



## VICSPORT AGM 2019

### CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR POSITIONS ON THE VICSPORT BOARD

Vicsport is pleased to inform its Members that five (5) nominations have been received from candidates putting themselves forward for election at the AGM on Tuesday 19 November 2019. All nominations were received within the time prescribed in the notice calling for nominations.

Three (3) director positions are vacant and elections will be conducted in accordance with the Vicsport Rules.

#### VOTING

Each Vicsport Affiliate Member (i.e. full members) is entitled to one (1) vote each.

All Members eligible to vote will be able to collect their ballot papers from 3.30pm on Tuesday 19 November 2019 and cast their ballots before the ballot box is declared closed by the Vicsport Chairman at approximately 5.15pm that evening.

Eligible Members will be asked to cast their votes for the three (3) candidates they wish to fill the three (3) vacant director positions.

In the event of a tie or ties there will be a further ballot of ballots until three (3) candidates are successful.

#### POSTAL VOTING

The Vicsport Rules allow for postal voting for all Members with a residential or registered address outside a 90-kilometre radius of the General Post Office, Melbourne. Postal voting papers are available on request by applicable Members.

Postal voting papers must be returned to Vicsport no later than 48 hours before the AGM. Late postal votes will not be accepted. Postal voting papers must be submitted no later than **3.30pm on 17 November 2019** to the Vicsport Office at Level 3, 375 Albert Road, South Melbourne VIC 3205.

Postal voting papers must be requested by no later than **3.30pm on 11 November 2019** to Vicsport CEO, Lisa Hasker via [lisah@vicsport.com.au](mailto:lisah@vicsport.com.au).

#### PROXY VOTING

The Vicsport Rules allow for proxy voting. A Member may appoint another Member as its proxy. Proxy forms must be submitted to the CEO no later than **48 hours** before the AGM. Late proxies will not be accepted.

Proxy appointments must be submitted by no later than 3.30pm on **17 November 2019** to Vicsport CEO, Lisa Hasker via [lisah@vicsport.com.au](mailto:lisah@vicsport.com.au).

The proxy form is available at: <https://vicsport.com.au/events/view/1196>

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## **GOVERNANANCE COMMITTEE**

The Vicsport Governance Committee has reviewed the nominations from each of the five (5) candidates who seek election to the Board and advises that each has met the criteria as set out in the application form. The Governance Committee commends the candidates to the meeting.

The list of candidates, with a brief profile and photo, is attached.

All candidates will have the opportunity to provide a 3-minute presentation at the AGM.

If members have any queries regarding the 2019 AGM or the election process, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

### **Lisa Hasker**

Chief Executive Officer

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**STUART CRAIG**

I believe the following skills/experience well positions me to successfully undertake the role of Director at Vicsport.

- Sports Focus, Business Manager  
- 16 years (2003 – current)
- Regional Sport Victoria, Director  
- 11 years (2008 – current)
- Vicsport, Director  
- 8 years (2010 – 2018)
- Loddon Valley Football Netball League, Director  
- 3 years (2012 – 2015)
- Australian Institute of Company Directors, Member

My extensive experience and understanding of the issues/challenges confronting regional and rural grassroots community sporting clubs/associations/leagues will fill a significant gap in the Vicsport knowledge base and further strengthen the organisations relationship with two of its key membership groups: State Sporting Organisations and Regional Sports Assemblies.



**PETER FILOPOULOS**

Over 25 years of highly successful experience as an accomplished sports and entertainment senior executive providing strategic and operational leadership with some of Australia's most iconic sports and entertainment brands.

These roles include senior executive roles with two AFL Clubs (North Melbourne and Hawthorn Football Clubs), Chief Commercial roles at Etihad Stadium and Swimming Australia and currently, CEO at Football Victoria.

A strong, consistent and proven track record of developing, leading and motivating high performance teams, as well as executing thriving business and brand building strategies resulting in sustainable, long term corporate growth. Dynamic, results driven and a transformational visionary leader with demonstrated ability to produce optimum results within fast paced, demanding and highly competitive environments.

I have a well-developed reputation within the sports and entertainment industry with an extensive industry network and an innate ability connecting business and Government with sport.

I look forward to hopefully making a contribution as a board member of Vicsport.



**RON GAUCI**

As the current Chair of Vicsport, I am seeking renomination to enable me to continue in that role as we continue to oversee the program behind the Vicsport Strategic Plan.

I am an experienced sports administrator and executive. As a Graduate of AICD, I am also a qualified company director with significant experience in transformational strategy development, execution and knowledge of best practice governance standards across a variety of industries, predominantly sport.

As the former CEO and Executive Director of the Melbourne Storm Rugby League Club, I led the transformation of the club from the major reputational and financial impacts of the Salary Cap rorting saga to what is now one of the most successful sporting organisations in Australia.

As an experienced board member and executive, I have extensive experience in understanding the role of the board and the executive administration and how they should work effectively together. I am experienced in member-based organisations.

I am currently on several other boards as well, and in some cases Chair those boards. I have also held directorships for several other sports related boards including CAMS Foundation, Softball Australia, Melbourne Aces Baseball Club as well as providing advisory services to golf, soccer (football), AFL and ice hockey.

I have a strong commercial background working with many organisations in a consultative capacity assisting them to identify their assets and commercialising them to produce a profitable outcome.



**JAMIE PARSONS**

I would like to introduce myself as a candidate for the Vicsport Board.

I have 30 years experience contributing to the sport, recreation, arts and cultural sectors. I have a business degree, a graduate diploma in law and I am very passionate about growing the sport and active recreation industry in Victoria.

As the CEO at Gymnastics Victoria, a Board Member at Little Athletics Victoria, a Board Member at Football Federation Victoria and in leadership roles at Netball Australia, World Swimming Championships and Deaflympic Games I have demonstrated a leadership style based on sharing of information, bringing people together and examining new ways of doing things.

Examples of this can be demonstrated in my current role as CEO at Gymnastics Victoria. We contribute to the wider sport industry by coordinating the Women in Sport Breakfast (now in its 6th year with 22 sport partners) and support many other sports to grow through inclusion. I have presented at industry events and met with many people to discuss how their sport can strengthen and develop.

I am particularly interested in putting additional resources into sports to help build their capacity and commercial capability, to add my expertise to lobbying government for increased investment in facilities and lobbying government for a Victorian active voucher style system to get more people more active.

I trust that you can support me in my candidacy for the Vicsport Board. I am available on 0437 439 943 if you wish to discuss anything at all.



**ANDREW WALTON**

As a founder of InteractSport in 2001, I have been responsible and involved in all activities encountered from start up to scale up in the role of CEO until 2018. This has progressed from providing online sports management services to now include digital and native mobile platforms and services to grassroots sport for cricket, football, netball, rugby, tennis, hockey and more.

The platforms developed include the capture and processing of data and content for competitions, participants, match officials, volunteers, live score, registrations, livestream content, social and communications for community sport. Through this experience relationships, activities and commercial partnerships have progressed into high level agencies in Australia with Cricket Australia, Netball Australia, Football Federation Australia and Swimming Australia.

Over recent years, I have shifted strategic intent to actively mentoring and supporting key staff to assume CEO and senior management responsibilities in developing skills and capabilities with career advancement aligned to aspirations.

Being passionate about cricket, I am the current Assistant Coach of the Cricket Australia National Blind Cricket Team progressing from Head Coach of the Cricket Victoria Blind Cricket Team. Recently I have been the Head Coach at Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) and completed High Performance Level 3 qualifications with Cricket Australia.

Sports governance experience has been acquired from being a Director to the Boards of:

- Australian Sports Technology Network
- Vicsport, currently Deputy Chairman
- Bowls Australia

In the digital spectrum, I have been a guest on many podcasts discussing aspects of sports technology, start-up culture, mental health, mentoring, coaching and Esports.