

Andrew Vette

I'm a 51-year-old, life-long, third generation surfer (and believe it or not a Gissy junior champ from way back in the dark ages!)

My wife Ness and I have two teenagers who surf and compete in NZ and Australia. Because of what surfing has given me and my family, I am a passionate advocate for the betterment of our sport and athletes.

I became involved in Surfing NZ via a High Performance Workshop in Raglan in late 2017. I ended up helping facilitate this workshop and was subsequently asked to chair a HP committee. From there I was appointed to the SNZ Board as North Island club rep in May 2018.

Surfing is now an Olympic sport and with this comes significant opportunity but also significant scrutiny. My personal belief is we must enter this new era for SNZ by adopting a 'best practice' ethos across every aspect of our sport.

I have held numerous Board roles commercially and within voluntary organisations including Chairman of Gisborne Youth Sports Charitable Trust (2013-2017) and President of Gisborne Boardriders (2016-2018).

Professionally, I've recently been appointed Managing Director of the wine business I have been General Manager of for the last four years (GisVin Ltd & GroCo 2017 Ltd).

My initial focus within SNZ has been on high performance including chairing our HP committee, establishing our first workshops and drafting an ongoing programme in consultation with athletes and coaches (while mending a broken femur!).

On being appointed to the Board my focus has broadened to the urgent need to secure SNZ financial future and bolster governance.

To this end I have advocated the key appointments of Nick Cowan GM HP/Funding, Trevor McKewen for Media and Promotions, Mark 'Vinnie' Pevats for Financials and Sheryl Smale as Strategy Facilitator.

Operationally, in line with our High Performance objectives / Olympic best practice we are currently reviewing Competition Formats, Judging and Selection Processes.

My commitment is to continue to represent stakeholders and clubs best interests – to adopt 'best practice' ; secure our financial stability and develop our management team and our offerings.