

## Annexure B - Candidate Election Statement

Candidate Name: Michael HOOPER

Qualifications:

[eg. LLB, BVSc, etc]

Dear Member,

With the forthcoming GBOTA directors election, I write to you in hope of support as a fellow branch member, to be elected in the 2026 election.

For those of you interested. I have been in the greyhound industry for 35 years. Commencing with ownership, following in family footsteps.

As with many members progressing from owner to trainer, then public trainer and completing the full circle to Breeder.

During this period I have held numerous rolls within the industry. Working for the Greyhound Recorder, holding positions on advisory panels and ultimately, General Manager of one of the largest racing operations in Australia.

Furthermore racing was a family affair, with my wife working as Wentworth Park race night secretary for 27 years and daughter working in various track staff roles, also at Wentworth Park. We also all contributed to our racing greyhounds. Providing years of pleasure.

I joined the GBOTA in 2003. Becoming a member of the Leichhardt/Ananndale branch. Within the Association, I held branch positions and progressing to the MDA as a delegate. Further progressing through the MDA to roll of Secretary for a number of years.

I have held Director positions at both the Richmond greyhound club, which included the introduction of the Constitution and financial management during Covid. Then the GBOTA, where I campaigned for increased prizemoney and assisted with asset building across the association.

I have also had some troubled times within the industry. Facing inquiries from GWIC and ultimately facing suspensions. Moments in time I'm not proud of. Yet my intentions were always to better the industry and tackle issues which I deemed unfair to many participants. Those come at a large personal cost.

Having stepped away from training greyhounds now for over 12 months, changing many personal behavioural traits. I come back to the association with a refreshed mind and determination to serve members.

Granted, I have not been a shining star at times, however I have pushed hard on issues important to metropolitan members and GBOTA members. I have strongly pushed for the relocation of Wentworth Park to a suitable location in South Western Sydney. I have campaigned to hold both GWIC and GRNSW to account.

My career path has taken me from the NSW Police to the NSW TAB, General Manager of a racing kennel. From there moving into the building industry as Project Manager and ultimately owner of a successful painting and renovation company.

Although at times being abrasive and outspoken. Both my professional and personal life have provided a wealth of knowledge and life skills to carry out the role of director.

I truly do have the industry at heart and have worn this on my sleeve. I wish to drive the Association towards financial success. Allowing this success to build the association track ownership and become the largest success greyhound operation as possible. I believe I will prove to be a strong director for the metropolitan area and ask for your consideration to vote my way in the coming election.

Kind regards,

Michael Hooper