

Paulo Sol Gonçalves



Re-Election Statement – Paul S. Goncalves

My name is Paul Goncalves, and I am proud to stand once again for election to the Board of the Sydney Portugal Community Club.

Born and raised in Sydney to Portuguese parents—my father from Angola and my mother from Madeira—I have always carried deep pride in our community and heritage. My parents migrated to Australia in 1972, and their journey continues to inspire my commitment to securing a strong and lasting future for Portuguese culture in the Inner West.

With over 28 years of experience in IT, consulting and financial services—working with major institutions like HSBC, PwC and Commonwealth Bank—I've brought strong financial discipline, governance, and a forward-thinking approach to the Board.

During my first term, I worked with the Board to lead the Club out of administration and restore financial health. We repaid our members, rebuilt trust, and delivered **the strongest financial results the Club has seen in its history**. I personally secured government grants for lighting, sound, and community infrastructure improvements, all while laying the groundwork for future growth.

Now that the proposed merger will not proceed, I want to be clear: **we are more than capable of standing on our own**. The Club is in a stable and profitable position, and we have a clear path forward — one that honours our heritage while delivering modern facilities and new opportunities for our members.

If re-elected, I will focus on:

- **Modernising the restaurant, pavilion, and BBQ area**
- **Launching new membership programs** that offer value, connection, and engagement
- **Leveraging technology** to improve operations and the member experience
- **Securing further grants and funding** to support upgrades and community projects

The Sydney Portugal Community Club is stronger than ever. With your support, I will continue driving the vision of a vibrant, sustainable and modern club — one that remains proudly Portuguese, and proudly independent.

Paul S. Goncalves

Proudly Portuguese. Proudly Committed.