

## **Candidate's statement – David Jordan**

I have been a member of SUSF (and one of its predecessor associations) since 1984. While at University, I played rugby (although not for Uni) and sailed. During my last two of years at Uni, I lived in a residential college at the Uni during which time I also coached the college hockey team.

Since graduating in Science and Law, I played rugby in the Australian Army competition and, for a short while, in the British Army competition. I also spent a couple of years playing hockey in the Sydney competition. I re-connected with University sport in 1998 when I started playing football (soccer) this time with SUSFC. I played for almost 15 years wearing the Uni strip, during which time I was very much a “non-elite” player. I did however participate fully in all of the on- and off-field opportunities that SUSFC offered. This time reinforced to me the importance of SUSF offering participation opportunities to anyone who wanted to give sport a go.

In 2010, with my football days (such as they were) over, several other Sydney cyclists and I founded the Sydney Uni Velo Club. I was the first President of SUVelo, which has grown over the past 7 years to be one of the biggest sporting clubs at the Uni, and one of the biggest competitive cycling clubs in NSW. I resigned from the committee of SUVelo when I became a Vice President of SUSF in 2015. In 2015 and 2016, Sydney Uni Velo Club was the Cycling NSW Cycling Club premiers.

Currently, I am a post-graduate student at Sydney Uni, and post-graduate fellow on the Uni Senate. By day, I am a barrister in Sydney, specialising in criminal law.

I still compete in sport. I race on both road and velodrome for Sydney Uni Velo, and assist with the new NSWIS Sydney Uni Women's National Road-Series team. When I can, I still sail. I did my first Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race in 1993, and hopefully not my last one in 2012.

I have played, competitively (if not very well), many of the sports offered by SUSF and have a great appreciation of every sport, new sport offerings and in particular balancing the importance of elite sport and sport for the rest of us. I value the SUSF Elite Athlete Program, and recognise its place in the vast sporting space filled by SUSF and its constituent clubs. I believe that Uni clubs should all strive to compete at the very highest level of their sports, and still continue to provide great facilities, coaches and all other support necessary to make each sport accessible and fun for all.

Finally, I am not, and have never been, a politician. I want to do this because I want to maintain the great legacy gifted to us by our previous sport committees, and do my utmost to seize (in true sporting fashion) the opportunities that present themselves in the future.