

Robert McSkimming (Operations)

Robert McSkimming, his wife Anna and their two young sons farm on their family farm in Patearoa.

Robert remembers the scheme going in (and the rubber ducky race to celebrate) and has seen and experienced first-hand how it's improved local communities and farming in the area. He has been the East Side Raceman since 2017 and has a great understanding of how the entire MIC scheme operates.

After school, Robert trained as a carpenter in Dunedin and went on to complete his apprenticeship in Arrowtown. Following this, Robert spent 14 years as a Snowmaker, Snow Cat Operator, Snow Gun Technician and Crew Leader & Trainer in New Zealand, America, and Russia - with some snowmaking systems operating at over 1000 lps at 50 bar - a passion for pumping water and waterflow quickly developed.

He is currently on the Board of the Sowburn Water Company, is an active member of the Ranfurly Rural Fire Brigade and is President of the Ranfurly Curling Club.

Robert's committed to improving the land so if his 2 young sons want to carry on farming, they can.