

Grant Wilkinson: Nomination for Position of Vice President

I have been a member of Elouera SLSC since age 5 and was given life membership of Elouera in 2010. Over that time I have held various positions at club level including Competition Director, Director of Surf Sports, and Vice President and have held the position of Head Coach of Elouera for the past 4 seasons.

I am a level 3 surf coach and in 2001 was commissioned to write the Level 1 & 2 SLSA Coaching Manual. From 2004 to 2007 I was part of the "Athlete's Commission" to SLSA under the chair of Michael King and am currently the NSWASRL president. On several occasions including the 2014-2015 season I have been part of the Surf Boat Panel at both NSW State & Australian Championships and was the Shallow Water Rescue Coordinator for the boat area at this years Australian Championships at Tugun.

I have already served two years on the ASRL committee as Vice President and over that time have helped contribute towards a number of key areas including that the new SHR system be introduced and supported as a means to regulate the need for PPE rather than a blanket 1m surf rule. I have also been involved with other initiatives such as alternative racing formats such as the Head to Head format, Short Course and top 16 "shootout" formats.

The key areas I am interested in developing further are increasing overall participation of rowers and allowing a more open and relaxed approach to competitor involvement in competition as well as including the above mentioned formats as part of the overall competition calendar in some capacity. The other main area I would like to continue to contribute towards is that of coaching and athlete development. This is an area that is continually changing and developing and I believe that a good coaching support network for both rowers and sweeps will help increase retention of current rowers and sweeps as well as recruitment of new rowers and sweeps.