

FAQs

Who are the candidates?

Tim Shearer is a current board member offering himself for re-election for a second term. Tim is a long-term Hawks supporter and member. Tim heads the Hawks Foundation which is raising funds for the Kennedy Community Centre development and other Hawthorn community projects.

Ian Silk is a long-term Hawks supporter and Member who recently retired from the leadership of Australian Super.

Jennifer Holdstock is a long-term Hawks supporter and member and lawyer of 20 years' experience.

When is the AGM?

The AGM is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14 December 2021 and due to COVID-19 and in line with Hawthorn's commitment to the health and safety of its members and staff, it will be held virtually.

How do I attend the AGM online?

You are required to register for the 2021 AGM via the www.hawthornfc.com.au/agm webpage. Members are required to pre-register for approval, at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time, in order to receive their unique meeting link. Members will need their Membership Number in order to register.

How do I submit questions?

Members are encouraged to submit questions prior to the meeting, and this can be done via the same link as above www.hawthornfc.com.au/agm

When did Nominations for Director open/close?

Nominations for HFC Director opened on 4 August 2021 and closed on 21 October 2021.

Does a candidate need to be a Member?

Yes. The Candidate needs to be a member and requires a proposer and a seconder for their nomination who are members of three years.

Who is eligible to vote?

Rule 3.14 of the Hawthorn Football Club Constitution sets out who are the voting members. In summary these are Ordinary Members and Life Members. Junior members may not vote. To vote a member must be 18 years of age by the Nomination Close Date

Can Life Members nominate and vote?

Life Members can vote and have the same rights as an Ordinary Member so therefore can also nominate a candidate.

When Does Voting for the candidates Open/Close?

Voting will open on Friday 19 November 2021 and close at 5pm AEDT on Sunday 12 December 2021.

Is voting online?

Yes. You are able to cast your vote online and will receive an email on How to vote online. You are only able to vote once, and your vote will be registered anonymously. This is a secret ballot process.

Can you do my vote for me?

Hawthorn Football Club or CorpVote may assist you with your voting enquiries but are not able to submit your vote. The Club remains independent in this process allowing the member to exercise their democratic rights.

Which candidate(s) does the Club support?

HFC remains independent in this process allowing the members to exercise their democratic rights.

Which candidate(s) does the HFC Board Support and why?

The Board has endorsed Tim Shearer as the candidate to support because of his valuable skills necessary for the Foundation and fundraising for the Kennedy Community Centre and community programs. This is covered in his statement to members seeking re-election.

In terms of the other candidates you will also receive a statement from both Jennifer Holdstock and Ian Silk supporting their candidature. The Board has left it up to members to decide who they would prefer to be elected to our Board.

Where do I find my Membership Number?

To locate your Membership Number, please refer to your Account ID/Membership No received with your Notice of AGM or, contact Member Services on 1300 042 947 or membership@hawthornfc.com.au.

Do candidates gain access to membership database to undertake campaigning

The Constitution expressly provides there is no access to the Member Register for candidates to campaign (Rule 6.3 (f)(3) (C)).

The Club will distribute one 250-word campaign statement on the candidates, to its membership database during the campaign. This is distributed with the Notice of AGM.

Are the Board able to issue a Board endorsement or letter of support of a candidate?

Yes, the Board can endorse a candidate(s) to members and has unanimously endorsed Tim Shearer.

The Board has left it up to members to decide who they would prefer in regard to the other candidate to be elected to our Board .

Can candidates run their own campaign?

Yes. Candidates can run their own campaign at their own expense. Any publications need to take care not to misrepresent, not to disparage the Club, or Board members and not to use any Hawthorn branding or livery in publications. It is expected that social media campaigns will feature prominently.

Who is conducting the process?

CorpVote Pty Ltd is independently conducting this voting process. Hawthorn appointed CorpVote to protect your privacy and ensure a fair voting process. All votes submitted through our system are secure. This is a secret ballot process.

Who is the Returning Officer?

Ken Dyer from CorpVote is the Returning Officer engaged to conduct the election process. Ken Dyer has experience across several AFL Clubs and recently performed the RACV online elections.

When will we know the election result?

The two candidates with the highest number of votes cast are elected. The result will be formally announced at the 2021 Hawthorn Football Club Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 14 December 2021.

Help & Support

If you require assistance with the voting process, please call the CorpVote support line on 1300 710 950 or support@corpvote.com.au