

Australian Ultra & Trail Runners Association

Expression of Interest: State Representatives

1.0 Background

The Australian Ultra & Trail Runners Association (AUTRA) is the national representative body for trail, ultra and mountain running in Australia.

As AUTRA continues to grow and strengthen its national role, we want to ensure that our members, runners, events and communities across Australia have a strong connection to the organisation and a clear way to contribute to its future.

AUTRA is seeking State Representatives to act as an important link between the national organisation and the trail, ultra and mountain running community within each state and territory.

2.0 Purpose of the Role

State Representatives will help AUTRA strengthen local relationships, understand what is happening within each state or territory, connect members and stakeholders with the wider organisation, and support the delivery of AUTRA's strategic priorities at a local level.

The role is primarily one of engagement, connection, representation and information-sharing. State Representatives are not expected to independently deliver every AUTRA activity within their state, nor to speak publicly on behalf of AUTRA unless specifically authorised.

State Representatives will work as part of AUTRA's broader national engagement network alongside the Committee, Sub-Committees and Working Groups, communications team, Race Directors, Team Managers, coaches, volunteers and other contributors.

3.0 Key Responsibilities

Depending on the needs and opportunities within your state or territory, State Representatives will:

- Act as a local point of connection between AUTRA and runners, members, clubs, community groups, Race Directors, coaches and other relevant stakeholders.
- Promote AUTRA, its membership benefits, programs, opportunities and activities within your state or territory.

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- Build and maintain relationships across the local trail, ultra and mountain running community and help AUTRA understand emerging issues, opportunities and community needs.
- Encourage participation and connection across the sport, including beginners, experienced runners, women, juniors, regional communities and other parts of the community AUTRA is seeking to better engage.
- Support relationships with Race Directors and help promote AUTRA-endorsed events, National Championships and relevant AUTRA initiatives.
- Where reasonable, attend or help coordinate AUTRA representation at National Championships and other significant events held within your state or territory.
- Identify emerging athletes, community leaders, volunteers, clubs, events and other opportunities that may be relevant to AUTRA's athlete pathways, participation, advocacy or partnership work, and connect them with the appropriate AUTRA portfolio or Sub-Committee.
- Help connect runners of all abilities with appropriate AUTRA information, contacts, programs and resources.
- Support AUTRA's advocacy and trail-access work by identifying relevant local issues, consultations, land-manager relationships or opportunities and referring these through the appropriate AUTRA process.
- Identify potential local partnerships, member benefits and collaborative opportunities and refer them to the relevant AUTRA portfolio for consideration.
- Participate in State Representative meetings and provide practical feedback and updates from your state or territory to help inform AUTRA's national planning and decision-making.

4.0 Supporting AUTRA Communications

State Representatives will play an important role in helping AUTRA build a stronger and more nationally representative content pipeline. Rather than being responsible for running AUTRA's communications channels themselves, State Representatives will help identify and contribute useful local content.

This may include:

- Identifying athlete, member, volunteer and community stories from your state or territory.
- Sharing relevant event updates, results, photos and local achievements with AUTRA's communications network.
- Helping connect Content Contributors / Correspondents with athletes, Race Directors, clubs and other local contacts.
- Providing or helping source information and images following AUTRA National Championships and other significant activities in your state.
- Flagging upcoming events, initiatives and stories that may be suitable for the AUTRA website, UltraMag, newsletters or national social media channels.

AUTRA's communications team will determine how and where submitted content is published. State Representatives will work within AUTRA's communications processes and will not be expected to independently manage national communications or provide official responses on behalf of AUTRA.

5.0 How the Role Supports AUTRA's Strategic Direction

The State Representative network supports AUTRA's emerging 2026–2030 strategic direction by strengthening the connection between national leadership and local communities.

State Representatives may contribute particularly to:

- Participation, Community & Inclusion – supporting grassroots participation, regional engagement, membership value, inclusion and stronger community connections.
- High Performance & Athlete Pathways – helping identify emerging athletes and connecting runners with appropriate pathways, contacts and opportunities.
- Events, Partnerships & Industry Development – strengthening relationships with Race Directors, clubs, coaches, events and potential partners.
- Advocacy, Environment & Access – identifying local trail-access, land-management and advocacy issues and helping AUTRA build relationships with relevant stakeholders.
- Governance & Organisational Sustainability – providing a clear national engagement network, strengthening volunteer participation and ensuring local perspectives can inform AUTRA's strategic work.

6.0 Governance and Role Boundaries

State Representatives are part of AUTRA's operational delivery and national engagement network and will operate under the oversight of the relevant AUTRA Committee portfolio.

To support clear governance and avoid duplication across volunteer roles:

- State Representatives will provide local engagement, intelligence, connections and contributions rather than independently setting AUTRA policy or strategic positions.
- Official advocacy positions, public statements, media responses and sensitive matters will be referred to the appropriate Committee representative.
- Potential partnerships, sponsorships and member-benefit arrangements will be referred through AUTRA's relevant approval processes rather than entered into directly by State Representatives.
- Event safety, compliance and Race Director obligations remain subject to AUTRA's relevant event policies, agreements and governance processes; State Representatives may support and observe but are not individually responsible for certifying compliance.
- Communications will be coordinated through AUTRA's broader communications framework, including the Communications Portfolio, communications/editorial support, Social Media Manager and Content Contributors / Correspondents.

7.0 What We're Looking For

We're looking for people who:

- Have a genuine passion for trail, ultra and mountain running and want to help strengthen the sport.
- Know, or are willing to build connections within, their state or territory's running community.
- Are approachable and comfortable engaging with runners, Race Directors, clubs, coaches, volunteers and other stakeholders.
- Communicate clearly and can provide constructive feedback and information back to AUTRA.

- Understand the importance of representing a national member organisation professionally and inclusively.
- Are collaborative, reliable and comfortable working within agreed governance and communication processes.
- Are a current AUTRA member, or are willing to become one.

Previous committee, club, event, community engagement or sports administration experience may be useful, but formal qualifications are not required. Current first aid certification and a driver's licence may be helpful for some event activities but are not essential to the role.

8.0 Time Commitment

This is a volunteer role designed to be manageable alongside work, family, training and other commitments.

State Representatives will be expected to participate in regular State Representative meetings and maintain reasonable contact with AUTRA throughout the year. Some evening or weekend involvement may be useful around events and National Championships, where practical.

The level of activity may vary throughout the year depending on events, local issues and opportunities within each state or territory.

The commitment as a AUTRA State Representative is for a two year period.

9.0 Reporting and Support

State Representatives will report through AUTRA's nominated Committee portfolio and work collaboratively with relevant Sub-Committees, Working Groups and volunteers.

AUTRA will provide guidance on the role, relevant policies, communications and escalation processes, and how State Representatives can refer issues or opportunities to the appropriate part of the organisation.

10.0 Why Get Involved?

This is an opportunity to:

- Help shape the future of trail, ultra and mountain running in Australia.

- Give your state or territory a stronger voice and connection within AUTRA.
- Build relationships across the running community and help connect people with opportunities.
- Support athletes, events, volunteers and communities at both grassroots and national level.
- Contribute to AUTRA's growth as a stronger, more connected and nationally recognised organisation.

11. How to Apply

Keep it simple. Email vp@autra.asn.au with:

- A short introduction about yourself.
- Your state or territory and your connection to trail, ultra or mountain running.
- Why you're interested in becoming an AUTRA State Representative.
- A brief summary of any relevant community, event, club, volunteer or professional experience.
- Any particular areas you're interested in contributing to.
- Your approximate availability.

No formal CV is required.

You don't need to tick every box. We're looking for enthusiastic, reliable and community-minded people who want to help connect AUTRA with runners and stakeholders across Australia.

Applications close: Sunday 4th October 2026