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Angela Pippos
Sports Journalist and Radio Personality

Angela grew up in Adelaide and attended the University of Adelaide where she completed an Honours degree in Politics. Her plans were to head to Canberra to become a political journalist but somehow ended up covering sport in Melbourne instead, turning out to be a very good decision.

Angela was with the ABC for 14 years presenting the sports segment on the 7pm news bulletin. Angela then moved to breakfast radio with Sport 927 in 2007 and is still getting used to the 4am alarm.

Her greatest achievement is her first book – *The Goddess Advantage, One Year in the Life of a Football Worshipper*. The book was shortlisted for the Colin Roderick Award for Australian Literature and is now in the hands of a film producer.



The Honourable James Merlino MP
Minister Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs

Minister Merlino was elected MLA for Monbulk in 2002 and re-elected in 2006. He has been Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs since December 2006 and the Minister Assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs since August 2007.

Minister Merlino was a member of the Public Accounts and Estimate Committee between 2003 -2006, and was the Chair of Consumer Credit Review 2005/2006.

Minister Merlino's interests are spending time with wife Megan and daughters Sophie and Emma. He also enjoys reading, arts, his two dogs and the Hawthorn Football Club.



Anne Marie Harrison
Chief Executive Officer Victorian Institute of Sport

Anne Marie Harrison was appointed CEO of the VIS in August 2006 following seven years living and working in Scotland.

Anne Marie came to the position from the role as the inaugural Executive Director of the Scottish Institute of Sport and prior to that she completed six years as the CEO of **vicsport**.

Anne Marie has worked in the sports industry for 29 years covering the spectrum of National & State Sporting Organisations (10 years in the sport of gymnastics), the Olympic movement and Peak Agencies. She has a good understanding of the requirements of the industry from a sporting organisation perspective, elite coaches and athletes, together with the demands from government, the media and sporting community in general.



Mark McAllion
Chief Executive Officer vicsport

With 18 years of sports administration experience, Mark joined **vicsport** as CEO in January 2009. Mark's background is predominately in Game Development and community sport areas having worked with Cricket Victoria, Cricket Australia and Tennis Australia. Most recently Mark was Softball Australia's CEO.

Major highlights of Mark's career include the management of Softball Australia's constitutional reform, initiatives which notably increased cricket participation, the introduction of National Insurance Program, the establishment of Cricket Victoria's Game Development Department and Victorian Cricket Pathway.

Married with two children, Mark is actively involved with his kids' sport, coaching and volunteering at the junior level.

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Todd Harper
Chief Executive Officer
VicHealth

Todd began as Chief Executive Officer VicHealth, in April 2007, following many years in tobacco control.

Prior to taking on his current role, Todd was Quit Victoria's Executive Director from 1999 to 2007. Under his leadership, Quit and the VicHealth Centre for Tobacco Control have developed national and international recognition for their work on tobacco control.

Following various positions for Tasmania's Department of Health and Human Services, including in the area of community housing, Todd worked as Executive Director of the Tasmanian Council on AIDS and Related Diseases.

Todd has a degree in economics, a postgraduate diploma in health promotion and a Masters in health economics.



James Montgomery
Sport & Recreation Victoria

James Montgomery joined Sport and Recreation Victoria as Director – Community Sport and Recreation in December 2008. He is responsible for the delivery of programs and support across the diverse Victorian sport and recreation sector including funding for 10 years, Nicole's community facility development, community programs, and policy and sector development.

James was previously the Director of Office for Youth, competing in six Pan Pacific Championships, winning four gold, two silver and one bronze medal. She also broke a world record in the 200m backstroke (short course) in 1992.

Prior to joining the Department of Planning and Community Development in 2004 James worked in the education sector in a variety of roles relating to young people and mental health.

James is a father of three very active young girls – aged 2, 5 and 7.



Nicole Livingstone
Former Australian Swimmer

Beginning her swimming career at just 14, Nicole Livingstone (formerly Stevenson) will go down as one of Australia's most successful female swimmers.

With a career spanning over 10 years, Nicole's achievements include a silver and two bronze medals from three Olympic appearances; six gold, two silver and a bronze from three Commonwealth Games and competing in six Pan Pacific Championships, winning four gold, two silver and one bronze medal. She also broke a world record in the 200m backstroke (short course) in 1992.

A great ambassador for Australian sport, Nicole has received other awards outside of the pool including the Medal of the Order of Australia in June 1997, the Australian Sports Medal in July 2000 and Nicole was also inducted into the Victorian Women's Honour Roll in 2006.

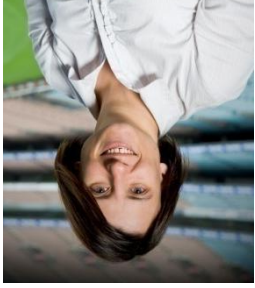


Jan Cooper
AFL & AFL Western Australia

Jan Cooper has an extensive background in Education and Sport Administration. During the last three years she has been responsible for managing the growth of the female segment of AFL both in Western Australia and nationally for the AFL.

In 2000 she was recognized as a leader in implementing an ACHPER award winning Physical Education program at a rural primary school whilst working as the Deputy Principal and PE teacher. In 2004 Jan received Literacy Education awards from Rotary and Excellence in Teaching for her contribution to literacy improvement programs for her primary school students. The AFL recognised her work in female Football development in 2007 by appointing Jan to her current role – the first time such a position has been established and housed outside of Victoria.

A former All-Australian representative and player of over 150 senior games for Melbourne University, the Victorian Women's Football League Life Member also coaches AFL Victoria's Youth Girls Academy.



Chyloe Kudas
AFL Victoria

Equipped with Honours in Health Promotion, AFL Victoria's Female Football Development Manager Chyloe Kudas manages the community based Respect & Responsibility program in Melbourne's Northern Football League. An industry first, the pilot program aims to create cultural change in local football communities, making them safer and more inclusive for women and girls.

Chyloe is also charged with creating opportunities in football for Victorian females. She manages six under 18 Youth Girls competitions whilst supporting other AFL Victoria initiatives, ensuring the sport's inclusion of girls and women.

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Lois Appleby
Former CEO Tourism Victoria and Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games

Lois Appleby has enjoyed a highly successful and exciting career in sports and events.

Lois' earlier positions included CEO for the 1994 World Masters Games, Project Manager for the World Cup Athletics, General Manager of Regional Services and Events in the Department of Sport and Recreation Tasmania, CEO at Tourism Victoria and CEO of Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games, hailed as the 'best ever Paralympic Games'.

Lois' dedication and success has been recognised with a number of accolades, including the Sport Industry Australia Executive of the Year and Paul Harris Fellow from Brisbane Rotary Club.

Lois is now retired but maintains an interest in events and tourism and sits on a number of boards including Basketball Victoria.



Sharelle McMahon
Melbourne Vixens Co-Captain & Australian Netball Diamonds Captain

The most influential netballer of the last decade, Sharelle is a genuine Superstar. In her 11 years at Melbourne Phoenix she won a record four national MVP awards, seven Melbourne Phoenix MVP's and finished 2007 as the competition's all-time goal scorer.

A two time Commonwealth Games and World Championship gold medallist and 2009 ANZ Championship Premiers as well as the Vixens MVP, Sharelle is at the peak of her powers captaining the Australian Netball Diamonds Team.

Sharelle enjoys the challenge of pushing herself to see what she can achieve and thrives off the competition! Her advice to young athletes is to work hard, but more importantly, have fun!



Allison Tranquilli
Former Australian Basketballer

Allison has been involved in Australian Basketball at the elite level in excess of 15 years. She started her career as a junior in Ballarat and then took up a scholarship at the AIS.

Next she played in the Women's National Basketball League for 10 years while also being a member of the Australian National Team (the Opals), competing at the 1996 and 2004 Olympics Games, winning a Bronze and Silver medal.

She also competed at three World Championships and spent four years competing at the highest level in Europe.

Over the past 5 years she has developed her own Sports Management company and represents some of Australia's best female athletes.



Melanie Jones
Former Australian Cricketer

Mel Jones has represented Australia in all forms of international cricket, and has amassed such career highlights as a member of winning World Cup team (India, 1997), member of Australian Women's Cricket Team (Ashes, 1998), member of winning World Cup Australia Team (2005) and World Record Test Debut Batting Record (131 - 1997).

Mel has coached at an international level, project coordinated in South Africa and commented for Sky Sports UK, ESPN Star Sport and Channel 9 in Australia.

She is currently School Programs Coordinator for Cricket Victoria and coaches the women's club side Essendon Maribyrnong Park.

Mel recently announced her retirement from domestic cricket after 142 matches and third on the all-time-scorer list with 3338 at 30.3.



David McAllister
The Australian Ballet

David McAllister joined The Australian Ballet in 1983 and was promoted to Principal Artist in 1989. During his career, David performed a wide variety of Principal roles from the major classical repertoire as well as many contemporary works.

In 1985 David won a Bronze Medal at the Fifth International Ballet Competition in Moscow.

David has danced as a Guest Artist with the Bolshoi Ballet, Kirov Ballet, National Ballet of Canada and the Birmingham Royal Ballet and danced for the final time in *Giselle* in March 2001 at the Sydney Opera House.

David was appointed Artistic Director of The Australian Ballet in July 2001 and was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2004 Australia Day Honours List and was elected Vice President of the Royal Academy of Dance in 2005.



Tracy Bartram
Entertainer

Tracy Bartram began performing as a stand-up comedian in 1989. Nine years later saw her hosting breakfast radio shows, most notably Fox FM's hugely successful "Tracy & Matt in the Morning".

She now lives a blissfully happy family life in the Yarra Valley. In 2004 Tracy took her one woman show "Illegally Blonde" to the Edinburgh Fringe, following her role in the world premiere of "Minefields & Miniskirts" for the Playbox Theatre.

During 2006 and 2007, Tracy joined forces with Tim Smith at Mix 101.1 FM and together they compared the Melbourne breakfast airwaves. Tracy loves speaking to groups and guarantees to delight audiences with her knowledge on health, integrity, and communication.



Sue Cormack
Consultant

Sue Cormack has worked in sport and recreation since 1989 after leaving teaching.

For the past 10 years, Sue has practiced as an independent consultant working across national, state and local sporting organisations, including a

facilitator of the ASC Women's Sport Leadership Workshops (2005 - current), facilitator of SRV's Women's Sport Leadership Workshops (2006 - current), National Project Officer for the ASC funded Schools Network (2002-2008), ongoing club development work and regional strategic planning projects

Sue has also assumed a range of leadership roles outside of sport which has assisted to broaden her knowledge about associated sectors. These roles include a Board Member of VicHealth (2004 - current), Chair Healthy Eating Advisory Panel, VicHealth (2006 - current) and Quality Systems Development - Disability Sector (2008 - current)

Combined with being a mother of two boys and an active volunteer in a number of local sporting clubs, Sue describes her life as "varied, full and busy".



Emma Sherry
La Trobe University

Dr. Emma Sherry is a sport management academic at La Trobe University. Emma has undertaken research in areas such as: AFL governance, Homeless World Cup, sport inclusion programs, women's sport issues and sport development programs for marginalised groups.

Emma's current research focus is working with The Big Issue and Corrections Victoria to evaluate their Community Street Soccer Program for marginalised groups in the community. Emma has published her research in international academic journals and presents regularly at conferences both here and abroad.

Outside of her work interests, Emma sits on the Womensport Sub-committee for VicSport and is a board member of the Sport Management Association of Australia and New Zealand. Emma is also a regular competitor at Australian Masters Swimming events, and swims for the Yarra Roughies swimming club.



Sam Lane
Media Personality

In a field dominated by men, Sam Lane sets a benchmark when it comes to football. The only female on Network Ten's 'Before the Game,' Sam not only represents female footy fanatics, but brings the insight and skills of a top journalist.

Sam started writing about footy while completing a Bachelor of Arts and language degree at Melbourne Uni and now has broadcasting experience on radio, television and on-line journalism.

Sam graduated with majors in Political Science and English in June 2001 and subsequently received invitations to study an honours year in the English and Politics departments, but was offered a full-time position at the revamped afl.com.au website before the 2002 season.

In 2003 Sam was offered a position of 'news hound' on the footy show 'After the Game'. In 2004 it became 'Before the Game' and Sam joined Peter Helliar, Dave Hughes and Lemmo as a full time panel member for a laid back and comedic look at all things football by a group of footy obsessed people.



Charles Kovess
Kovess International

After 20 years of high level legal and business experience, lawyer Charles Kovess knew that most people have a powerful and under-used ingredient they can use to drive successful changes in their lives. He turned his back on the law in 1993 to share those success strategies as a professional speaker, educator, facilitator and coach.

Charles has enthused and inspired many companies and individuals to achieve outstanding results by harnessing passion, he is known as *Australasia's Passion Provocateur*, and travels the world revealing its mighty magic.

Charles is not only passionate about the power of passion; he is passionate about sustainable behaviours and sport. He is Chairman of an innovative wastewater treatment company, is currently competing in his 25th consecutive season in triathlons; is qualified as an international water polo referee, played A Grade Amateur Football and has completed eight marathons.

He is the father of one daughter and three sons, and married Amy, his second wife, in 2005.