

Ray Rootsey – Deputy Chairperson

Ray's professional focus has always been water in his career as a water and environmental engineer. He has worked in the government, private and academic sectors both in Australia and overseas. He returned to Australia in 2004 to work on various water project in response to the Millennium Drought.

Ray's personal passion has also been water in the form of sailing and surfing. He has been an active member of the Clayton Bay Boat Club since moving to Adelaide over 10 years ago.

“If you had to describe your relationship with the river in one sentence, what would it be?”

I see rivers as living entities, having many moods and suffering when the environment that it depends on is mismanaged which in turn affects the health of myself and others who depend on the River for our solace.

“Have you noticed any changes in the River Murray or surrounding areas over time?”

We live at the bottom end of the Murray Darling Basin and experience the consequences of all the inappropriate actions and mismanagement of the River which are only being exacerbated by increasing extremes of floods and droughts due to Climate Change.