



## Council member profile



<b>Name</b>	<b>Kate Patrick</b>
<b>Council position</b>	Vice President / Director
<b>Date elected</b>	July 2013
<b>Date re-elected as Director</b>	June 2015
<b>Date first elected as Vice Pres</b>	June 2015
<b>Term as Vice Pres expires</b>	June 2018

**Background / Expertise** I retired in 2011 from working at RMIT University, where my roles were in quality and academic development. I've mainly worked as an academic and a community organiser, with a strong thread of voluntary involvement in education via the councils and committees associated with my children's schools. My first degree and my MA were in history; I also hold a PhD in education, and a Diploma of Sociology which taught me about surveys and statistical analysis.

At RMIT I was an elected member of the Academic Board for eight years, with strong involvement in governance issues. I've been a member of various peak bodies including the Victorian Council of State School Organisations, where I was senior vice-president, and the National Council, National Executive and Victorian Division Executive of the National Tertiary Education Union.

Since about 2000 I have been involved with the Victorian Recorder Guild. I was on the committee for several years including six years as president and two years as secretary; I also edited the VRG newsletter for eight years and acted as the VRG webmaster.

**Interest and/or involvement in the sport** I first encountered croquet at the family Christmas party at my great-aunt's place. When our second son Josh was 14 he was attracted to croquet by Harpo Marx's autobiography *Harpo Speaks*; since then we have had a family croquet set and played AC sporadically during our summer holidays.

When my husband and I retired we joined Josh's croquet club which was Brunswick. We learnt to play GC and have been part of a revived Brunswick presence in the Metro GC Shield – Brunswick now has two teams in the competition. I am a Foundation level coach in both GC and AC and a referee in both GC and AC.

I am immediate Past President at Brunswick, currently Vice President. I have been very involved in supporting the revival of the Brunswick club, which grew from 15 members when we joined in late 2011 to 51 members in July 2015. The club now has 2 Foundation level coaches (in the new ACA system), 4 other qualified Level 1 coaches, 5 beginner coaches and 3 qualified referees, and an active outreach program involving schools, seniors and AC beginners.

**Council involvement** I was elected as Director WMCMA in July 2013 and as Vice President VCA in June 2015 (re-elected in June 2016). As a member of Council, I have participated in two working parties, the Tournament Attendance working party and the Constitutional Review working party. I was responsible for preparing and steering the development of the 2015-2020 VCA Strategic Plan, approved in December 2015, and I initiated and was involved in drafting a Croquet Facilities Guide for use by local authorities. I have also represented the VCA on the ACA working party supporting the implementation of the ACA Strategic Plan.

I currently convene the VCA Marketing and Publicity sub-committee, established in August 2014. With other members of the subcommittee, I have attended regional association meetings around Victoria to present and distribute our Growing Croquet publicity resource for regions and clubs, and I have followed up with several clubs identified as needing special support. I have also initiated publication of croquet results in the metro dailies and the development of a VCA Facebook page.