

Candidates for the CSG Board

Following are short Bio's for the 5 candidates.
AGM– 14TH February, 2018

1. Candidate: Adrian Russell

Married to Helen - 3 children, two competed for CSG, both National Levels Champions

Shareholder and Managing Director of Plant Research (NZ) Ltd - an R&D plant Genetics Company established in 2000, developing new plant genetics that are licensed in 8 countries I completed my post graduate education at Lincoln University with a Post Graduate Diploma in Agricultural Science with Distinction

First contact with CSG was at the old church at Fitzgerald Ave when the clubs plans to move to QEII were well advanced.

Helped with fundraising, competition set up, restoration of old gear and building new equipment
Designed and implemented CSG's first web page.

Served on Committee's in various roles eventually taking on the President role for 6 years during a transition from a volunteer club to a business sports club model.

President during the planning and implementation of the extension of the QEII facility.

Ran an inclusive and functional Governance board with input from many talented staff and members.

Served on Canterbury gymnastics board and for a short time on Gymsports NZ Board

Team Manager for many CSG team trips to National and International competitions

Transport Manager for Pacific Alliance competition in Christchurch

Life Member of CSG

Civic award for contribution to the extension of the CSG, QEII facility

I feel strongly that a board is for governance. It is there to support the CEO and to ensure that management has the resources they need to meet there objectives and move the club forward. CSG has historically been the number one club in New Zealand and should remain in that position. I am standing to help ensure that the board completes the building of a new facility in an acceptable timeframe and to assist in whatever way I can in general governance issues.

The people that achieved this last time are all still involved along with new enthusiastic and talented people and it's not if but when the facility will be completed.

A new facility will provide CSG with a modern, earthquake protected facility that will see the club continue to thrive and remain the number one Gymsport club in New Zealand.

A put my hand up with the above experience to assist the board to get through this planning and execution phase of the new building development.

2. Candidate: Jane Clark

1. Briefly describe your relationship to CSG.

- *Employee since 1993 (Currently Manager Watts Rd Campus my roll also includes, club funding, Schools Programme Director, Health and Safety Officer, Code Manager, Sanctioned Competitions Event Director.*
- *Life member 1997*
- *Volunteer*
- *Vice President 1995-1997*
- *Chair of the Building Committee 1996-1997*

2. Please outline your relevant experience

Governance -Gymnastics NZ, Regional Board Member 2009-2012

Governance- Canterbury Westcoast Sports Trust (Sport Canterbury)-Board Member 2004-2009

Governance - Canterbury Sports Foundation-Management Committee-2002-2015

Gymsports in Canterbury Charitable Trust-Board & Foundation Member 2011-current

Canterbury Gymnastics Association -10 years
Banking 15 yrs

3. What is your motivation for being on the Board of CSG?

A desire for the club to succeed not only in the gymnastics arena, but also to be upheld as a leader in the Canterbury Sport club environment.

To be able to make a meaningful contribution to a club I care deeply about.

3. Candidate: Grant Harris

1. Briefly describe your relationship to CSG.

My relationship with CSG has been as a parent of 2 MAG gymnasts (now retired) & 1 WAG gymnast. I have been involved in event photography during competitions for the last 2 years.

2. Please outline your relevant experience.

I am the General Manager of Higgs Construction Ltd, bringing fundamental construction skills, knowledge & contacts to the board table. I have been a member of NZ Institute of Building (NZIOB) since 2002, & was the National President for a 2 year term (2015 – 2017). I remain a member of the NZIOB National council (board) as the Immediate Past President. I have been involved in the NZIOB at board level since 2004 at both local and National level.

3. What is your motivation for being on the Board of CSG?

My motivation for my nomination is to ensure that CSG continues on the path that has been forged, where the voice of the members is heard, & CSG continues to fulfil their obligations of the strategic vision.

4. Candidate : Barbara Price

1. Briefly describe your relationship to CSG. I am a parent of a Senior MAG gymnast and wife of one of CSG's senior MAG judges.

2. Please outline your relevant experience:

Within gymnastics I have been a support person and volunteer for 14 years helping with fundraising and catering. I have been parent helper, and chaperone for club competition tours, 5 years as parent helper for the Canterbury MAG team, Manager of the Canterbury MAG team, Team Chaperone/Manager for the NZ MAG team to Sydney and Melbourne Australian Nationals, Head of Delegation for NZ MAG team to Japan Junior International. In my work capacity, I was in Accounting/Lending/Finance and System development at Trust Bank for 20 years. My last position before children was Manager Group Management Information Systems within the executive of the Trust Bank Group. My speciality was in designing systems, processes and procedures. While raising our children, I focussed on volunteer work within the Charities Sector. I was Treasurer and then President of the Christchurch Gifted Children's Assn. I was involved as a pastoral care co-ordinator of St Christopher's Anglican Church. For the last 7 years, I have worked part-time as the Trust Administrator for the Quail Island Trust. Two years ago I agreed to also work part time as the Parish Accountant for St Christopher's Anglican Church bringing their accounting in-house and establishing new systems for them. I work with two Boards of Trustees in my part time jobs, so have a good knowledge of board governance and Charities Commission requirements and obligations.

3. What is your motivation for being on the Board of CSG?

In recent years, the Charities Commission has brought many changes to the For Public Benefit sector and I feel, I have a knowledge of this area which can assist the CSG board. I am a member of FINZ (Fundraisers Institute of NZ) and believe my experience and knowledge of the funding

sector through my Quail Island work can be of assistance as CSG seeks the final stages of funding for the new building.

5. Candidate : Michele Hawke

I, Michele Hawke, have been associated with CSG for 17 years as a coach, a judge a Board member and a life member. I value my relationship with an organisation that is considered a leader not only in gymnastics but in sport in NZ. I am a Life Member of CSG.

I have been a Board member for 15 years. During this time the club has developed into a professionally run, strongly performing organisation and business. I lead the Board through the challenging times of the 2010/2011 earthquakes where the Board made a commitment to firstly the continuity of employment for key staff and secondly to getting the organisation back up and running and remaining viable to give members and our wider community a sense of normality and activities to look forward to in a time of extreme uncertainty. I understand governance and its responsibilities having been on a School Board of Trustees and as a current member of the Hurunui Waiau Zone Water Committee and always endeavour to work collaboratively with people to understand their views and values and make decisions that optimise the outcomes for all members/stakeholders. .

I wish to remain on the Board to ensure CGS is forward thinking, remains a leader in the delivery of gymnastics programmes to our wider community, to share the institutional knowledge I have gained with those who will be new to the Board and to provide stability as we take the club through the process of rebuilding our facility at QEII. It is essential that an organisation such as CSG has a Board that provides strong governance that supports the CEO, ensures the members are the focus of the business and plans strategically for the future. I am self-employed and am fortunate to have the flexibility to commit my time to CSG business when required.

Michele Hawke