

RESUMES OF CANDIDATES for FCCV Committee Election 27/11/2022

LEANNE ADAMS

I hereby wish to submit my nomination as a General Committee Member for Feline Control Council of Victoria.

I am a current FCCV Committee member and a member of the Breed Sub-Committee, having been actively involved in the cat fancy for over ten years, breeding and showing Birman and American Shorthair cats.

Through my years in the cat fancy I have taken various roles including, but not limited to, being President of the Sacred Cat Club of Burma and a committee member of that club for many years. In my cat world life I have become a Longhair judge as well as being a regular steward working at many shows. In my role as a judge I have judged in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. I have co-jointly been a show manager and show secretary. I have travelled to all mainland states and ACT to exhibit my cats at local and national shows, meeting fellow cat enthusiasts.

My reason for nominating as a committee member is to help impart my cat world knowledge and assist the growth of the FCCV as a Council.

I wish to thank the committee for their time in reviewing my nomination.
Yours sincerely, Leanne Adams.

TRISH BRAMICH



Many of you may know me from running FCCV shows or my previous time on the committee as secretary, but for you who don't know a lot about me, I started in the cat world as a teenager showing Persians and colourpoint cats, before finding my true breed British Shorthairs, which I bred with my breeding partner Maureen Trewin for 15 years.

By this time, I was with GCCFV and qualified as an all-breeds steward and show manager, also holding positions of Secretary and Assistant Secretary of GCCFV and Treasurer of the Australian Cat Club.

FCCV has been my home for 22 years, as well as the Australian Cat Club, which is the oldest cat club in Australia. I show my two British neuter boys Harvey and Benson who I love and worship.

I would like to be part of the continuing growth of the FCCV and would love to see us progress our shows and administration into the digital age, reducing the amount of manual administration.

My working career consisted of 35 years in sales and marketing, which has led me to travel all over Australia and other parts of the globe, teaching me many life lessons.

NICOLE DAVIES

Dear members, I have been a member of FCCV since 2017, actively showing and breeding Norwegian Forest Cats. I have enjoyed being part of a group of like-minded people who enjoy cats as much as I do.

I have been volunteering for the organization with show set-ups and stewarding. I have offered my time to assist with the AO sub-committee that liaises with the Victorian Government for ongoing approval to function as a recognized Application Organization.

I believe we actively need to remind our members to be kind to one another, to share our knowledge and support one another.

LESLEY FREEMANN

I was born in New Zealand and immigrated to Australia in 1968, where I completed my university education. I currently hold Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and Certificate IV in Disability Studies [as well as Level II First Aid]. I work as a support worker.

My recreational interests have been mainly dominated by the breeding and showing of pedigreed cats. Initially, I started with Siamese and added a few Burmese along the way. I commenced breeding Birmans under the Eldorado prefix 43 years ago. I have participated in most aspects of the cat fancy, including stewarding, card writing, show managing and judging. I have been a show co-ordinator for 2 national shows and was Chairman of GCCFV for many years.

I undertook my Group 1 [all longhair] judges licence in 1998 and became an All Breeds Judge in January 2006. I have judged in New Zealand, Kuala Lumpur, Portland [Oregon], Brazil, Johannesburg and Cape Town [South Africa].

In addition, I am still actively breeding and showing Birmans. I am currently President of the Birman, Ragdoll & Associated Breeds Club Inc. I am happy to participate in helping make FCCV the fantastic organization that it deserves to be.

CINDY GRIMES

In 1997 I became a member of FCCV Inc and started my journey in the cat fancy, showing desexed Australian Mist. In 1999 under the Djindi prefix I began breeding Australian Mist and held continual membership with FCCCCV Inc until 2006. During this time, I

- Bred and exhibited Australian Mists, British Shorthairs and Selkirk Rex [Selkirk under the Purrcurls prefix]
- Trained as a judge's steward in 1999 and stewarded at most of the shows.
- Show managed the Shorthair Cat Club shows in the early 2000's and
- Served on the FCCV Inc Committee of Management

In 2019 I re-joined FCCV Inc and bring knowledge and experience from the roles of –

- A registration registrar [over 6 years' experience]
- Tutor steward supervisor
- Senior All Breeds Judge
- Member on a COM of an incorporated association and
- A delegate to a national feline body.

My vision for the FCCV is to move it into the 21st Century through embracing IT and online communications with the membership, for the smooth running of everything from registrations to show entries, education and office administration. The FCCV needs to grow and develop for its survival.

Away from cats, I am a registered nurse and sub-specialised in OR nursing, with an interest in anatomy, physiology and genetics.

GLYNNE MILBURN

I have been breeding Cornish Rex and Russian Blue cats since the late 1980's, and have enjoyed many years of camaraderie, and fun showing these breeds on both the local and national stage.

In the late 80's early 90's, with kind support from Beryl Chandler, GCCFV, I was the first Russian breeder in Victoria to introduce the now very popular Russian Black. More recently (2021), I have imported a Black & White bicour colour Cornish Rex girl from Omsk in Russia and am looking forward to being an initiate of this new outcross breeding programme.

In the early 90's I spent several years on the GCCFV Committee with a stint as Vice President alongside then President, Margaret Stead. I also stewarded at most of the GCCFV shows throughout this period and began a judge's course which I found too demanding with a professional life that entailed a lot of travel. Throughout this period until a few years ago I was a member of GCCFV, and in more recent years, membership with FCCV

My academic and professional background is in Psychology, with a Post-Grad. in Educational Psychology. I was owner/director of Med-Assess, a National Medico-Legal company specialising in medical assessments and reports, and, Director of a Psychological Counselling Service. Since retiring 8 years ago, I have re-established my breeding programme and look forward to many more years of breeding, showing, and general camaraderie with my fellow "Cat People".

CHERYL POLLOCK

I joined FCCV in the 1970's due to my love of cats and I continue to be a member of this organization to the present day.

I started breeding colourpoint Persians under the Chryle prefix and enjoyed showing them. From here I started stewarding, running shows and was on the committee of Pedigreed Persian Cat Club for many years and loved all aspects of running a show. Later on, I was fortunate to be involved in running the Feline Health shows, where we were able to raise money for Feline Health research on behalf of FCCV.

I obtained my first judges licence, Group 1, in 1990, and went on to become a National and International All Breeds Judge. As a CCCA Tutor Judge I have enjoyed passing on my knowledge to up-and-coming judges by being involved with the judges' courses that are offered here for FCCV, NSW and South Australia. In my capacity as a judge, I have been involved in many sub-committees as well as assisting to run seminars, including National Seminars.

These days I live at home with my two beautiful Bombays and two gorgeous Standard Poodles, who boss me around and run my life.

By nominating for the FCCV committee again, I would like to be part of a team working towards moving our organisation forward.

IRENE TAYLOR

Irene Taylor seeks re-election to the FCCV Committee after years of dedication to the members.

I have a Diploma of Business, Administration and Information Technology and the skills I have gained, particularly in the customer service industry, qualify me as a candidate worthy of re-election. Our members are customers of the FCCV and satisfaction is especially important. My personal communication and organizational skills are well developed and strengthen my relationship with people.

I am on the committee of two cat clubs holding various executive positions. I am a qualified steward, representative, assistant show manager and publicity/promotion officer for two of the clubs I belong to. My first love is Birmans which I have bred. I also show a Persian with great success.

I enjoy helping those who seek my advice and/or assistance and, if re-elected, will continue to act in a fair and impartial manner at all committee meetings with the best interest of all members being the guide-line for my decisions on their behalf. I am a dedicated worker and feel that I have made a worthwhile contribution to the Feline Control Council and its members over the past MANY years.

I look forward to receiving your support as a candidate for the Feline Control Council Committee.

ROD U'REN

In 1967 I joined FCCV and registered my Firnbank Persian prefix, later sharing the Lavendel and Sublime prefixes and having top levels of success showing my cats. I subsequently also bred Exotics, Scottish Folds and Singapuras. I was a foundation member of Pedigreed Persian Cat Club. A life member of FCCV, I believe my 55 years membership makes me the longest-serving active member in the organization.

I began judging in 1978, becoming All Breeds in 1990. A senior All Breeds Tutor Judge for many years in FCCV and CCCA, I trained many current judges. From 2002 I began judging widely in New Zealand, South Africa, USA and Asia, became a CFA guest judge in 2005, judging over 70 CFA shows and gaining enormous experience from this. I was accepted on the CFA [USA] judging panel in early 2018. For me, judging is an inter-active, learning, fun activity.

My deep interest in colour genetics and the health of cats has lead me to develop a range of papers and inter-active lectures, given throughout Australia and 3 continents overseas.

I have served twice on Committee for about 6 years each time; being the past Chair of the Breed Sub-Committee, heading 4 years of meetings that lead to the current CCCA standards.

I work hard for the fancy, particularly as Registrar, spending a lot of time helping members with breeding and colour issues. I am concerned with some current aspects of FCCV. Its future is important and we need to move forward, but I encourage members to work together to help run their hobby and to remember we are there to learn and have fun. My goal is to keep the best of what we have as we look to future growth.

CATHY WEBB

I have been a member of FCCV for approximately 10 years, introducing and establishing the beautiful Snowshoe cats to Australia, under my prefix Skiboos near the start of this time. I have worked very hard ever since to develop people's interest in this lovely breed, attending many FCCV and other shows throughout this period.

I became a member of the FCCV Committee in 2016 – 2017 and again currently from early 2022 until now, working in several areas that are important to cat owners and breeders.

In 2016 I was part of the task force assembled to represent the cat world in negotiations with the Victorian Government over their proposed Puppy Farm Bill and the devastating impact it would have on the Victorian cat fancy. I participated in government meetings, legislative planning and negotiating to find a better pathway for the cat fancy. I co-wrote the presentation made to the parliamentary enquiry into the Puppy Farm Bill. Since then I have been the FCCV AO [Applicable Organization] representative in ongoing government liaising and have worked with all subsequent committees to meet the obligations the FCCV has to meet in order to retain its AO status with the government.

I believe I have a lot to offer FCCV and its members in this specialized field and would like to continue being a member of the Management Committee to promote FCCV and the very important AO requirements more widely.
