

## Annexure B - Candidate Election Statement

Candidate Name: Robert HOWARD

Qualifications:

[eg. LLB, BVSc, etc]

Fellow GBOTA members,

I'd firstly like to introduce myself for those who don't know me. My name is Robert Howard. I have been in the industry for decades, following in my parents' footsteps. I've worked at race tracks as a photo finisher at Singleton track before its closure. I was always hanging with my brother-in-law, John McDermott at the races prior to his passing. I followed my dreams by being a hand on owner in the industry by purchasing the local trial track to support the participants. I am the current owner of Keinbah Trial track in the Hunter Valley area.

I am a public trainer, owner and breeder so am fully aware of the importance of the GBOTA as a great organisation for our members and industry. If successful, my goal is to be there for the members. To be approachable. The voice behind members ideas. The voice that helps make our industry great again with your ideas and concerns. I'm passionate about making tracks family friendly again. My greatest memories as a kid, like most of you, was going to the races with our parents or friends and enjoying all the other kid's company. With family friendly environments word of mouth soon spreads. This then becomes a domino effect with syndicates forming, purchasing dogs, then sponsorships from new owners that may just know a business owner that would like to get involved in our industry. We need to make it appealing as money follows money. This then helps breeder's, owners and trainers to succeed.

We need to get back to the grass roots to build a stable foundation to prosper. If successful I will be your voice. Your opinion matters. Your ideas will help us build a successful future for our industry. No matter how many dogs you have of all abilities there is a place in this industry for us all. There is so much that needs attention that I'm passionate about so to put it in a nutshell:

- Races for every dog's ability without being out graded.
- Breeders' incentives, as without the breeder we have no industry.
- Family friendly environment at the track. Great food and hospitality.
- Staff support and opportunities for them.
- Well trained staff in their trained roles.
- Safe well-maintained tracks.
- Management at the track in office for interaction with trainers.
- The good old suggestion box for those that aren't computer savvy to be able to have their say on ideas and requests.
- Trainer's owners and breeders' support.

So basically, if successful I'll be working hard for you the members who elected me to make racing enjoyable and hopefully successful again for all breeders' owners and trainers. Moving forward in our industry with a new fresh board committed to work with you all. I can be contacted by phone on 0422353302 or by email at [natinarobert@hotmail.com](mailto:natinarobert@hotmail.com).

Kind regards  
Robert Howard