



Southland Amateur Rowing Association Incorporated (established 1903)

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**Nomination for Life Memberships South Island Rowing Incorporated**  
**Peter Sinclair**

The Southland Rowing Assn has great pleasure in nominating Peter Sinclair for life Membership of South Island Rowing Incorporated

Peter Sinclair has been involved with the Lake Ruataniwha Rowing Complex from its very early days, often travelling to Twizel to attend meetings prior to the complex being completed, along with others from Southland. Peter was still an active competing rower in those days.

Peter had the privilege of competing in the first official race on Lake Ruataniwha - it would have been the second race if it was not for Dave Rogers breaking an oar at the start of the first race, while waiting for a replacement oar the second race was called into the start blocks.

**Waihopai Rowing Club**

Peter is a proud member of the Waihopai Rowing club in Invercargill and has been so for 56 years.

Peter he has been President of his club on two separate occasions 1980 -1984 & 1992-1996

Peter was awarded Life Membership of his club in 1996

Peter won three Premier Lightweight double sculls titles, and has been a successful club coach taking crews through to National Championship level for his Club.

Peter has also served as Club Captain and Club Treasurer

Delegate to Southland RA for over 35 years

**Southland Rowing Association**

Peter is a life Member of the Southland Rowing Association awarded in 2012.

Peter is a Past President of the SRA

For the past 13 years Peter and wife Gael have been treasurer/s of the SRA

Peter has won the Southland Rowing Administrator of the Year Award on three occasions 1995, 2005 & 2010

Licensed Regatta official - Umpire 1987 -2022 - 35 Years

Selector / Coach of Southland Provincial crews

### **Southland Legion of Rowers**

Peter is the current President of the Legion of Rowers Southland.

A leading light in the organization of the South Island Masters Rowing Championships the four occasions this regatta has been held on the Oreti River in its 24 year history

### **Southland Sports Awards**

Invercargill Licensing Trust Services to Sports Award 2013

### **New Zealand Rowing**

Peter has been the SRA delegate to New Zealand Rowing AGM meetings for many years presently sits on the Domestic Rowing Committee

2013 Peter was awarded the New Zealand Rowing Administrator of the Year Award

2017 Rowing NZ, Southland Volunteer of the year

### **South Island Rowing**

Peter first became a SRA Delegate to South Island Rowing from 1993 –2004 then again from 2013 -2014

2014-2022 Peter has been the chair of the SIRI Health & Safety Board Subcommittee

Peter passed his Umpires /Regatta Official exams in 1987. For the next 35 years Peter has officiated at most SIRI run regattas including Regional Championships, New Zealand Club Championships and New Zealand Secondary School Championships

Peter is a proud supporter of the SIRI Rowing complex and facilities and enjoys the team atmosphere and comradery of the officials

### **Peter's continued service to SI Rowing has been remarkable**

The early years with the many working bees he attended the distance to travel from Invercargill, travelling the partially gravelled road from the Tarras to Omarama, this road was not completely sealed until 1982.

With much fanfare the day before the official opening of Lake Ruataniwha the sealed road from Tarras to Omarama road was officially opened.

Peter had enjoyed much success as a rower and coach, before moving into Umpiring, I know this has become a great joy to Peter being out in the middle umpiring, watching and analysing crews, he believes it improved his coaching, and is happy to pass on to other coaches what he has observed in the way of new techniques and style

Moving into the SIRI Administration was a natural progression for Peter, he has performed as Southland Rowing would have expected with dignity and forth write expression. His dedication to the sport, the amount of time, commitment is immeasurable.

Peter's wife Gael and family Leah, Glen, Vicky & Abby must also be commended for their tolerance of his voluntary work to rowing and the many hours he is/was away from home attending to rowing activities

They even purchased a personal number plate for him GOING 4 a row or a run

Gael has also been a Southland Rowing Association secretary and assistant Treasurer

Southland Rowing are extremely proud to nominate Peter Sinclair for Life Membership of South Island Rowing Incorporated

**Nominated Jointly by:**

Andrew Jolly (Wakatipu RC) Southland delegate SIRI

David Galbraith (Invercargill RC) Southland Rowing Coordinator

John O'Connor (Waihopai RC) Southland delegate SIRI

Karl Morgan South Island Rowing (SIRI Secretary)

**Seconded:**

Matthew Jenkins (Waihopai RC) President Southland Rowing Association

The Nomination was unanimously approved by all Members of the Southland Rowing Association Executive Committee