

## Frank O'Connor

### Nomination for Committee Member, Committee of the Celtic Club



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Dublin born, my 1950 Australian arrival is recorded on Sydney's "Welcome Wall". A qualified Town Clerk, I have served towns across regional Australia, I understand the importance of transparency in public organisations. The Club provides hardly any information to members and this needs urgent change. Given my public administration qualifications and experience, I am well placed to combat the present culture of secrecy and denial.

I would foster an active finance and audit subcommittee to seek ways of reversing the appalling losses of both capital (estimated at over \$8 million) and operating (current year estimate \$645,000) losses. The answer is not firing staff and not holding functions. It is promoting Club activities while seeking a better venue than the Metropolitan.

Members should have access to the monthly Minutes and the monthly financial statements. This extra information would allow members to participate actively in the governance of the Club by lodging questions and suggestions with the Committee. The current approach is paternalistic and secretive, treating members like children.

As your committee member I would uphold good governance practice and curbing the present practice of ignoring any Rule that presents a temporary inconvenience.

I would be grateful for your vote.