

# WOMCC Committee profiles

## **KERRI SPILLANE - Chair**

Kerri has a strong background in sales and marketing from extensive experience in the hospitality industry for 12 years attached to five star hotels across Australia. After hospitality she joined the advertising industry and worked for 13 years with Shop-A-Docket, the market leader in supermarket docket advertising, distributing more than 86 million advertisements each week where she was the leading saleswoman in Australia, securing over \$1 million in sales.

Having had her own company, SilverSpoon Services, offering contracting sales and marketing services to a range of clients and working in publishing and group buying, Kerri now works for Hardie Grant Media, one of Australia's largest independent publishers of books and custom magazines.

Kerri loves all sport and is not only an MCC member; she is a member of the Essendon Football Club, Essendon Women's Network, Women's Golf Victoria and the VRC. Other interests include wining, dining, theatre and movies with a collection including all the Oscar winners back to 1928. She loves golf and fulfilled a dream in 2003 by attending the British Open.

Kerri has been a member of the WOMCC since its inception in 2005 and joined because of her passion for networking and meeting new people and to encourage sponsors to support the group's aim and more women MCC members to enjoy the facilities of our wonderful club.

Kerri is very proud to be the third Chair of WOMCC following Clare Cannon.

## **JANE NATHAN - Founding Chair**

Jane barracks for Melbourne and with husband Tony they have five demons of their own.

Jane has a business based on varied experiences in retailing with Myer Melbourne, teaching physical education, marketing organisations and local government as a mayor of Hawthorn and a commissioner at Brimbank. Jane is also a mediator with the Small Business Commission, a member of the MAV Councillor Conduct Panel and a marketing workshop leader with State Government Small Business.

Jane is respected for her commitment to communities; this was acknowledged with the awarding of a Centenary Medal for Distinctive Services to Local Government and in her selection as one of Boroondara's 150 Significant People in 2004.

Jane is a governor on the St Vincent's Hospital Foundation, president of The Australian Population Institute and Hawthorn Community Chest. She is also the first woman committee member of the Melbourne Cricket Club and was president of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association, where she was appointed one of three Life Fellows in May 2000. She was the driving force behind the establishment of WOMCC in 2005.

## **TONI BURBANK - Deputy Chair**

Toni is married with three adult children, two sons and a daughter. All are members of the MCC and enjoy coming to both the cricket and the football. Toni and her husband Michael never miss a Melbourne match at the MCG. The whole family are all enthusiastic members of the Melbourne Football Club and are involved in volunteer work for the club.

Toni's professional experience is in advertising with McCann Erickson, then in television as assistant to the Creative Director, and as a Production Assistant at Channel 9.

An avid sports player Toni has played golf since her teenage years. Toni is an active member of Metropolitan Golf Club where she has served on the ladies committee, the men's and women's Pennant Management Group and has been playing pennant for over 30 years. Toni also plays bridge and tennis as a member of the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis club.

Toni spent over twenty years as a member of the Springfield Auxiliary raising money for The Australian Institute for the Blind. She is a Life Member of Old Girls Schools Challenge Golf Cup committee representing Firbank.

Most recently, Toni was on the organising committee for the Royal Children's Hospital presentation of Opera in the Roses.

She is delighted to be an inaugural member of WOMCC Committee and enjoys supporting all the group's events and encouraging wide networking amongst members.

#### **NICOLE HALL - Secretary**

Nicole is a passionate sports fan and attends as many events at the MCG as possible. She is a regular attendee at Essendon MCG matches, football finals and cricket in all its forms. Nicole enjoys the Boxing Day Test and often takes advantage of the other benefits MCC membership provides including the Commonwealth Games and Bledisloe Cup. An avid Essendon supporter, she is also a member of the Essendon Football club and Women's Network.

Nicole holds a Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management) from Monash University and is currently completing her Graduate Diploma in Psychology. Nicole works in an international consulting company as the Global Lead for Senior Executive Gender Diversity and Outsourcing Recruitment. Nicole is passionate about the career advancement of females and strives to ensure women network and take advantage of the opportunities afforded to them.

Nicole is also an active member of the VRC regularly attending race meetings at Flemington. She likes to keep fit, going to the theatre and enjoys learning about wine.

Nicole is delighted to have joined the committee of WOMCC and is keen to be involved with the continued growth and development of the group. She is particularly enthusiastic about supporting development opportunities for women through various community projects.

#### **MELANIE MONK - Treasurer**

Melanie is an avid Melbourne Football Club member and attends many games throughout the football season including all Demons games at the MCG as well as most finals matches. She

rarely misses the Boxing Day Test and attends as many of the one-day and Twenty20 matches as she can. Melanie comes from a family of MCC members and Demon supporters. She was nominated for membership of the MCC immediately after the waiting list was opened to women in the early 80s. She is a keen MCC member and has attended a number of the MCC Young Member functions.

Melanie holds a Bachelor of Business (Financial Planning) from RMIT. She works in a boutique financial planning practice in Melbourne and is passionate about her clients and enjoys assisting them to achieve their financial goals and objectives. She has worked in financial planning for over 10 years and has filled a number of roles within the same organisation; corporate superannuation specialist, insurance manager and financial advisor.

Melanie has an interest in most sports, being involved in basketball, football and athletics throughout her school years. She likes to keep fit, go to the theatre and spend time with friends and family especially while enjoying good food and wine.

She is delighted to have joined the committee of WOMCC and is keen to become involved in the development of opportunities for women, particular young women, within sport and business, whether through participation, coaching, team management, development roles or business roles.

## **LIZ CHAPLIN**

Liz is a resident of East Melbourne and has really embraced this beautiful suburb especially as it is just a short stroll to the MCG.

Liz trained at the Royal Children's Hospital and retired from the Nursing Profession in 2007 after holding charge nurse appointments in busy hospitals including St. Andrews Presbyterian Hospital East Melbourne, Hartwell and Waverley private hospitals.

During her time on the East Melbourne Group Inc. (EMG) committee as Convenor of Parks and Gardens, she represented the organisation on working committees leading up to the Commonwealth Games for the redevelopment of the MCG and for the building of the William Barrack Railway Bridge over the Jolimont Railway train lines.

She enjoys playing bridge regularly and most of all she enjoys her membership of the Melbourne Cricket Club and Melbourne Football Club attending cricket and football games and taking part in WOMCC planning and various activities.

Liz has been an MCC member for 27 years and was one of the first women to be inducted into the MCC as a full member. Her husband Brian is a guide with the MCC and all of the family are MCC and Melbourne Football Club members.

## **ELIZABETH SYLE**

Elizabeth was born in Melbourne, which means she has sport in her blood.

After attending Ruyton Girls School, she completed a bachelor and then a masters of education at Melbourne University and has taught locally in private schools in both Melbourne and Geelong for over twenty-five years, as well as teaching in London.

She was head of middle school in a Melbourne private school, where as well as her management and teaching roles, she enjoyed mentoring younger teachers and students. Elizabeth now works as a casual relief teacher in both private and government schools.

Elizabeth plays competition tennis weekly, social golf and is a regular gym participant. She has attended Wimbledon many times, follows the cricket and enjoys AFL football, attending games at MCG and Etihad Stadium for many additional matches, as well as those of her club – North Melbourne.

Her memberships include: MCC since 1983, North Melbourne Football Club, the Davis Cup Foundation, and the Federation Cup Foundation. Professionally she is a member of the Victorian Institute of Teaching and the Victorian Independent Education Union.

She is passionate about the development of young people and has been actively involved in the WOMCC initiative with young Sudanese women. She also tutors children who may be having difficulty at school and is a volunteer leader with a Girl Guide Group.

Outside of work and sport, Elizabeth enjoys travelling overseas each year, great food and wine, the theatre and movies and the networking and new friendships formed through the WOMCC.

## **JULIE DAVIS**

Julie is a lawyer practising at the Victorian Bar. She specialises in land development and local government law and regularly appears before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal in its various jurisdictions. Julie is actively involved in law institute committees in her area of interest.

Moving to Brighton from Gippsland as a teenager, Julie's father chose St Kilda as the team for the family to support. She recalls attending games at Moorabbin, the then home ground, many years ago. Not to be one-eyed, she also has an interest in Geelong. She enjoys the summer visits to the MCG for the cricket and catching up with friends in the great facilities now available to members of the MCC.

Julie is a keen sailor and member of the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, previously a director, committee member and Rear Commodore. Julie has completed three Melbourne to Hobart yacht races (Westcoasters), notably in December 1998 with the only all female crew to have competed in this race, coming second overall. She competes in weekend races on the bay and in the Women in Sailing Competition sponsored by the Sandringham Yacht Club.

Julie enjoys her involvement with Women of the MCC and the opportunities it provides to support women in sport, as well as encouraging women members to make the most of the MCC. She encourages all members and friends of members of the MCC to participate in the outstanding functions organised by Women of the MCC, and the profiling of women in sport. Julie's other interests include bike riding, the arts, and the Spring Racing Carnival.

## **MARGOT FOSTER**

Margot Foster is a lawyer, Olympian and sports administrator. She runs her own legal firm which operates in a diversity of practice areas. She won a bronze medal at the 1984 Los

Angeles Olympic Games and a gold medal at the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in rowing.

Since the end of her active rowing career, which she managed in parallel with her legal practice, she has served, and continues to serve, on numerous boards and committees many of which are sport related. They include government appointments to the Australian Sports Commission, its New Zealand equivalent SPARC as well as committees of the Australian Olympic Committee, Rowing Australia, Rowing Victoria, Australian University Sport, Gymnastics Australia, Vicsport, Melbourne University Boat Club, PLC School Council, Trinity College (University of Melbourne) Board of Management, National Parks Advisory Council, the Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust among many others. Her most recent appointment in mid-2011 was to the board of Vichealth.

Margot is a member of the Football Federation Victoria Discipline Tribunal Panel and in 2009 was the panel member of the year. In 2011 she received the Australian & New Zealand Sports Law Association's Contribution to Sport Award for services to the law and sport.

Margot became an MCC member in 2004, (her father not having the foresight to retain his ladies' ticket!) and was delighted to join WOMCC in 2007.

### **MARY ANNE HARTLEY S.C.**

Mary Anne joined the MCC when membership was opened to women in 1983 with a kind friend providing his ladies' ticket for conversion to "provisional" membership.

She and her son and daughter, also MCC members, follow a long family tradition as Magpie supporters. They also love summer days at the cricket.

Mary Anne is a barrister and company director. Currently she is an essential services commissioner and chairman of the Law Aid Trust. In recent years she served as a director of Melbourne Water, Port of Melbourne Corporation and BreastScreen Victoria. She was awarded a Centenary Medal for services to governance and the law.

She has no sporting achievements to report, but loves playing social tennis.

### **TRACEY WARDILL**

Dr Tracey Wardill is a clinical neuropsychologist. She runs a private practice servicing public and private health providers across Melbourne and Gippsland. She has worked extensively in metropolitan hospitals and clinics and was Deputy Director of Neuropsychology at Austin Health. Her PhD research focused on the impact of the aging process on memory and thinking processes. In 2008 she was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study young onset dementia in the U.S.A and U.K.

Tracey has a long family history with the MCC. Her great, great uncle, Major Ben Wardill, was the longest serving secretary of the club and an Honorary Life Member. Her great grandfather was secretary of the club and the first batsman to make a first class century on the ground. Her grandfather was captain of Melbourne in 1900 when they won their first premiership.

Given her family history it is not surprising that Tracey is an avid Melbourne supporter. She also enjoys the cricket and loves sailing annually in Asia with her brother, Jon Wardill, on his boat 'Australian Maid'.

She has been a member of the MCC since the first intake of women in 1984, and is proud to continue her family's association with the club through her membership of the WOMCC committee.