



MEET THE MEMBERS Q & A

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What do you do when you aren't at PDSC?

Winter means bushwalking with friends and travelling. Pre-covid I went skiing with Ash and Sean in Falls Creek. Had a blast!

What are three words you would use to describe PDSC?

Friendly, family, inclusive. Whenever I have friends visit, they are always impressed by the friendliness and relaxed nature of the club.

Do you have any other hobbies apart from sailing?

Many when I find the time. For the moment discovering the wonderful bushland we have at our doorstep and gardening.

What might someone be surprised to know about you?

I am a forester by profession and I lived on a vineyard in Queensland. So I know my way around a tractor and a chainsaw (though not at the same time!).

Do you have any advice for new members of PDSC?

Get involved in whatever you can and have time for. This club thrives on volunteers.

How long have you been at PDSC?

Since Ashleigh started sailing, about 10 years.

What is your sailing history?

I'm not a real sailor! Dabbled and took a few lessons when Ash started sailing so I could understand what was going on. I pretended to sail in my twenties taking the catamarans out on several occasions from the South Perth foreshore.

Editors Notes: For those not aware Ashleigh (Veronica's daughter) started with us in Open Bics and went into JDs and then 29ers, before moving interstate for study. Luckily for us Veronica stayed at PDSC and became apart of our on-water Race Team

First memory at PDSC?

I can clearly remember walking down the boat ramp to the morning sailing lessons and being met by Gordon and Narelle. It struck us how friendly everyone was and we felt really welcome. We decided to join the club on the spot!

Funniest memory at PDSC?

For a brief moment in history I had Brad Devine, G.E. and Willow on a start boat. Why? I have no idea? It was a blast!

Favourite memory at PDSC?

I have a couple. Dancing when either Brad or Billy Devine's bands are playing at the club. Being part of the I14's International regatta on the water. Learned a lot and had a ball.

What does being a member of PDSC mean to you?

It is like a family...sense of belonging, friendships, and being able to give back to a wonderful club who have supported Ashleigh and I over the years.

What do you think the future of PDSC is?

Fantastic. The future is bright and exciting as we see more young people getting more involved in the organising and running the club.

Which four individuals in the world, living or dead, would you like to have dinner with the most?

My grandfather who died before I was born. I would like to know more about his early life. Maya Angelou for her wisdom, grace and gentle presence. She was an author and poet who touched many people's lives. Aboriginal leaders during the time of the European settlement. Robin Williams, such a brilliant actor and comedian.