

Squash Vic Board Nomination

My name is Karen Cagliarini (nee Morrissey), aged 44, and I currently reside in outer North-western Melbourne with my husband and son. I have a Bachelor of Education in Primary and Secondary teaching and am currently a Leading Teacher for eLearning and Instructional Practice at Melton Secondary College.

I have extensive experience in the squash industry including operating a squash centre for the past 15 years, 28 years as an active and accredited coach/coach educator, and various administration roles with Squash Vic such as Development Officer and Development Manager. As a player, I have represented Victoria and Australia, won a Victorian Open title and achieved a world ranking of 36.

Coaching appointments include Head Coach of the Victorian Institute of Sport Squash Program and multiple state and national team positions over the past 20 years, with a current accreditation as Talent Development coach. I was also honorary State Coaching Director and member of the Professional Squash Coaches Associations of Victoria and Australia, including more than 10 years as a serving member of each committee.

Currently I am one of only 2 Victorians qualified by Squash Australia as a presenter, assessor and mentor. My contributions to coach education in Victoria and Australia include developing junior programs such as Totball and Oz Squash, creating a range of coaching resources and delivering many coaching courses and workshops. I have also presented at state, national and international coaching conferences.

Having been involved in the sport for 36 years I have had the opportunity to work with highly motivated and passionate people who made significant positive contributions to the growth of the sport. To see the decline in venues, active coaches and participants over recent years is both alarming and heart breaking.

I have great passion for the promotion and development of the sport with a particular interest in juniors and coaching at all levels. I believe that with my experiences and qualifications I would bring a valuable perspective to the board which is representative of many stakeholders. I hope to work with a team who can direct their energy into reuniting the whole industry towards growing squash & racquetball together in exciting and innovative ways that appeal to a new generation of life-long participants in our great sports.