



AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

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Reg. No. A0004778J

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Commencing 9:00am

Saturday 28 April 2018

Maritime Ballroom
Hyatt Regency Sydney
161 Sussex Street, Sydney

AGENDA

- (1) **Welcome to Country**
- (2) **Opening and welcome by the President**
- (3) **Notice of Meeting**
- (4) **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 6 May 2017** (circulated herewith)
- (5) **Presentation by the CEO of the 2017 Annual Report, the Financial Statements of the Committee and the Independent Auditor's Report thereon** (circulated herewith)
- (6) **President's Address**
- (7) **Election of member of the Executive:**

The following nomination has been received to fill a casual vacancy for the balance of the term on the Executive of Nicole Livingstone OAM who resigned on 16 November 2017 and is being replaced.

Nominee:	Nominated by:
Catherine Fettell	Shooting Australia

There being only one nomination, Catherine Fettell will be declared elected.

A brief profile of Catherine Fettell is Attachment "A"
- (8) **Amendments to the AOC Constitution proposed by the AOC Executive**

To consider and, if thought fit, amend Clause 7.4 of the AOC Constitution as set out in the Explanatory Memorandum Attachment "B" with such amendments to become effective from 28 April 2018.

Amendments to the Constitution require a special majority (a majority of not less than three-fourths (75%) of the number of voting persons) and the approval of the IOC (as per clause 34.2 of the AOC Constitution).

In an email dated 28 March 2018 (Attachment "F"), the IOC advised that it has reviewed the proposed amendment to clause 7.4 and confirmed that it "sees absolutely no objection and, if this should be adopted at the next General Assembly meeting, the IOC would be ready to proceed immediately with the IOC's approval of the amended Constitution of the NOC".

(9) Life Membership of the AOC

Life membership of the Committee may be conferred by the Executive upon any person who has rendered outstanding service to the Olympic Movement and sport.

The Executive has conferred Life membership upon Ian Chesterman.

A brief profile of Ian Chesterman is Attachment "C"

(10) Award of the Order of Merit

The AOC may confer the Order of Merit on a person who in the opinion of the Executive has achieved remarkable merit in the sporting world, either through personal achievement or contribution to the development of sport.

The Executive has conferred the Order of Merit on the following individuals:

Paul Batchelor
Angus Douglas
Geoff Lipshut
Raelene Boyle AM, MBE
Catherine Freeman OAM
Shane Gould AM, MBE
Ian Thorpe OAM

A brief profile of each awardee is included in Attachment "D".

(11) The Harry Gordon CMG AM Memorial Award for Olympic Journalism

The Harry Gordon Memorial Award for Olympic Journalism was announced by the President at the 2015 AGM in recognition of the distinguished career of Harry Gordon as war correspondent, newspaper editor and Olympic historian. It is to be awarded following each Olympic and Winter Olympic Games for the best Olympic journalism by an Australian covering those Games. It will be presented by the President to Ms Jacquelin Magnay of News Limited. The judges' commentary on Ms Magnay's entry is Attachment "E". Her winning article will be distributed at the meeting.

(12) General Business

TODD DAY
Secretary
5 April 2018

2018 AOC AGM

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Olympic Committee Incorporated (Committee) will be held in the Maritime Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency, 161 Sussex Street, Sydney at 9:00am on Saturday, 28 April 2018.

The business of the meeting shall include:

1. confirmation of the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting;
2. the presentation of the 2017 Annual Report, the Financial Statements of the Committee and the Independent Auditor's Report thereon (which documents will be circulated with the Agenda).
3. the election of an Executive member to replace the member of the Executive who filled a casual vacancy;
4. consideration for amendment to the Constitution of the Committee;
5. awarding of Life Membership and Order of Merit of the Committee;

Elections

In December 2017, a vacancy arose on the Executive. In accordance with clause 24.2 of the Constitution, the Executive requested from the National Federations their nominations for replacement and the Executive then elected from those nominations the member who has held office since 14 December 2017 and who will hold office until the conclusion of the 2018 annual general meeting.

As such, a member of the Executive is to be elected to replace the member who was appointed by the Executive to fill the casual vacancy. Each National Federation (NF) that does not have an elected nominee among the remaining six members of the AOC Executive elected from those nominated by the NFs, are eligible to make a nomination. For the avoidance of doubt, this means that the following member NFs are excluded from being able to nominate: Athletics Australia, Australian Fencing Federation, Gymnastics Australia, Modern Pentathlon Australia, Australian Sailing, Volleyball Australia. Such nominations shall be signed by the person nominated and shall be made in writing to the Secretary not less than 30 days prior to the date of the annual general meeting. Nomination form for the position of Elected Member of the Executive is attached. Catherine Fettell, who was elected by the Executive on 14 December 2017 to fill the casual vacancy, is eligible for election by the Committee.

Persons nominated for the Position of Elected Member of the Executive are required to make the AOC Statutory Declaration Regarding Anti-Doping Matters in the presence of an authorised witness. The statutory declaration is attached.

If the number of nominations for the position as Executive member does not exceed the number of vacancies (one), then the candidate shall be declared elected. If the number of candidates exceed the number of positions available, then such candidates shall be elected in accordance with the method of voting described in clause 16.5 of the AOC Constitution which is set out in the attachment hereto.

The replacement member of the Executive shall then hold office for the balance of the term of the original member of the Executive he/she replaces (that is, the annual general meeting in 2021).

Amendment to Constitution

An amendment to the Constitution as follows is proposed:

“That clause 7.4 be rescinded and replaced with the following new clause 7.4;

- 7.4 (1) Life membership of the Committee may be conferred by the Executive upon a person who has served as an elected member of the Executive for at least thirteen (13) years, and who has rendered outstanding service to the Olympic Movement and sport.
- (2) Life members comprise:
- (a) those upon whom Life membership has been conferred by the Executive as at the date of the resolution adopting this amended clause 7.4 was passed by a special majority (“Adoption Date”); and
 - (b) those upon whom, having met the criteria in (1), Life membership is conferred by the Executive at any time and from time to time after the Adoption Date.”

An amendment to the Constitution is required to be passed by a vote of a Special majority (being at least 75%) of Members at the meeting.

Voting

Each Delegate of the member National Federations (as per clause 7.2 of the AOC Constitution), members of the Executive, the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Athletes’ Commission and the members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), if any, who are citizens of Australia (as per clause 13.1 of the AOC Constitution) will be entitled to one vote on every motion or amendment thereof. Where a person is present at a meeting of the Committee in more than one capacity which entitles them to vote, that person is only entitled to one vote. The Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote. Each vote will be given personally.

Proxies

In the event of a Delegate being unable to attend a meeting of the AOC, a proxy Delegate may be appointed in writing or by electronic mail from the secretary or other authorised officer of the relevant Body or, in the case of the Athletes’ Commission, the Chair thereof. The appointment notice must be tendered at the time of the commencement of the meeting.

Notices

Should any member desire to have any other matter included in the Agenda of the Annual General meeting, notice must be received by the Secretary, by email or post to the contact details below, before 5:30pm (eastern standard time) on Wednesday 28 March 2018.

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Secretary
Australian Olympic Committee Incorporated
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Email: todd.day@olympics.com.au

Date: 21 February 2018

The 2018 Australian Olympic Committee AGM Agenda, 2017 Annual Report and any other associated documents will be sent to delegates via email. Should you wish to receive these documents via post, please contact the Secretary.

CURRICULA VITAE

CATHERINE FETTELL

by Shooting Australia

Catherine joined the AOC Executive in December 2017, filling the casual vacancy. She is the President of Shooting Australia, Australian delegate to the International Shooting Sport Federation; Oceania Shooting Federation; and Commonwealth Shooting Federation and the Treasurer of the World Association Precision Pistol Competition 1500.

Having competed internationally for Australia in shooting Catherine took on her first role as an administrator in 1992 and has since held numerous positions within the sport gaining extensive experience as a sports administrator at club, state, national and international levels including more than 13 years as a President of National Sporting Organisations. Her significant contribution as a sports administrator was recognised by the Australian Government in 2000 when she awarded the Australian Sports Medal.

A resident of Canberra, Catherine had a long and rewarding career working for the Commonwealth Government as Director, Fraud Control for Australia's Overseas Aid Agency retiring in 2014.

Explanatory Memorandum

A. Changes to the AOC Constitution

Clause	Proposed change	Explanation
7.4	<p>That clause 7.4 be rescinded and replaced with the following new clause:</p> <p style="color: red;">7.4 — Life membership of the Committee may be conferred by the Executive upon any person who has rendered outstanding service to the Olympic Movement and sport</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>(1) Life membership of the Committee may be conferred by the Executive upon a person who has served as an elected member of the Executive for at least thirteen (13) years, and who has rendered outstanding service to the Olympic Movement and sport.</p> <p>(2) Life members comprise:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) those upon whom Life membership has been conferred by the Executive as at the date of the resolution adopting this amended clause 7.4 was passed by a special majority (“Adoption Date”); and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) those upon whom, having met the criteria in (1), Life membership is conferred by the Executive at any time and from time to time after the Adoption Date.</p>	<p>In the history of the AOC and AOF, as it was known up to 1989, Life Membership has been conferred on only 25 persons who have been long-serving members of the AOC (AOF) Executive, and rendered outstanding service to the Olympic Movement and sport, query William Young as to term and excepting long-serving boxing delegate and Olympic Team official, Arthur Tunstall, who while rendering outstanding service to the Olympic Movement and sport, was not a member of the AOC (AOF) Executive.</p> <p>In addition to Arthur Tunstall there have been 11 Life Memberships conferred since 1990. Of these the IOC members Phillip Coles and Kevan Gosper served 37 and 36 years respectively on the AOC (AOF) Executive. Of the other nine, only one served less than 14 years (being for eight). The last five persons awarded Life Membership had each served in excess of 20 years when made a Life Member.</p> <p>By this amendment, the AOC Executive is proposing to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(1) formalise and continue the tradition of Life Membership being reserved for those who have been long-serving members of the AOC Executive and rendered outstanding service to the Olympic Movement and sport; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(2) prescribe, what is in effect a change to the practice of requiring 20 years of such service, in favour of the lesser 13 years.</p> <p>The AOC’s other award introduced in 1978 is the Order of Merit which the AOC Executive may confer on persons who have achieved remarkable merit in the sporting world either through personal achievement or contribution to the development of sport. They include great Olympians, coaches, sports medicine practitioners, other Olympic Team officials, Olympic fundraisers and philanthropists, broadcasters, an Olympian historian, politicians, members of Olympic Games Organising Committees, two Presidents of the IOC and the current Presidents of ANOC and ONOC. There have been a total of 83 recipients including seven in 2018.</p>

B. Date of Amendment and Effective Date

The Amendment date and the Effective date is intended to be 28 April 2018.

Ian Chesterman

Ian Chesterman has made an extraordinary contribution to the growth and development of Olympic sport in Australia.

His leadership as Chef de Mission at no fewer than six successive Winter Olympic Games and Deputy Chef at one prior to these, is coincident with Australia's coming of age as a nation competitive in winter Olympic disciplines.

Ian's hallmark during this period has been the instilling in his teams, of a sense of self-belief that has resulted in podium finishes, pride and profile for our Winter Olympic Games competitors.

It began at his first Games, as Deputy Chef under Geoff Henke at Lillehammer in 1994 when Australia won its first winter medal, a bronze in the 5000m short track relay.

Golden efforts from some wonderful athletes followed. Stephen Bradbury's extraordinary gold in Salt Lake City 2002 in the short track speed skating, our first ever gold and Alisa Camplin's aerials triumph with her final jump.

Dale Begg-Smith won moguls gold in Torino 2006, and then our two gold in Vancouver in 2010 with Torah Bright, snowboard halfpipe and Lydia Lassila in the aerials skiing.

What Ian Chesterman has cemented is an expectation that our team will travel to a Winter Olympic Games and it will win medals.

Equally, he has been unrelenting in championing younger and developing athletes to realise an Olympic dream, even when the prospect of a medal may seem remote in some instances. From these experiences, confidence and capacity grows and thus our maturity as a winter Olympic nation continues.

Ian has also been an outspoken advocate for the rights of our Australian athletes to compete on an even playing field and that athletes who engage in doping will be expunged from competition.

Above all, Ian has combined a meticulous attention to detail in planning and preparation with a modest style, whose authority is born of a calm and considered perspective that belies the inherent pressures of leadership.

These are the qualities which have led to Ian being appointed Chef de Mission for the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2020.

These are also the qualities that Ian has brought to the AOC in his 17 years on the Executive, in his capacity as Vice-President since 2016 and his contribution as current Chair of the AOC Audit and Risk Committee, member of the AOC Finance Commission and Board Member of the Australian Olympic Foundation and the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia.

Ian Chesterman has made a substantial and lasting contribution to the AOC and Olympic sport in Australia. His dedication is acknowledged with the AOC Executive awarding him Life Membership, an honour richly deserved.

Paul Batchelor

Paul Batchelor has served as a member of the Australian Olympic Foundation's Investment Advisory Committee since 2001.

Paul has had a 30 year career across all financial services, life and general insurance, pensions and annuities, retail and commercial banking, fund and asset management including as:

- Founder of Yorkway Partners in 2010 which has originated and structured the acquisition of and investment in private business with a total of \$1 billion (current valuations over \$2 billion)
- CEO and Managing Director of AMP Limited Group 1999-02 and before that CFO AMP where his close association with the AOC began through AMP's sponsorship of both the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games and the AOC; and
- Group CFO and COO of Australasian Insurance at Colonial Limited 1992-97.

As CFO of three 100+ year old mutuals, MLC Ltd, Colonial Ltd and AMP Ltd, Paul helped reshape the superannuation and life industry in Australia.

During 2007 Paul ran and restructured a Russian retail Bank with 12 million customers and 17,000 employees for a private consortium.

He has served on government and industry bodies and a range of private investments and boards.

We thank Paul for giving of his time and knowledge so generously.

Angus Douglas

Angus Douglas has served on the Australian Olympic Foundation's Investment Advisory Committee for 20 years, bringing to the table a lifetime of experience in the finance business.

Angus started with JB & Frank Charlton in 1964. This was followed by two years in London in the International Department of Govett Sons & Partners, then with Midland Doherty Ltd in Toronto as Senior Vice President running the International Department (1968-80) during which time he was involved in principal dealing in the US, Japan, South Africa and the UK. Angus has served on a number of investment committees including the Market Functions Committee of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Since returning to Australia in 1981 Angus has spent 33 years as a founding partner of Morgans where he has been involved in Corporate Finance, Institutional Dealing and investment advice. He has served as chairman or director of a range of private and public companies, including Bond University.

Angus currently serves as a director of Morgans Charitable Foundation and is Chairman of the Southport School Foundation.

We thank Angus for giving of his time and knowledge so generously.

Geoff Lipshut

As the founding Chief Executive Officer of the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia (OWIA), Geoff Lipshut has provided both the guidance and incisive thinking to transform Australia's standing as an Olympic force at Winter Games.

He is rightly considered the founding father of Australia's aerial program and the architect of our success more broadly in freestyle disciplines which have yielded so many Olympic medals and world champions.

It is Geoff's inspired thinking in transitioning athletes from gymnastics into the aerial skiing program that has earned him rightly deserved recognition.

Our aerial skiers have become Olympic medal winners, world champions and indeed household names either through Geoff's tutelage or his design and implementation of programs at the OWIA since 2001.

Names such as Kirsty Marshall, Jacqui Cooper, Alisa Camplin, Lydia Lassila and Dale Begg-Smith are all beneficiaries of Geoff's dedication to elite athlete development.

Other emerging athletes are now benefiting from the OWIA programmes across these disciplines, reflected in the facts that In PyeongChang in 2018, all three Australians who made the podium were young, first time medallists.

Geoff Lipshut has not only taken on a challenging role in Australian sport but he has also displayed proven ability to achieve significant success to grow the profile of winter Olympic sport in this country.

Raelene Boyle AM MBE

Without doubt, Raelene Boyle was the fastest drug-free female sprinter of her time. The pity is that she does not have the gold medal to prove it.

During a 14-year career which established her as a worthy successor to the great sprinters Marjorie Jackson, Betty Cuthbert and Shirley Strickland, Raelene deserved an Olympic gold. Instead she had to settle for three silver medals, and some frustrating memories.

At the Munich 1972 Olympics Raelene was beaten twice by an East German athlete who was later proved to have taken part in a doping program. And four years later, in her target event at the Montreal Olympics, the 200m, Raelene was disqualified after being ruled guilty of two false starts... the first of them questionable.

Raelene has always been a fighter, possessed of an irrepressible spirit that enabled her to bounce back from harsh and varied setbacks.

Just 17, she finished second in the Mexico 1968 City Olympic 200m, beaten by the great Irena Szewinska, of Poland.

Her nemesis in the 100m and 200m in Munich was Renate Stecher, whose credibility was later stained by drug allegations. Her disqualification in Montreal came after she attempted to protest against a starter's call she was convinced was wrong.

Raelene was honoured in two Olympic Opening Ceremonies, carrying the Australian flag in Montreal and joining other female legends in carrying the Olympic torch into the stadium in 2000.

In personal battles with cancer since 1996, Raelene's fighting spirit has served her well.

She has worked tirelessly to raise community awareness about breast cancer and has been a very active board member of Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA).

Raelene maintains a strong interest in the performance of our new generation of athletes and a fierce desire to see all athletes compete equally and free from performance enhancing drugs.

Mexico City 1968

Silver – 200m sprint

Munich 1972

Silver – 100m

Silver – 200m

Catherine Freeman OAM

Catherine Freeman's contribution to Australian Olympic history is unique. Having proudly lit the flame at the Opening Ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, eleven nights later she went to win the 400 metres final before a crowd of 112,000 people and a television audience of 9 million Australians.

The images of both wonderful moments are etched into Australian sporting folklore and our collective national memory.

Catherine became the symbol of the Sydney Games.

She grew up in Mackay, Queensland, and was a natural athlete from early childhood.

At 16 Catherine won the 4 x 100m relay gold at the Auckland Commonwealth Games. At the Atlanta 1996 Games she became the first Aboriginal medallist, by finishing second to Marie-Jose Pécé in the 400m.

After that she won back-to-back world championships over 400m in 1997 and 1999. By Sydney, at 27, she was stronger, tougher mentally, and ready.

The weight of expectations Catherine carried into that race was enormous. Apart from the hopes of a nation, there was an extra load - 200 years of history. Fourth out of the blocks, she appeared to catapult herself clear of her rivals in the straight. Later she danced through a victory lap, carrying Australian and Aboriginal flags.

Not since 1964, when Betty Cuthbert was successful over the same distance in Tokyo, had an Australian woman won a flat race on the track at the Games.

Following her retirement in 2003, Catherine maintained her fierce determination to achieve but this time in the service of others. She is a member of the IOC Sport and Active Society Commission.

Catherine was an Ambassador of the Inspire Foundation (Now ReachOut Australia) and Patron of Cottage by the Sea for 10 years.

In 2007 she founded the Cathy Freeman Foundation. The Foundation works with a total of seven schools in four remote Indigenous communities to close the gap in education between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian children by offering incentives for children to attend school.

Atlanta 1996

Silver – 400m

Sydney 2000

Gold – 400m

Shane Gould AM, MBE

Shane Gould is an Olympian whose star shone so brilliantly and yet for such a short moment in time.

In spite of retiring from swimming at the age of 17, Shane created a unique place for herself in Australian sporting legend.

In Munich 1972, at just 15 years of age, Shane became the first and only Australian to win three individual gold medals at the one Games, and remarkably, each of them in world record time - the 200m and 400m metres freestyle and 200m individual medley.

And to that count, she added a further silver and bronze medal in the 800m freestyle and 100m freestyle respectively.

Shane retired at 17 years.

She had held every freestyle world record from the 100m to 1500m and as well in the 200m freestyle medley.

Shane was awarded the IOC's Olympic Order in 1994.

In recent years, Shane has re-emerged in the Masters Games, again setting records.

These days Shane coaches young swimmers and pursues an array of interests including tertiary study and artistic endeavours behind the camera lens.

Munich 1972

Gold - 200m freestyle

Gold – 400m freestyle

Gold – 200m individual medley

Silver – 800m freestyle

Bronze – 100m freestyle

ORDER OF MERIT

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Ian Thorpe OAM

Ian Thorpe has won five Olympic gold medals, the most of any Australian.

That simple statement reflects the magnitude of his athletic achievement, principally as a 400m freestyle swimmer but also over shorter distances and in relay teams.

His tally of three gold medals and two silver in the Sydney 2000 Olympics marked him as Australia's most successful athlete at Australia's most successful Games.

Ian first attracted world attention when he won the 1998 world 400m freestyle title in Perth, becoming, at 15, the youngest world champion in history.

As Ian's first Olympics approached, in Sydney, he had broken 10 world records - four of them in four days at the 1999 Pan Pacific titles.

On the first night of Olympic competition in Sydney he won the 400m freestyle, shaving his own world mark, then combining with Michael Klim, Chris Fydler and Ashley Callus to inflict the United States' first defeat ever in the 4 x 100m freestyle relay, setting another world record. In the individual 200m freestyle, the Dutchman Pieter van den Hoogenband beat him into second place.

Later Ian featured with Michael Klim, Todd Pearson and Bill Kirby in another world-record relay victory winning the 4 x 200m.

Ahead of Athens in 2004, Ian almost lost the chance to defend his 400m title when he toppled from his starting block in the Olympic trials - but survived and went on to win the Olympic final. He later won the 200m freestyle - billed as "the race of the century" - against Dutchman Pieter van den Hoogenband and American Michael Phelps.

By the time Ian retired in 2012 his success had attracted global recognition for swimming and enhanced Australia's place in world sport.

Ian's retirement from competitive swimming did not diminish his desire to contribute to the welfare of indigenous Australians through his "Fountain of Youth" charity.

Ian has worked as a commentator and has published a courageous autobiography dealing with the challenges of depression. In more recent times he has been a campaigner for gay rights and particularly the successful Australian Referendum that led to same sex marriage legislation being passed by the Federal Parliament.

Sydney 2000

Gold – 400m freestyle, 4 x 100m freestyle relay, 4 x 200m freestyle relay

Silver - 200m Freestyle, 4 x 100m Medley Relay

Athens 2004

Gold - 200m freestyle, 400m freestyle

Silver - 4 x 200m freestyle relay

Bronze – 100m freestyle

Harry Gordon Memorial Award for Olympic journalism

The Harry Gordon Memorial Award for Olympic Journalism was first bestowed in 2017 to honour the enduring legacy left by the late Harry Gordon, Olympic historian, war correspondent and newspaper editor.

The Award acknowledges excellence in the coverage of Olympic competition.

The judges for the award, Ian Heads and Alex Hamill, were unanimous in their selection of this year's winning entry – "Lydia's Finale on Empty Hill" by The **Australian** newspaper's Jacquelin Magnay.

The judges detailed reasons behind the award follow:

Entries for the 2nd Harry Gordon Award covered the broad spectrum of PyeongChang's Winter Games – running the gamut of medal-winning moments, near misses which brought aching disappointment..... and great joy.

In toto they represented in the long view a fine addition to Australian Olympic archives and memories.

There were no gold rivers for Australia's team this time – but, notwithstanding, some wonderful achievements – all recorded through spectacular images and reinforced by the captured words of the athletes and the tireless work of the small army of technicians, photographers and journalists there to share the experience with those back home and to record the story for posterity.

Judging the quality of media entries for the award that carries the name of the man recognised as Australia's greatest Olympic journalist presented a challenge of its own.

Facing the high hurdle of separating, assessing and ultimately judging the different media streams was no easy task. The thought occurred that it would have been handy to have had the Great Harry Gordon himself alongside to offer his wise counsel.

After the individual deliberation of viewing, reading and closely considering each entry, we linked up to share our verdicts....and found that we had arrived at the same conclusion.

So it is our pleasure to announce that the winner of this second Harry Gordon Award for Olympic journalism is Jacquelin Magnay of The Australian - for her bittersweet reports on the final night of a champion - the last flight of our most senior and decorated athlete, aerial skier Lydia Lassila. With two other journalists Jacquelin had stayed on the icy hill at Phoenix Snow Park to interview Lydia – with the temperature at minus 20 degrees. It was surely with frozen fingers that she wrote her evocative story, headlined: `Lydia's finale on empty hill – in which she captured the loneliness and heartache of this ending of a very special Olympic career.

It was `stay-late' sports journalism of high quality.

Alex Hamill and Ian Heads

Winners:

2017 – Mike Coleman

2018 – Jacquelin Magnay

From: Jérôme Poivey [<mailto:jerome.poivey@olympic.org>]
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Cc: Matt Carroll <Matt.Carroll@olympics.com.au>
Subject: RE: AOC Annual General Meeting – Change to Constitution

Dear John,

Thank you very much for your email and for informing us of the proposed change to clause 7.4 of the Constitution of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC).

We have reviewed this amendment proposal and are pleased to confirm that we do not have any objection. Consequently, should this amendment be adopted by the AOC General Meeting, we would be ready to proceed immediately with the IOC's formal approval, upon receipt of the amended Constitution.

Thank you, once again, for your greatly appreciated collaboration in this process.

With kind regards,

Jérôme

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