

GEEBUNG SKI CLUB

2020 DIRECTOR NOMINEES

SHAUN BRANAGAN

Shaun Branagan has been a member of Geebung for over 30 years. During his uni days he was an instructor at Perisher but now prefers skiing at Thredbo with his two boys, Miles and Xavier who are also keen skiers and Geebung members. Other interests include surfing and sailing. Shaun is the Creative Director of an advertising agency and lives in Wollstonecraft with his wife, Louise.



NADIA EVANS

My name is Nadia Evans and I have been an enthusiastic skier (and après skier!) for most of my life. I have been a Geebung member since I was eight years old and regularly stay at both Perisher and Thredbo in summer and winter.

I studied Medicine at the University of NSW and am currently completing my specialist training in Paediatric Medicine. One of the great joys of my job is problem solving to meet the needs of my patients and their families – a transferrable skill which would serve me well in helping the Geebung Committee address the needs of its many members. I get along with people from a large variety of backgrounds, am organised, and my experience in the medical field means that I function exceptionally well in a team environment. I am used to finding practical solutions to problems, and considering and expressing many different points of view. Through involvement in my family's real estate business, I also have some business exposure and real estate management experience. Most importantly, I am enthusiastic, have time to offer, and am keen to give back the club which I have loved being a part of for the past twenty years. I believe I would be particularly useful in helping continue the Committee's work in engaging and involving younger members in club life and activities.



BONNIE FORSYTH

Bonnie Forsyth is a 26 year old advertising director living in Sydney. She has been skiing and staying at Geebung since she was a young child. Her mother, Sarah Taylor, and grandmother Joyce Taylor have both been active members before her. Geebung Lodge in Thredbo feels like a second home to Bonnie and she would love to be involved with furthering and preserving the wonderful nature of this community.

As a potential member of the committee, Bonnie feels like she can bring both her design and marketing skills to the table. If there were ever to be design work needed for Geebung she would happily take part. She also sees an opening for Geebung to have a stronger social media presence that could encourage new members and keep current members in touch. This is naturally part of her skill set which she would be excited to share.

Overall Bonnie feels like she can bring in a young voice to the committee that sees a bright future for Geebung. She wants to respect the historic nature of our lodge, maintain the friendly community



atmosphere we have between families and friends and work together with other members to make improvements where needed.

MATT GILLINGS

I have been a proud member of Geebung for 7 years and grew up in the club via my families membership which now exceeds 40 years. I also consider many fellow members as some of my closest friends.

If I don't hold the record for most nights stayed at the club over the past 7 years - I might be second....

My affinity with snow sports and Thredbo began when I learnt to ski on Friday Flat at age 3. I was a successful racer in high school and university, a sponsored professional freestyle snowboarder for the best part of a decade and did 10 back to back seasons as a coach/instructor in Whistler, North Star and Perisher.

More recently, with a career in management consultancy and digital marketing - I believe I have the required skillset to assist Geebung navigate itself into a new era.

I have honed my committee management experience through 9 years at the Palm Beach Surf Club and on strata committees. I'm well aware of the complexities and challenges that arise when managing budgets, expectations and motivations of multiple stakeholders.

As a passionate member of the Geebung Ski Club, I believe that it's imperative, as an overarching goal, to ensure that Geebung remains a community that all members are excited to be part of now and in the further - whilst maintaining an economically sufficient, efficiently run and a wonderful place to stay.

If selected onto the committee one of my first initiatives will be addressing the need for a contemporary website and booking tool that efficiently services the needs of members and the committee. I will also be focussed on building an activity calendar (both summer and winter) for our community as well as driving a 10 year vision and plan for our great club. I would appreciate you considering me for the committee.



RICHARD GRATION

Richard Gration is a barrister practising in commercial law in Sydney. Before becoming a lawyer, Richard was a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force for 15 years and then for five years he was the head of the IT Branch of the Commonwealth Department of Administrative Services. While he was in the RAAF, Richard had the 'arduous' additional duty for three years of being the manager of the Australian Defence Force ski racing team competing against the British and European military ski teams at the annual competition held at various ski resorts in France and Austria!

Richard has been a member of Geebung for 30 years and is keen skier, staying at the Geebung lodge at least one week each year during that time. He has often assisted resolving IT issues at the lodge over the years and is enthusiastic about continuing the excellent work that has been done over recent years improving the amenity of the lodges and making them an even more welcoming place for members and their guests.



GEORGE I.M. HAMILTON

George Hamilton was elected to the committee in the mid 80's. He was elected Chairman after his father, the founding Chairman Hugh Hamilton, stepped down in 2002.

George has three children (all members) with skiing and snowboarding being of great interest to the family. George has been actively enjoying the sport his entire life.

George currently manages the family farm in Mudgee and has a great passion for regenerative agriculture. He is also involved in the Pub Industry.

George, like his father, has shown extraordinary dedication to Geebung ski club and was given the honor of becoming a Life Member in 2019.



MADELEINE P.H. HAMILTON

Madeleine Hamilton is the grand-daughter of the founding Chairman and has been a member of the Club since age 3. She was voted on to the Board at age 19 in 2008 and is a keen skier, having skied Australia, Japan and Canada.

Madeleine holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics (Hons) from the University of Sydney and is currently the Head of Membership & Marketing at an Agricultural Peak Industry Body.

Madeleine's responsibilities on the Board cover Membership, Events, Communications and Website Management. She was heavily involved in producing Geebung's 60th Anniversary Celebrations and assists in documenting Geebung's History.



THOMAS KIELY

Thomas Kiely, has been a member of Geebung ski club since 1997, and was elected to join the Geebung committee in 2015. Thomas is a proud member of the Geebung club and has embraced the opportunity to give back to the club and its members. He has been responsible for numerous social competitions within the club, assisting other committee members with their club duties, and providing a voice on behalf of the members to ensure fairness throughout the club.

Tom is an electrical engineer with expertise in Property and Infrastructure, allowing him to provide valuable input into lodge building matters. As one of the younger technology oriented committee members, he brings forward new technologies and solutions to ensure the club is sustainably minded and future ready.

He loves the snowy mountains and regularly uses Perisher and Thredbo throughout both the summer and winter seasons. He has also skied in many resorts around the world including Australia, Canada, and Japan, and has European snow on the bucket list.



GREG MIDDLETON

Greg Middleton joined Geebung in 1976. He has been an active skier both in Australia and abroad. Being a Chartered Accountant and Financial Adviser he offered his services to the Club by becoming Treasurer in 2005. Greg is married and has two daughters (both members of the club). Other interests include yachting.



ROBERT NEWLINDS SC

Robert has been a member of the Club since 1982 and a Committee Member and Club Secretary since 2002. He is a Barrister specialising in commercial law from Banco Chambers in Sydney. Robert is married with three children (his wife and children are all members of Geebung) and lives on the Northern Beaches of Sydney.

Robert sees his role on the committee as ensuring that the governance of the club complies with the law.

In recent times he has been assisting Ross Stanton in relation to the renovations of the Perisher Lodge.



ROSS STANTON

Ross has been a Geebung member since 1972. A lawyer by profession he lives in Randwick. His main area of activity as a Director of Geebung has been in organising updates and repairs to our lodges - which were both designed by Ross's father. He also likes to get groups of our members together for ski touring and fly fishing.

Ross has shown extraordinary dedication to Geebung ski club and was given the honor of becoming a Life Member in 2019.



KERRY WARNER

I have been a member of Geebung Ski Club since 1978. I am keen skier and walker and use the club all year round. My interests are skiing (obviously), hiking, cycling and travel. After raising two sons (both of whom are members) my wife and I try to travel each year to somewhere around the globe we've not been to before.

I spent the first 35 years of my working life in the corporate world working up the corporate ladder to Company Secretary. In 2006 I swapped sides and joined the profession. Now I am the sole partner of a small Accounting / Tax Practice in Five Dock with six staff. I am a Fellow of the Institute of Public Accountants and a Graduate Member of the Institute of Company Directors. My areas of interests include corporate governance, tax compliance and small business and start-ups. I also hold a limited Financial Planners licence.

I live at our home at Concord West with my wife Lesley. We have two grown sons, Matthew and Mitchell. (Matt has flown the coup and Mitchell is still at home).



STEPHEN WAWN

Stephen Wawn is a Foundation Member of Geebung. His wife Jill and their three children Ashley, Gemma and Jeremy are all keen skiers and members of Geebung. Stephen is a Solicitor practising in Edgecliff. Besides skiing his other main interests are competitive sailing and bike riding.

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