

Statement

Appointments to the auDA Board

21 October 2026

The auDA Board of Directors is pleased to announce it has appointed two Directors to the auDA Board and selected two candidates for its upcoming Elected Director Ballot.

Appointed Directors and Elected Director candidates were selected and recommended to the Board by the auDA Nomination Committee as suitable for appointment or election to the Board.

Appointed Directors

auDA welcomes new Appointed Director Min Livanidis and the reappointment of current Director Brett Fenton, whose terms commence at the conclusion of auDA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 19 November 2026.

Min Livanidis is an experienced leader in digital policy, cyber security and AI, with a career spanning national security, critical infrastructure and resilience across government and major technology platforms.

Brett Fenton has served on the auDA Board since November 2024, and previously from November 2005 to October 2007. Brett has extensive experience in the domain name industry and deep understanding of technology operations, platforms and cloud-based services. He is currently Chief Operating Officer at the Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS).

Member ballot for Elected Director

On 22 October 2026, the Elected Director Ballot will open to auDA members, providing them an opportunity to elect one Director to the auDA Board.

The following highly qualified candidates will stand for election:

- Thu-Trang Tran, current auDA Director
- Kate Hughes

MUFG Corporate Markets (MUFG) will administer the ballot independently. Eligible members will receive voting instructions and candidate information directly from MUFG when voting opens.

Votes must be submitted by 5pm AEDT on 17 November 2026. The outcome will be declared at auDA's 2026 AGM, and the successful candidate's term will begin directly following the meeting.

Departing Director

Peter Elford notified the Board that he will retire as an auDA Director at the AGM on 19 November 2026. Peter joined the Board in November 2019. During his time with auDA, Peter served as Chair of the Security and Technology Committee (formerly Security and Risk Committee) and was a member of the Public Benefit Committee and Audit Committee. Peter brought extensive



experience of the internet sector, including as one of the founders of the Australian Academic and Research Network (AARNet). The Board acknowledges Peter's contributions and thanks him for his service to the organisation and the .au community.

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Notes to media:

Candidates for appointment and election were identified through a rigorous, transparent and merit-based process conducted by the auDA Nomination Committee. The committee assessed candidates against the auDA Board Skills Matrix before making its recommendations to the Board.

Under the auDA Constitution, the Board comprises an Independent Chairperson, up to five Appointed Directors and up to four Elected Directors. The [Constitution](#) is available on the auDA website.

Further information about the [auDA Board](#), including the Board Skills Matrix, is available on the auDA website.

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About auDA:

.au Domain Administration Limited (auDA) is the trusted administrator of the .au domain name system (DNS), which is Australian critical infrastructure that underpins Australia's digital economy and society. Established in 1986, the .au DNS has served Australian and global internet users for four decades, and provides a stable foundation for innovation and emerging technologies to support Australia's digital future.

auDA is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation, endorsed by the Australian Government to innovate and invest in the Australian internet ecosystem to improve the utility of the .au domain for all Australians. Through its steady stewardship of the .au domain and support of internet governance through multi-stakeholder decision making, auDA strives to ensure the internet remains open, free, secure and interoperable. Follow auDA on social media for the latest .au and internet industry updates:

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