

# JIN KATO

Application for  
**Director of Events**  
AUTRA

I am pleased to submit my nomination for the Director of Events on the AUTRA Committee. I am excited by the opportunity to give back to the community that has played such an important role in the growth of our trail and ultra running community.

To me, trail running events are far more than just races, they are a celebration that brings together a diverse and passionate community. One of the values I hold most strongly as a trail runner is the sense of connection, community and camaraderie that emerges through these events. As a member of AUTRA, I am committed to supporting and strengthening this community, particularly by fostering grassroots participation and building strong relationships with organisers who contribute so much to the sport through events.

I have been an AUTRA member since Jan 2024 and have been participating in AURA listed events since 2019. During this time, I have had the privilege of taking part in a wide range of trail events across Australia and internationally. Some of my personal achievements include:

- Winner – Capital to Coast 100, Inward Bound Division 1, GUMBaby Backyarder
- Age Champion – YTF 50km
- Second Place – Wandj Cross Marathon, Brisbane Trail Half Marathon, Ultra Adelaide
- Second Age Category – Sydney Trail Series Manly Dam
- Finisher – Buffalo Stampede Ultra Grand Slam, Hell Cauldron 'The Anvil', Oscars Hut to Hut 100, UTA 100, Hounslow Classic Skyrun, Tarawera 50km, Stromlo 50km, Alpine Challenge Marathon, Kunanyi Mountain Run, Kowen trail run, Sri Chinmoy Canberra 100 Relay
- Pacer/Support crew – Tarawera, GSER, UltraTrail Kosciusko
- Best Dressed – Canberra Beer Mile

Beyond participation, I bring hands on experience in event organisation. I served as Race Director for the Backyard Fun Run in 2020 and, over the past three years a Committee Member and the Course Director for the Capital to Coast 100. These roles have given me valuable insight into the operational, logistical, and community aspects of delivering successful events.

I believe that lived experience as both a participant and organiser is essential for the Director of Events role. It enables a practical understanding of the challenges faced by race directors, as well as the importance of providing meaningful support. If given the opportunity, I would aim to ensure that AUTRA continues to advocate for and support event organisers, while helping to grow a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable trail running community.

Thank you for considering my application.

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