

Shane Carey

I am honoured to nominate for the position of President of the Australian Alpaca Association. I began breeding alpacas when I was 13 years old and have now been involved in the industry for more

than 30 years. I have been an alpaca judge since 2011. Over that time, I have seen our industry grow and change, and have gained a strong understanding of its challenges, opportunities and the people who make it what it is.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the past year serving as the AAA Director – Showing and Judging. In this role, I work with members, judges and show convenors to support the development of our shows and judging programs. I have also served as a board member of Valais Blacknose Australia.

These experiences have given me valuable insight into association governance and the importance of clear communication, sound decision-making and representing members fairly.

Beyond alpacas, I manage other livestock, including sheep and miniature donkeys. Working across different animal industries has broadened my perspective on animal health, practical management and commercial sustainability. I believe those experiences can help the AAA respond constructively to change while keeping the needs of alpaca breeders central to the Association's priorities.

As President, I would bring a balanced, practical and collaborative approach. I would listen to members, support the Board to work effectively as a team, and encourage open discussion. I believe the Association's strength depends on members feeling heard and respected, from small breeders to larger enterprises.

I am motivated to help build a strong, sustainable future for the Australian alpaca industry.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve as President, contribute my experience and advocate for the interests of our members. Thank you for considering my nomination.