

# **Audax Australia Election of National Committee 2012 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

## **Brian Hornby**

Region: Queensland



I have just completed my second season as an Audax rider and proud to say that I have been successful in completing both Perth-Albany-Perth in 2010 and Paris-Brest-Paris in 2011 and look forward to many years of Audax riding.

As an electrical engineer, with 30 years service with my employer, I have participated at national and state committee levels with a large focus on "harmonisation" (identifying and encouraging best practice) across my industry.

I have been actively involved in voluntary organisations over the years, most recently a Scout Leader for a continuous period of seven years. I have been on the body corporate for over 14 years and currently chairman. I continually look for opportunities to be part of new committees in order to make a positive contribution where I am able. I think my contribution to the Audax national committee would be utilising my computer and organisation skills.

I am enthusiastic for the opportunity to be part of the Audax national committee so that I can may make a contribution in improving information sharing systems that may assist in attracting new riders and encourage existing riders. Particularly I see the possibility of developing electronic member profiles which could allow member statistics such as accumulative kilometres ridden, completion towards awards etc. to be more accessible.

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#### **Dino Morgante**

Region: Queensland



I have been involved with Audax Australia since 1999 and became a member in 2000. I have ridden in, and organised road and dirt events and am a member of the Queensland regional committee. I am also a regular contributor to "Checkpoint" magazine.

I am an active ride organiser (RO) and have hosted up to 9 events over each of the last 7 years.

Since 2006, I have been an active member of the Queensland committee and also Regional Brevet Secretary. I help organise and present at the region's AGM and RO Workshops and mentor/advise RO's and new riders.

In 2011, I also took on the role of Australian UAF Brevet Secretary, establishing the ride rules, rider guidelines and a ride register. I report to the clubs' National Committee and to the governing body in France.

As Audax Australia Cycling Club is the only club or not-for profit organisation that I am involved with, I am able to focus on the specific needs of this club where required. As a project manager of roads and infrastructure contracts, I work in a dynamic environment where the emphasis is on providing timely to-the-point solutions.

I believe that my professional background and Audax experience will allow me to be an active contributor to the work of the National Committee.

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## **Henry Boardman**

Region: NSW – Illawarra Region



I have been a member of Audax Australia since 1994. I started bike riding after giving up squash in 1993, (a good decision). After doing a few community rides, I got introduced to Audax by Travis Anderson, the then local Illawarra Audax ride co-ordinator. After a few 100k rides I did my first 200k in May 1994 with start/finish at Campbelltown. From there the rides grew to the 600k distances culminating in my first PBP in 1999. After PBP 99, I took over as the local regional co-ordinator until 2 yrs ago when we merged with the NSW region. I still co-ordinate some rides in the context of the NSW ride Calendar.

I helped facilitate a safety risk review of the running of the Alpine Classic some years ago, and I have maintained contact with a number of national committee members over the years. The next Alpine Classic will hopefully be my 15<sup>th</sup> at the 200k distance.

I am retired now, but my recent work experience was in Risk Management, starting in the OH&S area within BHP Steel, finishing with Manager Business Risk. My background is in Engineering and the building of Steel mills/facilities.

I still enjoy and promote cycling for good general health. I am still trying to maintain around 200k a week average on the bike.

I am also currently involved with the UNSW in a Safer Cycling Study, where I am one of a number of cyclists responding to a range of questions relating to situations and scenarios of cycling on our roads.

I would enjoy the opportunity to be on the National Committee, to contribute back to Audax Australia, in ways of planning, safety and risk management.

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#### **Phil Bellette**

Region: Victoria (Melbourne)

I have been a member of Audax Australia since 1989. I no longer ride club events but I am still active as:

- Ride Director, Audax Alpine Classic since 2000
- Member of the club's IT committee
- Joint Club webmaster
- Alpine Classic representative of the Semaine Fédérale organising committee

Over the years I have also acted as

- Joint Editor of Checkpoint magazine
- National Secretary
- National Committee member

While most of my time is taken up with the Alpine Classic and other associated tasks, I am prepared to serve on the National committee with the aim of seeing the completion of some long running projects namely the membership database and ongoing risk assessment of the clubs on road events

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#### **Sandy Vigar**

Region: Queensland



I've been involved with Audax since 2007 as a supporter and Ride Organiser (RO). This year will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year I've assisted on AAC and I've also helped out on long rides (London-Edinburgh-London, PBP [twice], Perth-Albany-Perth, Parkes 1000, Western Districts Wanderer, Border Ride and several other 600s) and many shorter rides. This experience has given me the opportunity to see the wide range of riders and rides that make up Audax and gain some understanding of what riders and ROs need and want from Audax.

I have coordinated the Audax Queensland calendar over the past 2 years and also been regional Oppy coordinator over that period. I'm assisting in the organising of the Beaches & Beyond 600/1000 and the FNQ GT and will support those as well as at least 4 other rides this season.

In my year on National Committee, I have worked with Stan Pietsch on the Big Ride Guide, which will pull together tips and guidelines for Ride Organisers of big or long events and contributed to the other NC work and discussions.

I am interested in continuing to provide a ride support and organiser perspective to NC discussions (and learning more to organise and run better rides).

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#### **Stan Pietsch**

Region: Victoria (Mildura)

I have been a member of Audax Australia for the last nine years or so. During this time I have:

- Performed the role of National Brevet Secretary for rides less than 200km for the last three years
- Completed one year as an elected member of the National Committee during 2011
- During my year on the National Committee I worked on developing the first version of the Big Ride Guide with Sandy Vigar from Queensland.
- I have attended a good number of Annual General Meetings in Bright since they have been held there
- I have ridden in the Alpine Classic since 2004
- I have just successfully completed the Paris Brest Paris in 2011
- I used rides from both Victoria and South Australia to qualify for the Paris Brest Paris 2011
- I have participated in Bicycling Victoria rides such as the Three Peaks Challenge and in the Around the Bay 14 times
- Other rides in include the Murray to Moyne (Mildura to Port Fairy) and Port to Port (Mildura to Echuca), completing these all the way

I consider I have a lot to offer the Audax National Committee from both my riding experience and also my professional career as a Senior Manager in the TAFE sector. I have has experience in:

- Strategic Planning
- Risk Management Planning
- Project Management and Development
- Submission writing
- Managing teams
- Implementing and maintaining quality systems including ISO 9001 and ISO 9002
- Managing the public relations and promotion area of a TAFE Institute
- I have a Masters Degree in Educational Administration and extensive experience in training and development
- I have held positions on a range of Boards and School Councils such as Sunraysia Community Health for more than 5 years, 3 years as President of the Board and also on School Councils such as Irymple Primary School (President for a couple of years) and also the Mildura Senior College Council

I am passionate about promoting Audax in the true spirit of safe endurance riding.