



Election for President of the Australasian Housing Institute Statements by Candidates

GREG BUDWORTH



Qualifications:

Master's in Business, Diploma in Business Management, Diploma in Project Management and other tertiary qualifications in Workplace Safety, Workplace Training and completing a Doctorate in Business Administration.

Skills & Knowledge

Current Roles:

- CEO of Compass Housing Services, the largest regionally based community housing provider in Australia, having several offices in NSW and also by virtue of subsidiary partnership – also in Tasmania.
- Chairperson of PowerHousing Australia and one of the founding members. PowerHousing is a self-initiated, member funded industry representative bodies for most of the larger community housing providers in Australia.
- Co-Australian Representative on the Steering Committee for the International Housing Partnership.
- Committee Member for the AHI NSW Committee and having been so for 3 years.
- Member of various government auspiced committees relating to housing in Australia and NSW
- Membership of Australasian Housing Institute, Australian Institute of Management.
- Former Roles:
- Just completed a four year involvement as Director of the NSW Housing Federation – not nominating again in 2011.
- Several Roles in various SAAP Services over the decades as Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee member

Aims and Appurtenances

The pathway to professionalising the sector is a function of the buy-in and commitment of the membership and the quality of professional development opportunities, the discipline to set and adhere to professional standards, the generated confidence of governments, organisational and other stakeholders in what is produced and commercial viability and profile of the organisation.

The role of the Board is critical in setting and maintaining the overall vision and strategy, influencing and engaging stakeholders and resourcing its staff adequately. I believe that I have had extensive experience in these areas in supporting, focussing and leading fellow directors - without being individually dominant.

I have given notice that I believe my time as the Chairperson of PowerHousing should draw to a close early in 2012 having served over two years in the role and the entire history of the organisation as a Director and am presently involved in assisting in succession planning. I therefore believe I will have the necessary time and focus necessary for this role.

I do believe that ancillary, supportive and representative organisations in Australia are all grappling with financial viability and are tripping over each other to run profitable conferences and produce profitable and beneficial products and services. It will be my focus as President to help strategize the AHI in its core mission, produce core services, partner on peripherals and engage with appropriate stakeholders.

In support of this aim, I do believe I bring to the organisation:

- Extensive Governance Experience at Board and Executive Management Level;
- Extensive experience in delivering housing services in Australia
- Extensive experience in and with the various government and non-government stakeholders and actors
- Sound academic qualifications and leading by example by continuing studentship
- Innovation and business acumen – judged through the success of primary role and by extension by governance roles as indicated above

Tony Gilmour MAHI



I am seeking your support for my nomination to become AHI President. This role is directly elected by the members, and I seek your mandate not just to serve in office but to bring about a generational change in the way the AHI operate. After a pioneering decade, the AHI is at a crossroads. We need to better connect with members, provide a broader range of networking activities, review our fee structure, stabilise our finances and form new partnerships. Most of all, we must become the trusted voice of housing professionals, lobbying governments makers on key policy changes.

As a former social housing tenant, I believe strongly in the role we all play in improving the lives of individuals and building stable communities. Working as an affordable housing consultant I now help many of the largest and most innovative community housing providers and state housing authorities in Australasia, including forging links with private sector developers and service providers. My 2009 PhD at the University of Sydney looked at ways of building the capacity of the social housing sector through increased professionalisation and closer cross-sectoral working.

My commitment to moving forward the social housing sector is shown through:

- Being a member of the AHI since I moved from the world of finance in the mid 1990s, and serving as an active member of the NSW Branch since 2009.
- Presenting at a number of AHI events, including the successful 'social housing united' workshops in Sydney and Newcastle in 2010.
- Acting as a member of the NSW Registrar of Community Housing's Advisory Forum.
- Publishing four articles in Housing Works, the most recent in the November 2011 edition.
- Presenting at a wide variety of conferences in Australia, New Zealand and Europe including those run by the community housing peak bodies and PowerHousing Australia.
- Contributing to the international literature and debate on housing issues. I publish 12 items each year, including refereed books and journal articles.
- I am an Adjunct Research Fellow at Swinburne University's housing policy unit.

The role of AHI President requires hard work and commitment. I have negotiated 10 flexible leave each year to provide the time it will take to properly fulfil the leadership role and support the hardworking AHI staff and voluntary branch committee members. Through my past role as an Associate Director of an Investment Bank I have gained financial skills, and the ability to successfully Chair meetings. My current job often involves me facilitating high-level social housing workshops, working with national and state Housing Ministers, CEOs of community housing providers, Directors of state housing authorities and social housing staff and tenants.

I hope that you will support my nomination, and that together we can continue to build the AHI's capacity and relevance in an increasingly complex social housing world.

Haleh Homaei



I would like to submit my nomination for the position of President on the Australasian Housing Institute's Board. I am currently the Chief Executive Officer of the North East Housing Service which is a registered housing provider in Victoria managing over 300 Transitional and Long-term properties. I have over 20 years experience in the housing sector, with 12 years at the Victorian Office of housing and eight years within the community housing sector. My expertise is in the area of Strategic Management and Business Planning, Governance and Compliance, and

Policy Development.

I have also completed a Company Director Course through the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) which has provided me with an in-depth knowledge and increased understanding of:

- governance requirements, including the ethical aspects that need to be taken into accounts;
- improving Board operations and decision-making processes;
- financial performance and risk management consideration;
- directors responsibilities, including their fiduciary duties and compliance responsibilities;
- the Board's contribution to organisational performance, strategy development and execution.

I have been a Board member of the Community Housing Federation of Victoria since 2009, also been a member of the Victorian Branch of AHI. I am currently completing my masters in Social Science, Housing Management and Policy at Swinburne University and am a member of the Course Advisory Committee as well.

I understand that AHI's main aim is to professionalise the Housing Sector by providing its members the opportunity to learn and grow through training, networking and being recognised for their contribution to the sector. Like many other professional associations, the AHI faces challenges – its place in the housing sector, its financial security, the function of branch committees, member value, its professional development program, realising the potential of the professional recognition program etc. These are challenges which I believe the Board CEO would have to continuously consider and address to help shaping the organisation's future.

Should I be provided the opportunity to join the AHI's Board, I will offer me extensive housing experience and relevant academic and professional qualifications in both Housing and Corporate Governance. I believe I could make a valuable and highly beneficial contribution to the AHI's Board.

PROFESSOR JOHN MCAULIFFE AM



John McAuliffe is the highly successful Chair of the Mater Hospital Brisbane, Brisbane Housing Company and Multicap. Through the work of these three organizations John has unique insights into issues pertaining to the promotion of better health, affordable housing and social inclusion. A valuer by profession, John has high level experience in both public and private sectors in both executive and non-executive roles. Under John's leadership the three charities that he presently leads have grown in stature and recognition by the Federal and State Government and the community. John's broad experience and ability attracts high quality directors to his boards who generate broad vision to develop strategic and business plans.

John would apply these skills to the Australian Housing Institute for the benefit of its members. John's vision is to ensure that at this time of change and opportunity in housing policy and practice that the AHI becomes the "go to" body for the three levels of Governments, business enterprises and the community.

John has many years experience as an educator and will provide a sustained commitment to the improvement of the training and development opportunities available to AHI members.

Lynden Pennicott



I am seeking to serve a second term as President of the AHI.

I believe I have made a meaningful and significant contribution to leading the organisation over the past 2 years. Significant progress has been made in developing improved and more contemporary governance arrangements for consideration by members at this year's AGM.

The organisation's professional recognition program is now up and running with many members already receiving their certificates under the scheme. The Institute's learning and development program continues to attract very positive feedback and deliver a high quality product to members and non-members alike.

The AHI Awards continue to go from strength to strength. I have been proud chair the judging panel and to present the National and many of the jurisdictional awards.

I look forward to the challenges ahead in leading the Board and working with the CEO to continue to strengthen the position of the AHI and build our reputation, brand and the value we provide to members.

I believe that I am well qualified for this role in terms of my experience and studies. I have a diverse range of experience and a background covering public housing management, project management, business analysis and banking and finance. I have a qualification in Social Science (Housing Management and Policy) from the Swinburne University. I seek your support for a second term as AHI President.