**CHRISTINA FIRTH**

I began my involvement in rowing at Scotch College in 1978 where I was part of the winning Head of the River crew in the inaugural year of Girl’s Events. I followed up with another win in 1979.

I rediscovered the sport again when my daughter began rowing in 2009 and am currently an active masters rower with Phoenix Rowing Club, having represented South Australia in the Women’s State Team in 2014, 2015, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

I worked for Rowing SA for over 3 years from 2009 to 2012 as Regatta Operations / Finance Manager during which time I helped run the Award winning Australian Rowing Championships in 2011.

I have had over 30 years’ experience in Office, Business & Financial Management including Bookkeeping, working in various industries. I have also had experience being on numerous committees past and present which include Secretary - Adelaide Hills Dressage Club, Secretary - Dressage Club of SA, Vice President - Equestrian SA Dressage Council and currently Secretary/Treasurer of Phoenix Rowing Club.

My business and committee experience has resulted in an ability to find practical solutions to complex problems and to steer a middle course between differing and competing opinions and objectives. The key qualities I would bring to the Rowing SA board include a close knowledge of the Rowing SA business as well as the relationship with Rowing Australia.

**JAMIE GRANT**

Jamie has a strong interest in rowing that has grown over the last 10 years, with the involvement of his son and his niece. He believes that if your children are participating in a sport, then the parents should contribute as well, and in Jamie’s case, the sport of rowing has become a passion for his whole family.

Jamie and his siblings operate three family businesses and have done so for the past 30 years. Operating his own business has taught him many skills, such as: financial management, effective communication, marketing & advertising, time management, logistics, corporate due diligence and event management. It is through these skills that Jamie can make a positive and effective contribution to the South Australian Rowing Community.

Jamie has previously held the positions of Vice President and President of the Prince Alfred College Rowing Club. The time spent in these roles led to his interest and successful nomination to the Board of Rowing SA in 2015, and Jamie has enjoyed carrying out the role with due diligence, for the betterment of rowing as a whole in South Australia.

Recently, Jamie secured several business partnerships with Rowing SA, which has significantly boosted Rowing SA’s revenue and connection with the SA business community.

**CATHERINE MCDOUGALL**

I developed a love for rowing through my school years where I was fortunate enough to row for the Wilderness School. From there I was picked up as a coach where I found my true love of the sport in inspiring the next generation.

As a coach I believe in fairness, optimism, and teamwork. With these values I have been incredibly successful in working in and running school programs and am currently the Head of Rowing at Seymour College.

I have been an active member of the Pathway and State Teams from 2014 until 2019 which enabled me to really involve myself in the South Australian rowing community. Sitting on the Adelaide Rowing Club Committee for the last 2 years has given me the opportunity to see athletes at all levels and assist in their growth. This varied involvement in the community, I believe would give me the unique skill to bridge the gap between the South Australian Directors of Rowing and the Rowing South Australia Board. I also have the perspective of a coach, assistant state team manager and athlete which gives me the ability to speak for all. In addition, I can also offer my insight to the daily community life and concerns of Rowing SA.

In seeking this position, I wish to ensure the policies and procedures are in place to support our athletes throughout their rowing journey, whether it be at state level, school level or club level. I also want to hold people accountable for their actions and see real positive change in the South Australian rowing community.