



AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

ABN 33 052 258 241

Reg. No. A0004778J

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Commencing 9:00am

Saturday 4 May 2019

Foundation Hall

Ground Floor

Museum of Contemporary Art

140 George Street Sydney NSW 2000

**AGENDA**

- (1) **Welcome to Country**
- (2) **Opening and welcome by the President**
- (3) **Notice of Meeting**
- (4) **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 28 April 2018** (circulated herewith)
- (5) **Presentation by the CEO of the 2018 Annual Report, the Financial Statements of the Committee and the Independent Auditor's Report thereon** (circulated herewith)
- (6) **Amendments to the AOC Constitution proposed by the AOC Executive**  
  
To consider and, if thought fit, amend the AOC Constitution as set out in the Explanatory Memorandum Attachment A with such amendments to become effective from 4 May 2019.  
  
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).
- (7) **President's State of the Olympics in Australia Address**
- (8) **Address by the President of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach OLY**

**(9) Award of the AOC President's Trophy to IOC President, Thomas Bach OLY**

The Executive has conferred the AOC President's Trophy on Thomas Bach OLY in recognition of his contribution to Olympism and as President of the International Olympic Committee since 2013.

**(10) Award of the Order of Merit**

The Executive has conferred the Order of Merit on Ms Raelene Boyle AM, MBE whose brief profile is included in Attachment B.

**(11) General Business**

**Sarah Longes**

Secretary

12 April 2019

# 2019 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 Foundation Hall, Ground Floor, Museum of Contemporary Art, 140 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000 at 9:00am on Saturday 4 May 2019.

The business of the meeting shall include:

1. confirmation of the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting;
2. the presentation of the 2018 Annual Report, the Financial Statements of the Committee, and the Independent Auditor's Report thereon (which documents will be circulated with the Agenda);
3. address by President of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach;
4. consideration of amendments to the Constitution of the Committee; and
5. awarding of Order of Merit;
6. awarding of the President's Trophy

### 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 27 March 2019.

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Sarah Longes  
Secretary  
Australian Olympic Committee Incorporated  
PO Box R1788 ROYAL EXCHANGE NSW 1225  
Email: Sarah.Longes@olympics.com.au

Date: 1 March 2019

The 2019 Australian Olympic Committee AGM Agenda, 2018 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.

## Changes to the AOC Constitution - Explanatory Memorandum

Clause	Proposed change	Reference/Explanation
Definition of "Act"	<p>The words in red below are proposed to be added to the definition of "Act".</p> <p>"Act" means the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 of the State of <b>Victoria and regulations</b></p>	Correction
A new definition of "Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration"	<p>The following new definition of "Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration" to be inserted.</p> <p><b>"Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration" means the Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration adopted by the IOC on proposal of the IOC Athletes' Commission as amended from time to time.</b></p>	To define the term used in the amendments to the AOC Constitution as set out in this explanatory memorandum below.
Fundamental Principles of Olympism - Clause 4, paragraph 5	<p>The words in red below are proposed to be added to Fundamental Principles of Olympism – Clause 4(5) of the AOC Constitution.</p> <p>Recognising that sport occurs within the framework of society, sports organisations within the Olympic Movement shall <b>apply political neutrality.</b> <b>They</b> shall have the rights and obligations of autonomy, which include freely establishing and controlling the rules of sport, determining the structure and governance of their organisations, enjoying the right of elections free from any outside influence and the responsibility for ensuring that principles of good governance be applied.</p>	To reflect the amendment made to the Fundamental Principles of Olympism by the IOC.
New clause 6.15	The words below to be inserted as a new clause 6.15 of the AOC Constitution.	To ensure consistency with the Olympic Charter.

	<b>to promote and respect the Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration;</b>	
6.15	Relabelled as clause 6.16	To allow for the insertion of the new clause 6.15.
6.16	Relabelled as clause 6.17	To allow for the insertion of the new clause 6.15.
6.14	The words in red below are proposed to be added to clause 6.14 of the AOC Constitution.	To ensure consistency with the Olympic Charter.
	<p>to <b>protect its independence, maintain and promote its political neutrality</b>, preserve its autonomy <b>and the autonomy of sport</b> and resist all pressures of any kind, including but not limited to political, legal, religious or economic pressures which may prevent the Committee from complying with the Olympic Charter;</p>	
9.11	<p>The words in red below are proposed to be added to Clause 9.11 of the AOC Constitution.</p> <p>The Athletes' Commission will:</p> <p>(1) advise the Executive on all matters relating to athletes within the Olympic Movement provided that matters specific to a sport will be addressed between the National Federation of that sport and its Athletes' Commission (if any); <b>and</b></p> <p>(2) <b>promote and respect the Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration within the Olympic Movement.</b></p> <p>For this purpose, the Athletes' Commission will meet at least twice a year with the prior approval of the chief executive officer and at the expense of the committee and for such meetings a quorum will consist of six persons.</p>	On proposal of the President who considers that the Athletes' Commission should be proactive in promoting the Declaration.

10.5	Remove clause 10.5	Auditing financial statements of State Organisations in line with the AOC and SOC reset.
36.3(3)	Sub-clause 36.3(3) to be amended in the following manner:  prepare Financial Statements of the Committee and <del>the annual statement a Directors' Report</del> in accordance with the Act.	Update to the clause to bring in line with the <i>Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012</i> (Vic)

The Amendment date and the effective date is intended to be 4 May 2019.

## 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