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Squash & Racquetball Victoria

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S&RV Board Nomination

Dear S&RV members,

I am writing to confirm I wish to stand for election for S&RV Board

My nomination form for the S&RV signed by Melton, together with my CV and statement supporting my nomination are attached.

I have been involved in our sport in many facets - player, coach, President of Womens International Squash Players Association, Vice President of World Squash Federation, Squash Australia Board, as well as commentator, MC and now I get to see things from the other side.....as a squash court builder.

My involvement in squash court building is my current business in Australia and Oceania region, but will not effect my ability to make decisions for the growth and development of our sport in the state of Victoria.

My birth date is 1st December 1968, making me 50 years old. I'm a member at Kooyong and Bentleigh.

It would be an honour to represent my state and follow in the foot steps of many wonderful people who have held this position in previous years.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding my willingness to stand.

Thank you



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I'm standing for Board Member of Squash & Racquetball Victoria for a number of reasons. Not only was I encouraged by a number of people, but felt the timing was right.

Many of you may remember me as a professional squash player....some of you may know I still play the occasional pennant, masters, racquetball events and little bit of coaching.

Retiring from professional squash a number of years ago I've kept very involved by coaching, MCing, commentating and promoting. I currently coach Christine Nunn and am on the Discipline panel for the PSA. And now, some of you may realise I'm currently Vice President of the World Squash Federation.

I still love to travel and play squash, so my connections with local and regional squash clubs, players and people is still very high.

Currently...I'm a business woman. My husband and I build, design and renovate squash courts all over the Oceania region. This allows me the opportunity to meet and rekindle old acquaintances and friendships with court owners, players, associations and councils not only in Victoria but all over Australia.

I largely, make my living from the business of squash....and I'm passionate about it.

Unfortunately, I am unable to be at the S&RV AGM as I am overseas committed to the World Squash Federation attending board meetings in Lisbon, Portugal and unfortunately the dates clash.

I don't like breaking commitments, even if it may cost me your vote.

Importantly, a number of years ago I was on the Squash Australia Board, Director of WSF Athletes Commission, represented WSF at IOC headquarters in Lausanne and making the Olympics presentation in Buenos Aires in 2014. I was Chairwoman and President of the Womens International Squash Players Association (WISPA) for over 10 years. I have played important roles in representing women's squash and squash for all players to many levels of government, councils, schools and sponsors and associations, among other achievements.

Some of you might wonder why would I want to be part of Squash and Racquetball Victoria boardthis is my state....we were once a great, strong state in squash. My squash career began here. I was given opportunities here. I learnt my trade here.

Over the last decade and I've formed my own opinions for what is required for our future.

I believe we need to :

- UNITE the sport. Listen and learn from our membership so they want to affiliate again.
- Improve the financial viability of the S&RV
- Place a far greater emphasis on our junior participation and development programs as well as 'squash in schools' programs.
- Improve our communication, image and contact with our membership.
- Improve our coaching and referee programs
- Improve our image and social media output as well as have contact with local media outlets
- Improve our relationship with MSAC - which is an income stream and was our state training centre.
- Work closely with the venues and membership as they are the visual window to our sport.

- Focus on growing participation in our sport....from social to professional, from grassroots to walk ins, from juniors to seniors.
- Increasing and improving squash courts and facilities around the state and develop business plans.
- Continue changing attitudes towards our sport from prospective sponsors, media, and amongst the social players and public.
- Continue to grow social media the public and players.
- Ensure the S&RV committees actually achieve tasks and communicate.
- Re-establish strong relationships with the state government and government agencies.

I want to be part of the future of squash in this state. I think I have a lot to offer with my squash experience, knowledge, past leadership roles

If I am not successful, I will keep on supporting squash and like minded people in the best way I can.

If I am successful, you can expect the highest level of commitment and professionalism from me... because I care about my sport and my state.

I understand politics and politickingbut I am standing for SRV board for the betterment of squash in my state.

You've asked for change. I want to be part of that change.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Fitz-Gerald AM