

Directors Appointed under Cl 38.4 of the Constitution for Affirmation by the Members

The Following Directors were appointed to the Board under Cl 38.4 if the Constitution in 2025:

Profiles and Commendations

Agenda Item 5.2

Luke Stokes

Luke is a Senior Associate and- Residential Living Sector Leader at Gray Puksand, with over 15 years of experience delivering thoughtful, community-focused design across residential, retail, hospitality, and cultural sectors. Luke has a strong passion for arts and culture in regional Victoria, alongside deep expertise in design leadership, project delivery, and stakeholder engagement. Based in Taradale, he is committed to supporting creative communities and enhancing cultural infrastructure through inclusive, sustainable design.

Luke has played an important role in the final stages of the Good Shed Redevelopment, as part of the Goods Shed Project Control Group, bringing his expertise in architecture and building project delivery. Luke is a member of the Board Goods Shed Committee.

Brian Walters

A former barrister, Brian Walters AM SC is now a writer. He co-founded 'Wild', Australia's wilderness adventure magazine. He has been active in supporting the arts. He currently also serves on the board of Biolinks Alliance and the Earth Garden Foundation.

Jane Goodrich

Jane is a passionate local collaborator with over two decades of experience in community-focused organisations.

She has been central to the creation and success of Castlemaine Circus, Lot19 Creations (a unique artists' development space of 21 studios over 3 acres with presentation venue), Pay The Rent Castlemaine, the Castlemaine Artist's Market, and the Castlemaine Billy Cart Challenge, among others.

She is a strong advocate for the power of community-driven collaboration and continues to champion local creativity and connection through her work and volunteer roles. Jane has called Castlemaine home since 2012, after nearly 20 years in Darwin,

and she is currently Manager of the Castlemaine Vintage Bazaar at The Mill Castlemaine. Jane is very active in Board Fundraising activities as part of the Board Fundraising Sub-Committee and, in particular, has been working to bring the next generation of volunteers to the Festival.

Grant Thomas (Treasurer)

Grant has a business background specialising in finance, people and general business management, most recently in the retail pharmacy sector. His wide-ranging skill set was forged during a 24 year career with one of Australia's major telecommunications companies. He held National roles in logistics and general management, before leaving to focus on the small business sector.

Grant is Treasurer of the Castlemaine State Festival and provides leadership of essential guidance and oversight of financial matters for the Board. Grant Chairs the Board Finance, Risk and Audit Sub-Committee.