

South Australia Division Council Election 2026

CANDIDATES

Please note:

- Candidates are presented in alphabetical order.
- Biographies are supplied by the candidates.
- Where a * appears at the start of a candidate's name, this means that the Council supports the re-election of this candidate.

The Council does not conduct an assessment process for new candidates seeking election to the Council or re-standing Councillors. However, where the Council considers a current Councillor to have made a valuable contribution to the Council or the AICD during their term, the Council has the discretion to indicate to members that it supports the re-election of that Councillor.

Where a Council supports the re-election of a current Councillor it does not constitute an assessment against other candidates. Members should consider the skills, experience and potential contribution of all candidates when casting their vote.

*** Sonya Furey GAICD**

BEC, LLB (Hons), LLM (Corporate and Commercial), FCA



Sonya Furey is a professional director with more than 10 years' experience, supported by qualifications in economics and law. She brings deep experience in governance, leadership, finance, risk, tax, and corporate and commercial law. She also understands the importance of contemporary governance frameworks and constructive board culture in enabling timely, high-quality decision making. She recognises the value that well-led organisations bring in sustaining strong communities.

Sonya has worked with (in an executive capacity) or served on boards across ASX listed, large private, not-for-profit and government organisations. As Chair of Finance, Audit and Risk Committees, she has contributed to growth agendas, helped improve financial sustainability and resilience, overseen operational and governance reviews and supported culture change in large, complex and highly regulated environments. Her sector experience spans electricity transmission and distribution, agriculture, mining services, the NDIS, food and beverage, private hospitals and niche manufacture.

Sonya looks forward to continuing to engage with and serve the AI CD SA Division community.

Nominators: Andrew Bishop FAICD and Robert DiMonte FAICD

Antonia Mertiris GAICD

BA (Flinders), MBA (Adelaide)



Antonia Mertiris is an accomplished board chair and governance executive with a proven track record of advising boards and executive leaders through strategic change, governance excellence and organisational transformation.

She is Chair of Puddle Jumpers Incorporated and serves as Director, Member Engagement at the South Australian Chamber of Mines & Energy, where she leads member engagement, advocacy and strategic initiatives while overseeing company secretariat and governance functions. She previously served as a Board Member and Chair of the Nominations Committee for DACSSA.

Across her career, Antonia has held senior leadership roles with global organisations including BHP and IBM and has contributed to numerous boards and committees spanning the resources, education and community sectors. She brings deep expertise in governance, board performance, organisational transformation and risk oversight, and is recognised for her ability to build trusted relationships that enable effective leadership, sound decision-making and sustainable organisational performance.

Antonia holds a Bachelor of Arts from Flinders University, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Adelaide and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

She is passionate about strengthening governance capability and helping boards build resilient, high-performing organisations that create lasting value for their members, stakeholders and communities.

Nominators: Carl Kavina GAICD and Eric Bardy GAICD

*** Ian Stone FAICD**

FCA



Ian is an experienced non-executive company director across Listed, Private and Member owned organisations and a fellow of both the AICD and The Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. Prior to becoming a non-executive Director, Ian spent a large part of his executive life working in member owned organisations, including 15 years as CEO of the RAA, south Australia's largest membership business.

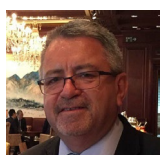
Ian has served on the South Australian State Council for 3 years, and is keen to continue to bring his experience as a Director, Chartered Accountant, and many years working within member owned organisations. Being able to not only understand AICD as a Non-Executive Director, but to also have an understanding as to how to build a membership base, gives Ian a unique perspective to the SA State Council.

Ian is a fellow of AICD, graduated from the Company Directors Course and has been a member of AICD since March 2018.

Nominators: Meredyth Stewart MAICD; Stephan Knoll GAICD

Robert Williamson OAM FAICD

CEngA AFIEAust EngExec NER IntETn(Aus)



Robert Williamson OAM is a Graduate Fellow of Australian Institute of Company Directors, and a Fellow of Engineers Australia. Robert has been a member of AICD since 2015. Robert was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2025 and has attained the Engineering Executive competency of Engineers Australia and won the Engineers Australia National Presidents Prize in 2003.

In 2020 Robert resurrected the Broken Hill newspaper for the benefit of the elderly community and was featured in the ABC Australian Story program 'Fight for the Truth'.

Robert is a past Chair of an Engineers Australia National Committee and a past Member of the College of Leadership and Management Board in SA. Robert is also Chair of the Curtin University Autism Academy for Software Quality Assurance.

Born in Broken Hill with a career in mining spanning over 40 years, 22 years of which with Rio Tinto. Robert has written and presented papers at leading mining conferences around the world.

Robert is currently developing the Olary Flats Project as Director and COO of Lodestone Mines which will greatly benefit the South Australian economy.

Nominators: Greg Walters FAICD and Ross Magno, Group Captain (Retd) GAICD