

Sharon Breed

To the members of Ski Racing Victoria,

My family and I have been members of SRV since 2011. We started our involvement in ski racing at a SRV Junior Development day and began racing in tadpoles and have since progressed into marathon and expert classes. It is a fantastic family sport where everyone helps each other when needed. Having volunteered in the tent since our first year, starting with the 1 to 100 sheets and now progressing to helping out on the computer do the substitutions, I have seen how much work goes into organizing the Point Scores and would love to be involved with continuing to keep things going for everyone to enjoy.

Corrine Donald

Dear SRV Members,

My name is Corrine Donald, born in Echuca, Vic. I have just recently moved to Lara and work at Myer in Geelong. I have been racing for around 10 years now, Dad (Neil) would take me to all the races so I could watch him when I was younger, then finally started ski racing myself when I was 14.

I have a passion for ski racing, love the thrill of skiing behind different boats and great teams, also in later years observing at both point scores and river races in a range of different classes. I race in every point score and most river races, and simply cannot get enough of it. On weekends when I am not away racing, I am out on the river social skiing, enjoying every minute of it.

Since Dad has been on the Moama Water Sports Club Committee for the past 20 years, I know what to expect of the workload involved in being on a race committee. I have always wanted to help out with the event coordination and planning, doing little bits here and there when they needed some extra help. Over the past couple of years I have assisted more, being the Media Liaison for MWSC, also assisting with the marketing aspects after completing my university degree in Marketing and International Business in 2013. I also volunteer my time with Scruitneering, setting up the Finish Line also the Launch Night at the Southern 80 and Barrie Beehag races.

I continue to provide assistance at every point score in either the judges tent or out on the buoy boats, which I enjoy and believe everyone who competes should contribute in some way to the sport.

If elected onto the board, I will work hard to ensure each race is planned out and executed successfully, whilst keeping the racing safe, fun and enjoyable for everyone involved in the sport. I would love to hear anyone's thoughts and ideas about how we can improve our sport and continue to make it a great sport!

Kristy Nicholls

Dear SRV Members

I have been a skier since the age of 3, and took up ski racing some 25 years later. I think it's fair to say that skiing is in my blood, and I am totally addicted to ski racing. I attend every event that I possibly can, and have made some great, lifelong friends within the ski racing community.

If granted a position on the board, I will bring passion, enthusiasm and of course my ability to make awesome ski racing movies. Vote for me, and I will do everything within my power to make the Monday after the Southern 80, a public holiday. This is long overdue.

On a serious note, I am honest, reliable, organised and fair. I build strong, positive connections with others, can handle difficult situations in a diplomatic manner, and would love the opportunity to voice the opinions of members of the Victorian Ski Racing community. This is my chance to take my addiction to ski racing one step further, and make a difference to the sport that has such a huge impact on my life.

Steve Shipp

My family and I have been involved in Ski Racing since 1981 when we did our first Southern 80 and have competed since then all over Australia, New Zealand with the Tasman challenge and I have been a member of the Australian teams at both the New Zealand and Belgium world titles. Over the last 18 months I have not competed but have been involved as a Judge etc at SRV events and with Moama Water Sports Club which I am now a director of. I am also a member of "River Watch" in Echuca/Moama dealing with issues on the river. I have spent 17 years on various committees starting with the VWSA, then being part of the small group which got ski racing back on the map after our insurance issues back in 2001. It was a long road but we did it. I spent much time starting in 2001 on both the SRA board and SRV boards including some time as the SRV chairman standing down in 2009.

After contact from some SRV board members in July this year I agreed to fill a casual vacancy following our financial issues to assist the board assess the situation and to move forward with racing. This also has seen me take up the role of one of the SRV delegates on the board of SRA as I am strong in my belief that SRV must have good representation on the board. Initially my plan was to assist for 3 to 6 months, but having started SRV I want to stay on and see our club financially strong again, we have some very capable board members and I look forward to seeing what the new members bring to the table and where SRV heads in the future. I would really like to see us have a home whether it be at a lake or a club house somewhere.

SRV has a large membership base and I believe it must be run more as a business than a club having planning in place for current, short term and long term objectives/projects to ensure our ski racing membership grows and is viable in the future. The board needs to be transparent and accessible to members. SRV has a long road in front of it to be strong financially again, but I know the members of SRV will support SRV and we will get there.

I have run my own businesses since 1999 and understand what is needed to grow and be profitable. Some say I have forgot more than most people know about Ski Racing but I want to use these experiences to represent members on the SRV board so we can continue to be a strong club. Please give me your vote on October 29th.

Melanie Grech

Water Ski Racing is the sport I was born into and have grown up around. I came back to racing in the 09/10 season and have grown a passion for this sport only my friends within ski racing can understand. I have been involved in two other water ski clubs during this time where I have been active on both their committees. I believe my experience from these clubs has provided me with knowledge I could use as a director of SRV. I bring to the board the perspective of a young female who has been a Ski Club president and wants to see our club succeed and grow in the future. I don't believe there are currently any board members who have this attribute and I will let my roles below speak for themselves.

Occupation: Program Analyst (Project Management) at Ford Australia Head Office.

Education: Bachelor of Industrial Design (Honours), Cert III Engineering, Cert IV in Small Business Operations, Cert IV in Fitness

Club Involvement:

Seacraft Syndicate Boat Owners Club

Member: 1999 to Present

Committee Member: 2009 to 2013

Website Coordinator/ Social Media Coordinator: 2010 to 2013

Swinburne University Water-ski & Wakeboard Club

Member: 2009 to Present

Committee Member: 2009 to Present

Social Coordinator: 2010 to 2011

Club President: 2012

Greg Plummer

Fellow members, my name is Greg Plummer, I would like to be considered for re-election for the Board of SRV.

I have been involved in ski racing for 24 years as a competitor, scrutineer and committee member. I was a member of the VWSA committee for eight years and have been an active member of the SRV board for the past three years.

Although the past 12 months for SRV have been difficult I believe I have a balanced view of our sport and where we are heading.

I am fair and honest and will treat all matters with confidentiality and will actively assist all members.

I am a dedicated member willing to support the SRV Board and work as a team member for the betterment of the members and our sport.

Tony Rowe

Ski Racing. 1987-

My name is Tony Rowe and I currently run Sonic Boats in the SMOC class. I have nominated to become a Director of Ski Racing Victoria, to give back this sport, my time and knowledge gained through many years of racing.

I started in 175 HP class with family and moved to SMOC class, that I still compete in now. My two sons have come through skiing and we still race together.

I compete at all local and National races and have witnessed the highs and lows of this great sport. The gain in speed of the boats and skiers has been quite astonishing. Along the way, safety and rules have tried to keep up with the progress of this great sport. Race safe has been the biggest single safety item for Ski racing.

I would like the opportunity to help with progress in this area, for competitors to race as safely as possible, into the future of ski racing.

Tony Wilson

Resume to be supplied at a later date