



**The Honourable Stephen Conroy  
– President**

*Retirement from Parliament* Senator, The Honourable, Stephen Conroy announced his resignation from Parliament in a speech tabled on 15 September 2016, to take effect 30 September. After 20 years of distinguished service, including in a number of Ministerial roles, Stephen drew his time in parliament to a close.

*History in Parliament*

With the previous Labor Government, Stephen was appointed Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Productivity in September 2010. He was also Leader of the Government in the Senate during this time.

Stephen was appointed as a Senator for Victoria for the Australian Labor Party in 1996. Previously he was an industrial officer and superannuation officer for the Transport Workers Union Victorian Branch from 1992 to 1996, a ministerial adviser to Victoria's Minister for Industry from 1990 to 1992 and an assistant adviser to the Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1988 to 1990.

In late 2016, Stephen was appointed CEO of an industry association for Australian and international companies, utilising his considerable experience with all levels of government.

Stephen and his wife live in Melbourne with their daughter. Also, a sports nut, Stephen was a national volleyball representative as a teenager.

Stephen was elected to the Board in 2005 and shortly after was elected President. He has provided 10 years continuous Board service in this time.



**Elizabeth Tupper  
– Vice President**

*Professional History*

Elizabeth has more than 25 years working in the creative industries, including as Managing Director of Orchestra Victoria, and has many years' experience in government.

*Current Status*

Elizabeth is currently at the Melbourne Business School researching organisational behaviour and human resource management focusing on workforce diversity. In 2017, Elizabeth will commence a Masters of Clinical Psychology at the University of Melbourne.

She brings to the Board experience in governance, human resource management, strategy and business planning.

Elizabeth is also the Chair of Speak Percussion and is a Board member of The Substation. Her interest in volleyball commenced in her youth when she played the sport, including as a representative of the ACT.

*History with Volleyball Victoria Inc*

Elizabeth has provided 6 continuous years of service on the Board as a co-opted and elected member since 2010.



**Brendan Fleiter**  
– Director Officer

*Professional History*

Brendan has over 25 years business experience including as Chairman and non-executive and executive director over the past 15 years on the boards of ASX listed companies, large private and unlisted public companies, large Government Business Enterprises and not-for-profit and philanthropic organisations in sport, public health and education.

Brendan has also held senior management roles in national retail and telecommunications companies in Australia over more than a decade including as CEO of The Crazy John's Group, which was acquired by Vodafone Australia in 2008. Prior to his management roles Brendan spent 15 years in the legal profession practising in commercial law.

*Current Status*

Brendan is currently the Chairman of Kennards Hire and Chairman of Walnut Melbourne. He is a non-executive director of Interactive, Volleyball Victoria and Australian Food Allergy Foundation. He is also a mentor to several Senior Executives.

*History with Volleyball Victoria Inc*

-Brendan was elected to the Board in 2010. His five years of continuous service has focused on the financial controls of the organisation.



**Paul Freckleton**  
– Director Ordinary Member

*Professional History*

Paul has been involved in volleyball for the best part of his life and represented Victoria as a junior. He has an undying passion for the sport and has been heavily involved with Sunraysia Volleyball Inc (SVI) for many years as a player, coach and Development Officer (current).

A self-employed horticulturalist growing wine grape varieties together with his wife Katrina, they also operate 'Freck's Vine Nursery', a wholesale supplier of grape vines to all areas of this industry.

Paul and Katrina are also partners with Paul's parents in owning and operating the 'Bushman's Rest Caravan Park', situated on the banks of Lake Cullulera, Sturt Highway, west of Mildura

*History with Volleyball Victoria Inc*

Paul was elected to the Board in 2010 and served for two years before stepping down due to other commitments; he then re-nominated and was re-elected in 2015.



**Ian Jenkins**  
**– Director Ordinary Member**

*Professional History*

Ian has worked in the Sport and Recreation industry for over 13 years and is currently the Centre Manager of Casey Stadium which is managed by YMCA Victoria. He has previously managed leisure facilities in numerous municipalities including South Gippsland, Bass Coast, Cardinia, Knox and the Greater City of Dandenong.

Originally from regional Victoria, Ian has been involved as a committee member at Korumburra Volleyball, coach with the Gippsland Academy of Sport and player with Latrobe Valley, Korumburra and Bairnsdale Volleyball which has seen him be heavily involved in regional volleyball right across Eastern Victoria.

Currently playing and coaching with Monash University Volleyball which he has done so for over ten years, Ian has competed at all levels in state league. For the past ten years he has been an active committee member with Monash University.

*History with Volleyball Victoria Inc*

Ian was originally co-opted on to the Board in 2014; he was then formally elected to an ordinary position in 2015.



**Christie Jenkins**  
**– Director Ordinary Member**

Christie is a current beach volleyball player who plays at an international level as part of the Australian team. Prior to playing beach volleyball, she represented Australia in both the sports of Trampoline and CrossFit for many years - ending up ranked in the top ten athletes in the world. Her interest in sport runs deep both from the perspective of an athlete, but also with her experience coaching, judging, and mentoring younger athletes.

Professionally, Christie is a management consultant and has advised leaders from large Australian companies including ANZ, CBA, Virgin Australia, Bupa, the Government and a number of others. She is currently working as a senior consultant in the strategy team at Bupa.

In addition to consulting, Christie also does motivational speaking and workshops for schools, sporting clubs and corporate teams to help individuals develop the mindset needed to perform with excellence. She holds a double degree in Economics and Arts from Monash University.

*History with Volleyball Victoria Inc*

Christie joined the board in 2018.



**Grant Hyde**  
**– Director Co-opted**

*Professional History*

Grant was born and educated in Western Australia before moving to Victoria with Deloitte in the 1985. He transferred to the London office of Deloitte from 1990 to 1996 where he worked on acquisitions, divestments and capital raisings, before returning to Melbourne. Grant has held a number of state and national leadership roles and currently leads the firm's services to a number of companies in the ASX 100.

Grant has been involved in education and sport over the last 15 years. This included 10 years as Treasurer of a primary school, where as part of the Board they achieved significant improvements in the outcomes of the school for students and parents. This led to the school being “zoned” by the education department. Grant has also served as President of the Caulfield Grammar Basketball's Parent Support Group for 5 years, during which time the boys and girls' team won a number of APS and state titles.

Grant is married and has two sons. His interest in volleyball is through his two sons who are currently involved in the sport. Both sons have been junior Victorian representatives and played State League, with his older son currently being on a volleyball scholarship to a USA college.

*History with Volleyball Victoria Inc*

Grant was co-opted on to the Board in 2015.



**Cori Wilder**  
**– Director Co-opted**

*Professional History*

Cori has 25 years' experience in volleyball including 13 years playing in the USA at an elite junior level, University level and 12 years coaching junior girls volleyball at all levels.

Since in Australia, Cori has developed a successful and ever expanding junior development program for Eastside Hawks and served for three years as President of Melbourne Beaches Volleyball Association.

Cori holds a master's degree in Sports Management, Marketing and Sponsorship with 10 years' experience developing and promoting programs for both not-for-profit sports/fitness organisations as well as elite Olympic sports such as Gymnastics, Diving and Snowboarding.

*Current Status*

Cori is currently the Marketing Manager at Chain Reaction Foundation.

*History with Volleyball Victoria Inc*

Cori was co-opted on to the Board in 2015.



**Lyndall Hunter**  
**– Director Co-opted**

*Professional History*

Lyndall is an NBN Business Specialist with Telstra Corporation, Australia's largest telecommunications and media company and has broad experiences across the Business sector. She has worked across many businesses including the Motor Vehicle Industry, Primary Producing and Professional Services. Her experience includes Sales Management, Operations, Administration, creation and facilitation of sales material and cultural transformation. Lyndall's experiences also include working as the interface between Sales Channel, Product and Marketing Segments

Lyndall was born and raised in country Victoria and was and still is a keen sporting enthusiast playing a variety of sports from basketball, tennis, netball, softball and table tennis. Unfortunately, volleyball was not on offer for her growing up however her two children have both had success in school and State competitions thanks to the wonderful program at Kew High School.

*History with Volleyball Victoria Inc*

Lyndall was co-opted to the Board in 2016.