the financial health and long-term success of the organisation. Since joining the committee as Treasurer in 2024, I have gained valuable insights into the Suns' financial operations and recognise that there have been lessons learned along the way.

These experiences have highlighted areas for improvement, and I am keen to refine processes, enhance reporting transparency, and implement changes that will strengthen financial management in the future. My business experience equips me with the skills to drive these improvements, ensuring the Suns remain financially strong and well-positioned for growth.

Candidate endorsed by

Darren Gillespie
Chloe Bailey



CANDIDATE PROFILE

Camille Dowling

Nominated for Coaching Coordinator



Qualifications, experience and skills (relevant to the role) that you will bring to this position

Statement of Suitability – Queensland Suns Committee – Coach Coordinator

I am eager to contribute as Coach Coordinator for the Queensland Suns Board/Committee, bringing over 20 years of high-performance netball coaching, leadership, and athlete development experience.

Coaching & Leadership Expertise

I have coached across multiple levels, including Netball Queensland, Indoor Netball Federation Australia, and international competitions such as the World Indoor Netball Association World Cups (2012, 2014, 2016). My leadership roles in the Queensland Suns Men's Reserves Team, HART Sapphire and Ruby Series, and various state teams have consistently fostered elite athlete development and championship success. Holding an Elite Coach Accreditation from Netball Australia, I am committed to advancing coaching methodologies and player pathways.

Strategic Leadership & Governance

Beyond coaching, I have significant experience in governance, event management, sponsorship integration, and stakeholder engagement. As a former Board Member of Netball Queensland, I played a pivotal role not only in aligning high-performance coaching with organisational strategy but also in positioning netball as a professional sport. I was actively involved in lobbying government for infrastructure development, forging connections with professional bodies to commercialise the sport in Queensland and negotiating broadcast agreements.

Beyond coaching, my experience focuses on long-term growth, operational sustainability, and stakeholder engagement. I have driven initiatives to optimise organisational structure, allocate resources effectively, and create pathways for sustained success.

In addition to my governance experience in netball, I have served as a Director on professional nursing boards and held senior leadership roles advising on government policy and regulatory frameworks. This expertise strengthens my ability to align coaching initiatives with broader strategic goals, ensuring long-term impact and success.

Commitment to Excellence

I am passionate about athlete development, talent identification, and fostering sustainable high-performance programs. Through strategic planning and relationship-building with key stakeholders, I have successfully driven initiatives that optimise performance, strengthen community engagement, and ensure long-term success.

Conclusion

With a blend of coaching expertise, strategic leadership, and governance experience, I am confident in my ability to enhance coaching structures and athlete pathways for the Queensland Suns. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how my skills can contribute to the club's ongoing success.



CANDIDATE PROFILE

Camille Dowling

Nominated for Coaching Coordinator



Why have you decided to nominate for this position with the QLD Suns?

My motivation to nominate for Coach Coordinator, stems from a combination of my passion for netball, extensive coaching experience, and strong governance expertise.

1. Passion for Netball & Athlete Development

I have dedicated over 20 years to high-performance coaching, talent identification, and athlete progression. This role allows me to further shape coaching structures and provide a clear development pathway for players and coaches within the Queensland Suns.

2. Strategic Leadership & Governance Contribution

With my experience as a former Netball Queensland Board Member and director roles in professional organisations, I bring valuable governance insight. I can help shape policies and programs that ensure sustainable success for the club.

3. Enhancing High-Performance Coaching

My expertise in structuring high-performance programs, fostering elite talent, and implementing best coaching practices makes me well-suited to drive excellence in coaching at the Queensland Suns.

4. Strengthening Stakeholder & Community Engagement

My ability to build relationships with sponsors, governing bodies, and community organisations can help strengthen the Suns' presence in Queensland netball and create new growth opportunities.

5. Long-Term Vision & Club Growth

I am committed to not only developing elite players and coaches but also ensuring the club's long-term success through strategic planning, governance, and sustainable high-performance programs.

Candidate endorsed by

Darren Gillespie
LeeAnn Quilter



CANDIDATE PROFILE

LeeAnn Quilter

Nominated for Umpire Coordinator



Qualifications, experience and skills (relevant to the role) that you will bring to this position

I would like to express my interest in continuing as the Umpire Convenor, a role I have dedicated myself to over the past 11 years. Throughout this time, I have overseen significant growth in our umpiring squad, expanding from just 5-6 umpires to a robust team of over 50, with accreditation levels ranging from All Australia (AA) to National C.

Under my leadership, the QLD Suns umpiring program has evolved into a well-structured, three-tier system, complemented by the continued development of our Strength & Conditioning program. This initiative plays a crucial role in maintaining peak fitness levels and enhancing physical strength, ensuring our umpires are well-prepared for the demands of the game. Through tailored training plans and expert guidance, we emphasize injury prevention, endurance, and overall athletic performance.

A key focus of my tenure has been education and professional development. To support this, I have organised virtual sessions via Microsoft Teams, covering essential topics such as rule changes, rule clarifications, game management, fostering respect within the game, managing disappointment, and building strong rapport with players and coaches. These sessions have been enriched by insights from some of the world's most highly regarded Umpires, providing our team with invaluable knowledge and best practices.

In addition to virtual learning, we have facilitated in-person workshops with leading industry professionals. Sessions with a Sports Exercise Physiologist have helped our umpires understand effective load management and injury prevention techniques, while consultations with a Nutritionist have provided strategies for optimizing nutrition to support both training and performance at Nationals.

Through these initiatives, we continue to cultivate a high-performance umpiring environment that prioritises physical conditioning, skill development and professional growth.

Embracing innovation, we have also introduced new technological advancements to the umpiring space, leveraging the expertise within our team.

Beyond squad development, I have played a leading role in key events, including the inaugural Indigenous Cup, inaugural Struddys 10K Cup, selecting, allocating and coaching Umpire/Umpire Coach Teams for the 2024 Men's League and Mixed League competitions.

In addition to my contributions at the State level, I have been privileged to be appointed as the AMMNA Umpire Director, where I oversee and work with the National Umpire Pool at a National Championship level. Furthermore, I have also had the honour of serving as the International Umpire Director and Umpire Coach for a Trans-Tasman Tour between Australia and New Zealand. These experiences have provided me with valuable insights into high-level umpiring standards, mentorship, and development strategies that I am eager to continue implementing within the QLD Suns program.



CANDIDATE PROFILE

LeeAnn Quilter

Nominated for Umpire Coordinator



Why have you decided to nominate for this position with the QLD Suns?

I am passionate about the ongoing growth and development of Umpires within the QLD Suns community. Having witnessed firsthand the incredible progress we have made over the years; I am eager to build upon this foundation and continue driving excellence and professionalism in umpiring. This role provides a unique opportunity to mentor, educate and support umpires at all levels, ensuring they have the resources and guidance needed to reach their full potential.

I am excited by the prospect of further strengthening our umpiring pathways, fostering a culture of continuous learning and enhancing collaboration between Umpires, Coaches and Players. My goal is to create an environment where umpires feel safe, valued, confident and equipped to perform at their best. The chance to contribute to the sport I am so passionate about, while working alongside a dedicated team, is what motivates me to apply for this position.

Looking ahead, my vision is to ensure that the QLD Suns Umpiring Program continues to be recognised as a leader in the field, setting the benchmark for professionalism, development, and innovation. I look forward to the opportunity to continue making a positive impact in this role and contributing to the success of our netball community.

Candidate endorsed by

Darren Gillespie
Brian Williamson