



Ipswich Basketball Association Inc

ABN 80 806 706 271 LA12260

Nominations for 2026 AGM

President 2026-2028

Nominee: **Joanne Day**

“I have served on the committee for four years, commencing as a general member before being elected Vice President, and subsequently stepping into the President role in August 2025 following my predecessor’s resignation. In this time, I have led the association through a significant period of operational and committee transition, applying strong change management principles to ensure stability, continuity, and accountability.

My professional background includes leadership roles across the health, child protection, and regulatory sectors, providing a strong foundation in compliance, risk management, and safeguarding, underpinned by integrity. I lead with a collaborative, open, and transparent approach and remain committed to fostering stability, sustainability, and safe, inclusive practices for the Ipswich basketball community.

I have applied for this role to continue providing strong and stable leadership, build on the progress achieved, and guide the association through its next phase, with a clear focus on governance, accountability, growth, and positive outcomes for the Ipswich basketball community.”



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Nominations for Treasurer 2026-2028

Nominee: **Tracy Beeston**

“With more than 15 years of service in the Royal Australian Air Force, I have developed strong skills in accountability, organisation, and financial management. As a parent of two children who play basketball, I have seen the positive impact the Ipswich Basketball Association has on young people and families. I am passionate about giving back to an organisation that has supported my children’s growth and would welcome the opportunity to help ensure IBA remains financially strong and continues to build a positive future for the basketball community.”

Nominee: **Sarah (Sass) Smith**

“I have been involved in basketball for most of my life and cannot imagine not being a part of the sport. Ipswich is now my home, and it is where I intend to remain and continue contributing to the community that has given me so much. I am passionate about the role basketball plays in creating opportunities and providing safe, inclusive places for people of all ages to participate, develop, and connect. During my time on the Management Committee, I have contributed across governance, finance, operations, competitions, and events, always with the goal of supporting the long-term success and sustainability of Ipswich Basketball. I am seeking re-election for a further two-year term to continue building on the progress that has been made, provide stability and continuity within the Committee, and help ensure the Association remains financially strong, well-governed, and focused on delivering positive experiences for our members, volunteers, players, coaches, officials, and the wider basketball community.”

Nominee: **Gavin Vandervegt**

“With over 25 years of experience as a Chartered Accountant spanning both public practice and commerce, I bring a broad and well-rounded financial skill set encompassing financial and management reporting, budgeting and forecasting, audit, and contract management. Having watched my children thrive through their involvement in basketball, I have developed a genuine appreciation for the important role IBA plays in the community. Now that my schedule allows, I am keen to give back to an organisation that has given so much to my family. I believe my professional background makes me particularly well suited to the Treasurer role at this pivotal time for IBA, as sound financial governance, rigorous oversight, and strong commercial acumen will be essential to supporting the current expansion and upgrade program and ensuring it is delivered on a sustainable footing.”



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Nominations for General Member 2026-2028

Nominee: **Tracy Beeston**

“I am seeking re-election to the Management Committee as a General Member. After more than 15 years of service in the Royal Australian Air Force, I have developed strong values of teamwork, leadership, integrity, and community service. As a parent of two children who play basketball, I have seen the positive impact the Ipswich Basketball Association has on young people and families. I am passionate about continuing to give back to an organisation that has supported my children’s growth through sport and am committed to contributing my skills and experience to help IBA continue to grow and build a positive future for our entire basketball community.”

Nominee: **Daniel Johnson**

“I am seeking re-election as a General Member of the Ipswich Basketball Association Management Committee. I bring strong experience in sport, governance and community leadership, including involvement with Ipswich Basketball, regional school sport, Queensland representative school sport and a range of executive and committee roles. Professionally, I work in senior educational leadership, where I lead complex operations, governance, risk management, stakeholder engagement and service delivery across large systems. My approach is deliberate: considered in decision-making, practical in action, and focused on building trust through clarity, consistency and follow-through.

I am passionate about the continued growth of basketball in Ipswich and believe I can continue to contribute a steady, community-minded and future-focused voice to the Management Committee. I am keen to support decisions that strengthen the experience of players, coaches, referees, families and volunteers, while ensuring IBA continues to grow in a way that is transparent, sustainable and connected to its community.

Nominee: **Sarah (Sass) Smith**

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