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Call for Nominations for Election to HL7 Australia Technical Leadership Positions — 2026

Dear Members and supporters of HL7 Australia,

In transitioning to the new model for the governance of its technical activities as envisaged in the initial draft of the [HL7 Australia Governance & Operations Manual \(AU-GOM\)](#), HL7 Australia is seeking nominations from appropriately qualified candidates for election to the technical leadership positions set out below. It is expected that those elected will take up their positions on 1 April 2026.

If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the vacancies for any position, an online ballot will be conducted.

HL7 Australia Technical Steering Committee (AU-TSC)

The proposed role, composition and responsibilities of the AU-TSC are set out in more detail in the [AU-GOM](#), and may be summarised as — oversight and governance of the HL7 Australia standards development program on behalf of the Board of HL7 Australia, including:

- developing and maintaining the HL7 Australia Standards Development Methodology (SDM) encompassing the processes, procedures and rules for developing and maintaining HL7 Australia standards (Protocol Specifications);
- managing processes for the establishment, change, merger and dissolution of HL7 Australia work groups responsible for the development and maintenance of HL7 Australia standards;
- overseeing the activities of work groups and their co-chairs and resolving issues in their governance;
- maintaining HL7AU Decision Making Practices (DMP) and approving their implementation within each work group;
- fostering, guiding and coordinating the activities of HL7 Australia work groups under the umbrella of the HL7 Australia Work Group Collaborative (WGC); and
- overseeing the processes for approving new standards development projects, assigning projects to work groups, monitoring the progress of projects and, where necessary, the discontinuance of projects.

Candidates are being sought for election to the following positions on the AU-TSC:

- AU-TSC Chair (21-month term to 31 Dec 2027, then one year as Immediate Past AU-TSC Chair)
- Deputy AU-TSC Chair (9-month term to 31 Dec 2026, but then eligible to run for AU-TSC Chair-Elect)
- Two AU-TSC members representing the HL7 technical community (one for a 21-month term and one for a 9-month term, after which each may run for further 2-year terms).

Those elected to these positions will take their place alongside:

- one co-chair from each active HL7 Work Group (4 persons who are not already members of the AU-TSC in any other capacity); and
- the following ex-officio members of the AU-TSC:
 - the AFCC Chair (Grahame Grieve)
 - the Chair of HL7 Australia (David Rowlands); and
 - the HL7 Director responsible for Working Group Liaison (Dr Andy Bond)

Co-chairs of HL7 Australia Work Groups (WGs)

FHIR® Work Group (FHIRWG)

The current role and responsibilities of the FHIRWG are set out in more detail on the FHIRWG Confluence page located [here](#). This will change with the establishment of the AU-TSC and the formation of the AU-Core, AU eRequesting and Terminology work groups. In particular, some of the administrative and standards development functions presently performed by the FHIRWG will be transferred to the AU-TSC and other WGs. The FHIRWG will have six (6) co-chairs. Nominations are being sought for:

- Three co-chairs to serve 21-month terms to 31 Dec 2027
- One co-chair to serve a 9-month term to 31 Dec 2026.

Those elected will join Jane Gilbert (Telstra Health) and Joshua Hare (Individual Member), whose terms expire on 31 Dec 2026.

Brett Esler (HL7 Australia), Danielle Tavares-Rixon (CSIRO) and Stephen Chu (ADHA) retire by rotation and are eligible to re-nominate.

AU Core Work Group

Initially, it is proposed that the AU Core WG take responsibility for the projects developing the AU Core and Australian Patient Summary (AU-PS) FHIR Implementation Guides under the auspices of the Sparked AU Core Technical Design Group (TDG). Within HL7 Australia, the AU Core TDG has been operating as a subcommittee of the FHIRWG with seven (7) co-chairs, whose terms have been extended to expire on 31 March 2026.

The initial mission, charter and scope of the AU-Core WG are set out in Annexure A below, with all existing members of the AU Core TDG being encouraged to continue as members of the new AU-Core WG. The AU-Core WG will have seven (7) co-chairs.

Nominations are being sought for the following:

- Four co-chairs to serve 21-month terms to 31 Dec 2027
- Three co-chairs to serve a 9-month term to 31 Dec 2026.

The current co-chairs of the AU Core TDG are: Andrew Aubry (Epic), Danielle Tavares-Rixon (CSIRO), Landon Reilly (Best Practice), Marvin Malcolm (Telstra Health), Michael Draheim (Oracle), Ricardo Inacio (ADHA) and Timothy Panoho (ADHA) and all are eligible to nominate for election as co-chairs of the AU-Core WG, if they so desire.

AU eRequesting Work Group

Initially, the eRequesting WG will continue to have responsibility for the project delivering the AU eRequesting FHIR Implementation Guide under the auspices of the Sparked AU eRequesting Technical Design Group (TDG). Within HL7 Australia, the AU eRequesting TDG has been operating as a subcommittee of the FHIRWG with six (6) co-chairs, whose terms have been extended to expire on 31 March 2026.

The initial mission, charter and scope of the AU eRequesting WG are set out in Annexure B below, with all existing members of the AU eRequesting TDG being encouraged to continue as members of the new AU eRequesting WG. The AU eRequesting WG will have six (6) co-chairs.

Nominations are being sought for the following:

- Three co-chairs to serve 21-month terms to 31 Dec 2027
- Three co-chairs to serve a 9-month term to 31 Dec 2026.

The current co-chairs of the AU eRequesting TDG are: Andy Bond (Magentus), Angus Millar (Telstra Health), Chris Skene (Aurabox), Keith Kranz (SA Health), Stuart Hanson (ADHA), Michael Wilson (CSIRO), Jai Dacey (DHDA) and Megan Doherty (ADHA) and all are eligible to nominate for election as co-chairs of the AU eRequesting WG, if they so desire.

Terminology Work Group

This is a new WG with the proposed mission, charter and scope in Annexure C. When formed it will have responsibility for harmonisation of terminology use and for developing processes to achieve consistent, reusable terminology content, artifacts and operations across all HL7 Australia products and services. This WG will be established with four co-chairs, as follows:

- Two co-chairs to serve 21-month terms to 31 Dec 2027
- Two co-chairs to serve a 9-month term to 31 Dec 2026.

Eligibility to be a candidate

Candidates for the above positions must be an Individual Member (which includes honorary life members and student members) of HL7 Australia or be registered by an Organisation Member as one of its Participants/Representatives for participation in HL7 Australia technical specification ballots.

In the case of candidates for AU-TSC Chair and Deputy AU-TSC Chair, candidates must have held this membership status for at least the past 2 years and should also be able to demonstrate leadership experience in HL7 Australia or HL7 International within the past five years — such as having been a Director on the HL7 Australia Board, co-chair of a work group, leader of a standards project or other significant leadership roles within the wider HL7 Australia community.

Where relevant, candidates for all positions should ensure that they have the support of their employers to enable them to commit the time and expenses (including travel to meetings) to participate fully in the proposed role.

In addition to meeting the HL7 Australia membership criteria set out above, to be eligible for election to any of the positions you must submit a Nomination Form in which you accept nomination for each position sought, and are nominated by two nominators (Nominators), each of whom must:

- (1) be either an individual member or a Participant eligible for participation in HL7 Australia technical specification ballots from an Organisation Member;
- (2) not be yourself; and
- (3) not be a Participant from the same Organisation Member as the other Nominator.

Copies of the relevant forms for this election may be obtained via the following link:

[Nomination forms for 2026 AU-TSC and co-chair elections](#)

You should also provide a photograph (in digitised form) and at least one Candidate Statement of no more than 600 words. Matters which you may wish to include in your Candidate Statement include:

- (a) a summary of biographical highlights setting out any relevant personal and professional information;
- (b) any period when you may have served as an office bearer or director, or been a member or active in HL7 Australia and/or HL7 International, and any achievements in these roles;
- (c) your current employer (if any);
- (d) statements in support of your election to the positions sought; and
- (e) any matters which a voter might reasonably expect you to declare in the interests of transparency or probity.

If you are a candidate for more than one position, you may submit a separate Candidate Statement in respect of each position for which you are a candidate, clearly indicating the position(s) associated with each candidate statement.

The signed Nomination Form, Candidate Statement(s), and nominee photograph are to be submitted in electronic form to the Returning Officer **by 19:00 AEST on Monday, 16 February 2026** at returning.officer@hl7.com.au.

Your Nomination Form may be submitted in several different parts, with each part being separately signed and submitted on your behalf.

Candidates and their nominators must be, or be from, current paid-up members of HL7 Australia.

You may not use any electronic communications (such as email list servers, chat forums, Confluence or other online platforms) managed by or on behalf of HL7 Australia, HL7 International or other HL7-related organisations (e.g. Sparked accelerator, AFCP/AFCC) to campaign for election. Any such activity may be cause for disqualification.

Processing of nominations and conduct of elections

Richard Dixon Hughes of DH4 Pty Limited has agreed to be the Returning Officer responsible for conducting the election on behalf of HL7AU to include: receipt, checking and acceptance of nominations, the issue of ballot forms and any candidate material, the conduct and closing of balloting, the resolution of any issues raised by candidates or voters, and determining the results of the election.

If, after the close of nominations, the election for any positions are contested, then an election will be conducted for those positions using an online electronic balloting system with voting instructions being sent to personal Members and all registered Participants of each Organisation Member by email – so please ensure that HL7 Australia has correct email addresses and contact details for those persons who should be eligible and wish to vote.

You may nominate for any or all positions offered but some positions are mutually exclusive so, if successful in being elected as:

- AU-TSC Chair – any nomination that you may have received for election to positions of Deputy AU-TSC Chair or to represent the HL7 Australia technical community on the AU-TSC will be withdrawn.
- Deputy AU-TSC Chair – any nomination that you may have received for election to positions to represent the HL7 Australia technical community on the AU-TSC will be withdrawn.

Where a position (e.g. co-chair of a WG) has vacancies for both a 21-month term and a 9-month term, if there is a ballot, the candidates receiving the most votes will be elected for a 21-month term. If the number of nominations for such a position is less than or equal to the number of candidates to be elected and, in the absence of any other agreement among the candidates, the Returning Officer may conduct an electronic ballot to determine which candidates are elected for a 21-month term.

Where two or more candidates on a given ballot each receive the same number of votes, the outcome is to be determined in accordance with By-law 5.14.2.

If an electronic ballot is required, it is expected that it will open in the week of 23 February 2026 with the election period running until 19:00 AEST on Friday, 13 March 2026, and the results being announced early in the week commencing 16 March 2026.

Elections for these positions (if required) will differ from the annual Board elections in that all registered Participants/Representatives of Organisation Members will be able to vote (up to the number of Participants allowed for an Organisation Member's membership class) based

on one vote per Participant for each position to be elected – rather than an Organisation Member casting multiple votes for each position via a single Representative.

Queries

- For any questions regarding the election please contact the Returning Officer: returning.officer@hl7.com.au.
- For any questions regarding membership, please reach out to: membership@hl7.com.au

I encourage Members, their Representatives and Participants to consider nominating to participate in these important roles.

Kind Regards

David Rowlands, Chair HL7 Australia
on behalf of the Board of HL7 Australia

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ANNEXURE A

AU Core Work Group

Group Title	AU Core
Group Type	Work Group
Group Description	<p>Mission</p> <p>The mission of the AU Core Work Group is to precisely articulate the requirements and specifications necessary to promote seamless interoperability among clinical and non-clinical systems within the Australian context. This includes setting clear standards and profiling the necessary FHIR artefacts to ensure that systems can effectively record, update, search, and retrieve core digital health clinical and administrative information.</p> <p>Charter</p> <p>The role of this Group is to, within the scope of its mission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify, design and validate FHIR structures to support the information exchange needs of core digital health clinical and administrative information. • Work with HL7 International and/or HL7 Australia Work Groups or other organisations to identify or design appropriate controlled vocabularies for encoding data elements in an information exchange. • Identify, define, and validate information models RESTful operations and services to support the information exchange needs of core digital health clinical and administrative information. • Monitor both Australian and international FHIR standards and attempt harmonisation of information content and representation of such standards with the HL7 AU content. • Monitor information interchange standards developed outside of HL7 International and its affiliates and attempt harmonisation of information content and representation of such standards with the HL7 AU content and representation within mission scope. <p>Scope</p> <p>Initial scope is the ongoing work on the AU Core and Australian Patient Summary Projects.</p>
Group Proposer	The AU-GOM Operationalisation Board Subcommittee
Governing Committee	HL7 Australia Technical Steering Committee (AU-TSC)
Initiating Organisation	HL7 Australia
Nominated co-chairs	Co-chairs will be assigned following a co-chair election.
Initial Members	The existing members of the Sparked AU Core Technical Design Group (TDG) except those who indicate that they do not wish to become members.

ANNEXURE B

AU eRequesting Work Group

Group Title	AU eRequesting
Group Type	Work Group
Group Description	<p>Mission</p> <p>Define the requirements and specifications to support interoperable requesting and ordering in Australia, setting the minimum expectations for recording, updating, searching, and retrieving requesting information associated with a clinical service request.</p> <p>Charter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify, design, and validate FHIR structures to support the information exchange and workflow needs of digital health and administrative interactions associated with clinical service requesting. Work with HL7 International and/or HL7 Australia Work Groups or other organisations to identify or design appropriate controlled vocabularies for encoding data elements in an information exchange. Identify, define, and validate information models and RESTful operations and services to support the information exchange and workflow needs associated with clinical service requesting. Monitor international FHIR standards and attempt harmonisation of information and workflow content. Monitor information interchange and workflow standards developed outside of HL7 and its affiliates and attempt harmonization of information content and representation of such standards with HL7 Australia approaches and representation where appropriate. <p>Scope</p> <p>Initial scope is the ongoing work on the AU eRequesting Project.</p>
Group Proposer	The AU-GOM Operationalisation Board Subcommittee
Governing Committee	HL7 Australia Technical Steering Committee (AU-TSC)
Initiating Organisation	HL7 Australia
Nominated co-chairs	Co-chairs will be assigned following a co-chair election.
Initial Members	The existing members of the Sparked eRequesting Technical Design Group (TDG) except those who indicate that they do not wish to become members.

Terminology Work Group

Group Title	Terminology
Group Type	Work Group
Group Description	<p>Mission</p> <p>Support HL7 Australia's mission to create and promote the adoption of cutting-edge, consensus-based interoperability standards that enable a digitally enabled, person-centred, inclusive, and data-driven health ecosystem by providing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing, publishing and maintaining terminology-related technical specifications and standards. • providing guidance on how to create standardized terminology and align the exchange of terminology by Australian health systems to enable semantic interoperability in support of stakeholder requirements. • providing terminology-related services to HL7 Australia and its members including policy development, operation of FHIR Terminology Service based terminology server, and liaising with partners in the effective and meaningful use of terminology content products. <p>Charter</p> <p>The Terminology Work Group develops and maintains HL7 Australia standards in support of our mission that is used to provide consistent, reusable terminology content, artifacts and operations across all HL7 Australia products. In addition, the terminology work groups collaborates with other HL7 Australia work groups and external stakeholders to harmonize the detailed terminology artifacts needed for optimal healthcare information system use, clinical workflow, decision support, and interoperability.</p> <p>Scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, publish and maintain the HL7 Australia Terminology (THO-AU) FHIR Implementation Guide (IG) which will only include HL7 Australia owned/defined terminology artefacts (e.g. CodeSystem, ValueSet, ConceptMap and NamingSystem FHIR resources) • Management of HL7 Australia Terminology Service functions including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop, maintain and enforce policies for the service. • Maintain the content held in the service's terminology server. • Ensure the service is registered and accessible via the HL7 International Terminology Ecosystem. • Develop agreements for how HL7 Australia's content can be made available in other solutions (e.g. the National Clinical Terminology Service) for approval by the HL7 Australia Board. • Ensure that the correct and up-to-date copyright/license statements for the external terminology content we use e.g. SNOMED CT, etc. are available to work groups for inclusion in HL7 Australia's specifications.
Group Proposer	The AU-GOM Operationalisation Board Subcommittee

Governing Committee	HL7 Australia Technical Steering Committee (AU-TSC)
Initiating Organisation	HL7 Australia
Nominated co-chairs	Co-chairs will be assigned following a co-chair election.
Initial Members	The elected co-chairs.