



## AGENDA

**Title:** 34<sup>th</sup> SPORTS FEDERATION OF VICTORIA INC (VICSPORT)  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Meeting Location:** City of Melbourne Bowls Club, Flagstaff Gardens, West Melbourne

**Meeting Time/Date:** 4.30pm, 22 November 2016 (immediately following the Vicsport Sports Talk Forum – 2.45pm for a 3.15pm start)

**Distributed by:** Mark McAllion on 2 November 2016

**RSVP:** To register your attendance [click here](#).

Time	Topic	Presenter/Portfolio
4.30pm	<b>1 INTRODUCTION / WELCOME</b> 1.1 Attendance & Apologies	Chairman
	<b>2 MINUTES</b> 2.1 Minutes of previous meeting (Click <a href="#">here</a> to view online)	Chairman
	<b>3 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT</b>	Chairman & CEO
	<b>4 PRESENTATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b>	CEO
	<b>5 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS</b> (paper attached)	Chairman
	<b>6 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2016-17</b>	Chairman
	<b>7 OTHER BUSINESS</b>	Chairman
	<b>8 MEETING CLOSE</b>	Chairman

# VICSPORT

<b>MATTER:</b>	<b>AGM Paper: Election of Directors</b>
<b>FROM</b>	Mark McAllion – CEO
<b>TO:</b>	Vicsport Members
<b>DATE:</b>	2 November 2016

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to confirm the process for election of Vicsport Directors and to provide the profiles of the nominees.

## BACKGROUND

The 34<sup>th</sup> Vicsport Annual General Meeting will be held at 4.30pm 22 November 2016 and business at this meeting includes the election of Directors. Two (2) Directors positions become vacant at this meeting and four (4) nominations were received by the due date for these positions.

As per Vicsport rules, all Vicsport affiliate members (full members) are entitled to one (1) vote. The register of affiliate members is available on the Vicsport website.

Eligible members can receive their voting paper and cast their votes in the ballot box at the venue for the meeting (City of Melbourne Bowls Club) from 3pm. The ballot box will remain open until the Vicsport Chairman presiding at the AGM declares it closed (approximately 4.40pm).

Eligible members will be required to vote for the two (2) nominees they wish to fill the available Director positions.

## NOMINATIONS

The recently established Vicsport Nominations Committee has reviewed the nominations and has endorsed the four (4) nominees as worthy of consideration by members. Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the four (4) nominees and their profiles (as provided by each);

### **RICHARD AMON**

Richard Amon was elected to the Vicsport Board in 2013 and is a current Director.

Richard's current role (commenced November 2015) is CEO of Disability Sport and Recreation (DSR), Victoria's peak body for the disability sport and recreation sector whose mission is to provide and promote positive health outcomes for people with a disability, through participation in sport and recreation. DSR's membership is over 2,700 including over 200 organisations which features many State Sporting Associations, Regional Sports Assemblies and providers in the sport and recreation industry.

Previously Richard spent 10 years in local government (City of Casey), mostly as Manager Sport and Leisure. Key responsibilities included planning for the sporting/leisure needs of a future population of 500,000, management of 45 Recreation Reserves (including Casey Fields) and leisure facilities attracting over 3.5 million visits per year. During this time Richard led strategic partnerships with Melbourne Football Club, Melbourne Stars cricket team and Casey/South

Melbourne Premier Cricket club.

Richard also previously served 18 months as a Senior Sport planning consultant for Stratcorp Consulting covering many projects in urban/rural settings for local government, sporting clubs and State Sporting Associations and 8 years at the University of Melbourne as Manager of the Sports Centre including 4 months as Acting Director.

Richard is a keen follower of all sport, but participates in surfing, snowboarding and long distance running having completed six marathons and finished second in his age group at the Australian Masters half marathon in Geelong. Richard is a passionate AFL football volunteer and has coached for four years at the East Malvern Youth Girls Under 18's or St Kilda City Juniors football teams while he also represented the Victorian Amateur Football Association in their state Under 18 team.

Richard's motivation to continue on the Vicsport Board is to continue to raise the profile of local government's key role in the sports industry while also promoting and advocating for a range of inclusion issues including supporting people with disability and gender equity.

Richard's qualifications include a Bachelor of Applied Science (Phys. Ed), Graduate Diploma (Exercise & Sports Science) and a Graduate Diploma (E-Business).

## **RON GAUCI**

Over the past few decades, I have developed a reputation as a dynamic businessman taking on some of the most difficult commercial and brand reputational challenges. During a diverse executive career, I have helped organisations adapt to change and disruptive competition in multiple industries and sectors. A veteran of the global technology and innovation industry, I have held senior leadership roles in ASX & NYSE listed, global multinational, joint venture and government organisations, as well as directorships in a range of not-for-profit and startup ventures. I have also led enterprises in the sport, entertainment and education industries. My ability to identify growth potential, re-energise culture and build profitable businesses led to several high-profile turnarounds that have cemented my reputation as a transformation agent.

Very recently, I completed a fifteen month tenure as Interim CEO of Melbourne's iconic Federation Square. I was invited into the organisation to provide the Board with insight and oversight of the business which had commercial challenges in its plans to become self sufficient financially and relevant in a competitive contemporary landscape. I worked with the team, as well as relevant commercial and government stakeholders to identify Fed Square's assets, developing a plan to commercialise those that were capable of delivering significant revenue growth and profitability. The Master Plan that was developed with the team to grow the appeal and financial sustainability of Fed Square was described as visionary and inspirational.

Immediately prior to Fed Square, I was the Interim CEO of Melbourne Polytechnic (formerly Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE). The Institute's 2013 financial results signalled the critical need for the Board to take action to rescue in a sustainable way this one hundred year old educational institution and secure its future within the highly competitive education sector. Today, Melbourne Polytechnic stands strong and proud once again. I was sought out specifically for the role to develop a successful recovery and transformation strategy with the objective of appointing a new CEO to then continue the change process.

Prior to that, I was CEO & MD of the Melbourne Storm Rugby Club, which in April 2010, was embroiled in the Salary Cap scandal that rocked the sporting world. Having successfully delivered the Club to exceeding its commercial metrics to record levels, News Ltd. was able to meet its objective of divesting of the whilst securing a Minor Premiership in 2011 and the NRL Premiership in 2012. What was one of the biggest scandals in Australian sporting history became one of the most remarkable sporting recoveries.

Previously I have held senior management and executive positions in some of the world's largest multinational and domestic technology organisations including Microsoft, Telstra, IBM and Verizon Business. I am a Graduate of AICD, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and an

ambassador for SportsConnect and WeLoveNumbers. I am also a former Director on the Board and Victorian Chairman of the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA), a former member of the International CEO Forum and held a position on the Board of Governors for the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM). I currently sit on a number of Boards including Softball Australia and the Confederation of Australian Motor Sports (CAMS) Foundation, as well as providing advisory services to a number of others. Previous Board roles include Chairman of the Melbourne Aces Baseball Club and Sanctuary Lakes Golf Club. I also mentor a number of young entrepreneurs.

I am married with five children and five grandchildren. I have a long history of active involvement in sport, as well as a keen passion for golf and music including being a member of the executive band Big Kahuna. I am an avid supporter and member of the Essendon Football Club, Melbourne Victory and Melbourne Storm.

I believe that my extensive experience in sport and indeed across a number of industries means that I can bring value to Vicsport and its members which is something I am deeply committed to.

### **DARREN MCLEOD**

With a strong background in sports facility and events management, I have over 20 years experience across the sport/leisure, major events and entertainment industries.

Establishing my early career at some of Melbourne's leading sport and leisure facilities, including a role as part of the start-up management team of the Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre (MARC), my experience has also included senior roles within local government (Monash City Council), sports governing bodies (Lifesaving Victoria, Tennis Australia), leisure facility management groups (YMCA & RANS Management) and within the higher education sector (Monash University).

Moving to London (UK) in early 2004, I took up a role with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), where I was a part of the event management team for the Wimbledon Tennis Championships (2004 and 2005). This experience, led to my time spent (3 years) in Macau (China) as part of the start-up management team of Cotai Arena, a 15,000 seat stadium located within The Venetian Macau Resort Hotel/Casino, where I was responsible for the establishment and delivery of arena services and logistics, for an array of world-class sports and entertainment events, including NBA basketball matches, boxing and martial arts bouts, and tennis exhibition matches.

In my current role as Deputy Director of Sport at Monash University, I am charged with responsibility for business operations and strategic management activities across 3 campuses (Clayton, Caulfield and Peninsula), overseeing the delivery of a wide range of sport, health and wellness programs, via varying participation options, including elite sporting representation, club sport, social sport and informal sport/recreation opportunities.

Home to over 50 University Sports clubs (with over 4500 members and 650 club volunteers), which train and compete in a wide range of sports, I am privileged as part of my current role to work alongside these club committees, in providing expert advice, assistance and support in the administration and governance of club activities.

With the Clayton campus boasting one of Victoria's largest multi-sport precincts, including both indoor and outdoor sports facilities, my role also includes developing effective partnerships and access opportunities with varying state sport industry bodies/agencies, and has included events/programs delivered by ACHPER, Aquatics and Recreation Victoria, Girl Sports Victoria, Hockey Victoria, Cricket Victoria and Football Federation Victoria.

As an avid sports fan and participant, I am a devoted Melbourne Football Club (Demons) supporter, and enjoy playing golf, squash, AFL 9's, running, and entering community swimming events, having completed my first Lorne Pier to Pub swim in 2015.

As a father of 2 young boys, my involvement with sport continues as a dedicated volunteer/coach, through my son's many sporting activities, including Surf Life Saving – Nippers (Edithvale Life Saving Club), and AFL Auskick (Aspendale).

**Formal Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement) – Victoria University  
Graduate Diploma in Sports Business – Victoria University. Subjects completed included Sport and Finance, Sports Industry Issues, Sport Event Management

**ANGELA WIJERATNE**

As President/Chair of the CVI Board for the past three years, I have led the team through a period of significant change and development.

With a focus on implementing Good Governance best practice, the sport has benefitted from the Board's governance work including:

- Completion of a Good Governance Review
- Committee of Management change to a Board of Governance and constitutional changes arising from this change.
- Terms of Reference developed for every sub-committee - 6 in total  
\*Sub-committee support around succession planning, revised structures, and implementing meeting and conduct protocol.
- Policy and procedures structures
- Introduction of a Compliance Committee

Enjoying positive increase in membership, I have led the sport through a Stakeholder Review and Strategic Planning Process, resulting in a three-year strategic plan that is targeted, strategic and measurable and aims to build a stronger, more professional sport.

My love for calisthenics began at the age of 9 when I joined the Dandenong Calisthenics Club's Junior team under the guidance of club coach Julie Waite. My family moved to England two years later, but my passion for the sport never faded, and when I became a mother many years later, I enrolled my daughter into St Gerard's Calisthenics club at the age of 5.

During my 22 years at St Gerard's (now Narre Warren Calisthenics Club) I held the positions of President, Vice President and General Committee Member and have actively supported the club, my daughter now coaches at Narre Warren Calisthenics Club.

I am now enjoying calisthenics as a Grandmother, with my granddaughter Remy performing at Berwick Calisthenics Club; I really have experienced calisthenics from a variety of perspectives.

Professionally, myself, my husband and son run a successful accounting practice. I currently hold the position of Practice Manager co-coordinating administration staff on a daily basis, formulating policies and procedures, engaging with clients and all administration duties associated with the accounting and financial industry; including dealing with government bodies in the Australian Taxation Office, Australian Securities and Investment Commission and other accounting bodies. Most recently I have branched out in advising our clients on Corporate Governance strategies to enhance productivity and compliance.

Additionally, I administer Aus-Lanka South Cricket Tours we are a business that conduct tours to Sri Lanka and Asia for the past 10 years, I also volunteer on the Board of Management of the Singthi Sevana Children's Home – Colombo Sri Lanka – raising funds for the betterment of abandoned children in Sri Lanka.

In 2015 I won the Victorian Women's Good Governance Scholarship through Women on Boards. I have used this scholarship to complete and graduate in the Australian Institute of Company Director's Course.

I have been married for 34 years to Hilary Wijeratne who arrived in Australian from his homeland in Sri Lanka when he was 12 years old. We have three adult children and 4 grandchildren. My passion is travel and enjoy the delights of this as much as we can.

Also please note that all nominees will have the opportunity to provide a 3 minute introduction/presentation at the AGM if they wish.

If members have any queries regarding the 2016 AGM or the election process please don't hesitate to contact me directly on 0432 426 477.



**Mark McAllion**  
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