

Niall Walsh

Nomination for Committee Member, Committee of the Celtic Club



Born in County Kerry, Ireland, I moved to Australia in 2007. I work as an Electrician. Speaking fluent Gaelic and socialising regularly in the Melbourne Irish community is important to me. The current image of the Club that it's a place for 'old people' must change and it's a big challenge. Active approaches on social media and running events in the Club would start the outreach to connect members to the Club and recruit new members among recent young Irish arrivals but also settled Irish people who have felt the Celtic club never addressed their needs, especially for hosting inter county matches and international games. My vision for the Celtic Club is to make it a place where Irish people and their descendants will want to gather. This is urgent given that millions of dollars have been lost in the last two years and membership numbers have fallen. The Club's main income has always been from members socializing over meals and drinks. My aim would be for the club to be run at a small profit and not be dependent on pokies, an industry with a temporary shelf life. Whoever runs the Celtic club I want transparency with the accounts.