

Melbourne PC User Group 2014 Committee Elections

John Swale
Returning Officer

The Committee Nominations were received by 4 pm on Friday October 2, 2015.

At the Close of Nominations there was only one candidate for the position of Secretary and no election will be required for this position.

There was more than one nomination for the positions of President and Treasurer and an election will be held for each of these positions. There was no nomination for Vice-President. For the President and Treasurer positions the orders here and on the ballot paper were drawn by lot.

President

John Bade

Gary Taig

Vice-President

Treasurer

Ian Rankin

Jim Hanna

Secretary

Geoffrey Keenan

There were six candidates for the eight places available for general committee. Two of them have nominated for an Executive position. If they are both successful, there will be four people elected to general committee otherwise there will be five or six. Whatever the outcome of the elections for President and Treasurer no election will be required for general committee.

General Committee

Charles Adams

Stewart Gruneklee

Philip Lew

Don McKenzie

Ian Rankin

Gary Taig

Therefore at the AGM I will declare the following people elected:

Secretary

Geoffrey Keenan

General Committee

Charles Adams

Stewart Gruneklee

Philip Lew

Don McKenzie

The 100 words in support of the above nominations will be published on the website. I thank all the candidates for their participation. It is disappointing to see we did not have enough nominations to fill the committee positions. I hope some members will offer to fill those positions or to help on the sub-committees.

Candidates for President

Name	John Bade
Member	11212
Proposed	Don McKenzie
Member	10649
Seconded	Philip Lew
Member	6021

I am a 24 year member, current committee member and 20 year SIG leader and presenter of Office365 and the value of Group's IPv4 addresses. The future of the Group and my five year plan, involves exploiting our assets and providing more services for our members. Priority will be given to a user friendly website, software deals for members, collaboration with other community groups, new Office system and a return to being an ISP by reselling NBN/ADSL broadband plans. We can achieve new members by offering attractive programs and services, enabling the Group to prosper for another 30 years.

Name **Gary Taig**
Member 1767
Proposed Geoffrey Keenan
Member 11819
Seconded Ian Rankin
Member 15407

MelbPC has been through many ups and downs since the 1980s; those times have each featured different predicaments. I joined in 1987 and have been deeply involved in most if not all of the subsequent rescue activities. Currently we urgently need to arrest the decline in new member applications and a new initiative is addressing that. As president I undertake to steer the club through that activity by establishing conditions that enable it to happen; by guiding and driving MelbPC through the transformation into a new and exciting technology based community group. Vote Gary Taig before the November AGM.

Candidates for Treasurer

Name **Ian Rankin**
Member 15407
Proposed John Morris
Member 15348
Seconded Barry Martin
Member 13519

Joined in 1994 and early in my membership volunteered at suburban swap meets. Moved into Training in 1997 becoming Training Coordinator in 1998. In 2000 took over the Shareware/Freeware portfolio, leading the small team that developed the Monthly Disc. Continued with this until September 2013. Joined the Committee in 2008 and became Secretary in 2010. In 2014 became editor of Melbourne PC Newsletter. Resigned as Secretary in December 2014 due to ill health. Recovered and became Treasurer in August 2015. Made an Honorary Life Member in 2006.

Name **Jim Hanna**
Member 3753
Proposed Bill Ford
Member 7056
Seconded Barry Martin
Member 13519

I qualified as a Chartered Accountant in New Zealand and am also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. I have worked as an accountant in Canada, United Kingdom and Libya before settling in Australia in 1970. I was employed by Comalco for ten years, the Guide Dog Association for five years and, latterly, nine years with a Victorian research institute. I have designed and installed main frame computer systems. I have been a member of MelbPC for many years and occasionally assisted a previous Treasurer. I feel that I should contribute some of my skills to the Group.

Candidate for Secretary

Name **Geoffrey Keenan**
Member 11819
Proposed Ian Rankin
Member 15407
Seconded Philip Lew
Member 6021

I have been a MelbPC member since 1992. I am an Electrical Engineer and worked as a Telecommunications Engineer with Telstra, mainly on large construction projects. Later I moved to a Marketing support role and participated in a number of strategic studies. I have been on Committee for two years and have initiated changes which have improved the Group's financial survival. I believe there is more to be done, and look forward to working with others having a similar attitude.

Candidates for General Committee

in alphabetical order

Name **Charles Adams**
Member 36685

Proposed William Dair
Member 26647
Seconded David King
Member 5677

As a long-term regular attender at several SIGs, coupled with experience in two large successful US-based multinationals my assessment of Melbourne PCs longer term future is that it needs help. That is the reason I have offered myself by nominating for a position on the committee. If elected my objectives would be to

- *increase the membership of SIGs, to increase the overall membership by targeting the retiree demographic, who currently constitute the majority of current SIG membership*
- *ascertain why Non-SIG members belong to the club.*
- *evaluate the club's administration & facility needs for long term sustainability.*
- *make organization name relevant.*

Name **Stewart Gruneklee**
Member 35386

Proposed Roger Wragg
Member 7095
Seconded Harry Lewis
Member 40839

As a long-time member and past committee member of MelbPC, I wish to see the club survive and thrive. The current committee has brought many long-term plans to fruition and there is much still to be done. I would like to contribute in whatever way I can to progress the club.

Name **Philip Lew**
Member 6021

Proposed Bill Sakell
Member 46677
Seconded Ian Rankin
Member 15407

No statement supplied

Name **Don McKenzie**
Member 10649

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