

David Chaston – AFL Barwon Commissioner Nominee

David Chaston is a highly experienced and dedicated leader with over 37 years of involvement in local football across multiple roles, from grassroots participation to governance and umpiring. His long-standing commitment to the game is complemented by extensive professional experience in business management, strategic leadership, and financial oversight.

David's football journey spans roles as a Field Umpire, Junior Development Coach, and, since 2021, Chairman of the Geelong Football Umpires League. These experiences have provided him with deep insight into club operations, player development pathways, and the importance of fostering inclusive, safe, and well-governed football environments.

Professionally, David has held senior leadership roles including General Manager and Operations Manager at Geelong Galvanizing and director and chairman positions across multiple organisations, demonstrating expertise in governance, strategic planning, financial management, and compliance. He also brings strong experience in marketing, sponsorship, and infrastructure development, supporting sustainable growth and improved community facilities.

As an AFL Barwon Commissioner, David offers a values-driven, independent perspective with practical understanding of regional football, strong stakeholder engagement, and a focus on long-term participation, community outcomes, and the continued success of football and netball across the Barwon region.

