

Nomination Statement for Andrew Conway for Re-Election to the Committee of Management, Radio Eastern FM

I am honoured to submit my nomination for re-election to the Committee of Management at Radio Eastern FM; an organisation I love and have proudly served since 1995. Over the past three decades, I have had the privilege to contribute to the station in various capacities, including as a member of the Programming Committee and as a member of the Committee of Management, as Secretary for over 18 years and most recently as President.

During my tenure, I have focused on fostering a strong sense of community and collegiality within our station, always respecting the vital role that community broadcasting plays in connecting people and amplifying local voices. One of my key achievements has been the re-establishment of our valued sponsorship with the Eastern Football Netball League (EFNL); establishing regular volunteer get-togethers, fostering a new partnership with Eastland and developing a completely new sponsor proposal that has strengthened our partnerships and financial stability. On air, I contribute the Local News and other pre-recorded local content having previously been a commentator and host of other programs.

I have also overseen five successful license renewals with the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) which is vital as we need to lodge the next renewal by the end of January 2025. I believe we have one of the great community stations in Melbourne and we are well-positioned to grow and remain an essential hub for local content and engagement. I have the passion and energy to develop new ideas and engage with our members to ensure we all contribute to the viability of our station. This includes important studio upgrades and upgrades to our office environment. I have also submitted grant applications to fund the purchase of an outside broadcast van to increase community engagement with a mobile studio.

My professional background is in accounting, education, finance and commercial law and I am currently a Professor of Accounting at Shanghai University of Finance and Adjunct Professor at Deakin University.

It would be a privilege to continue serving our great station and help guide its future success. I ask for your support in my re-election to the Committee of Management.

Andrew Conway