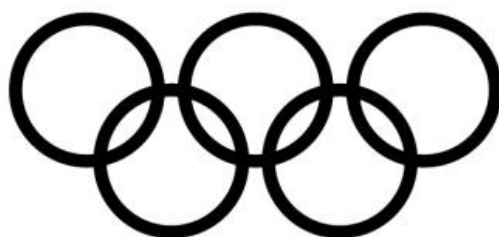


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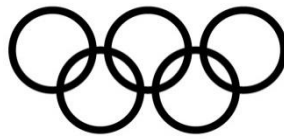
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1. Opening and Welcome by the Chair, VOC President Nicholas Green OAM

Nicholas Green OAM declared the 103rd Victorian Olympic Council Annual General Meeting open at 6.00pm.

He welcomed all in attendance, in particular:

VOC Life Members

- James Barry AM MBE
- Geoff Henke AO
- Robert Lay AM
- Helen Smith AM
- Kerri Tepper
- Leon Wiegard OAM

Merit Award Recipients, Victorian Olympic Council

- Gillian Brewster
- Ian Browne OAM
- Geoff Duggan
- Jeannette Duggan
- Ivan Gaal
- Wendy Grant

Constituent Bodies, of which 22 of 35 were represented.

Apologies were recorded and distributed at the meeting. The President noted apologies from:

VOC Patron in Chief

The Hon Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria

VOC Patron

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria

Minister for Sport

The Hon John Eren MP

Victorian Olympic Council Executive

Will Alstergren QC, Vice President

David Wansbrough OAM, Executive

Nicole Livingstone OAM, Vice President

Prime Minister's Olympic Dinner Executive

David Thodey, Chairman	Eddie McGuire AM
Peter Fox AM, Deputy Chairman	John Pollaers
Jeff Browne	Anthony Pratt
Alan Joyce	Giaan Rooney OAM
Peter Lew	Peter Jones

Australian Olympic Committee Executive

John Coates AC, President	Andrew Plympton
Peter Montgomery, Vice President	James Tomkins OAM
Helen Brownlee OAM, Vice President	Russell Withers
Ian Chesterman	Danielle Woodward OAM
Kitty Chiller	Fiona de Jong, Secretary General
Kim Crow	

Victorian Olympic Council Life Members

Max Beck AM	John Landy AC CVO MBE
Kevan Gosper AO	Sir Donald Trescowthick AC KBE
William Hoffmann AM MBE	

Victorian Olympic Council Merit Award Recipients

Peter Blackburn	Jenny Holliday
Damian Brown	Ray Weinberg AM
Wayne Carroll	John Wylie AM
Phil Francis	

Olympians Club of Victoria Committee

Adrian Costa	Mark Turnbull OAM
Michael McKay OAM	

Victorian Olympic Council Education Commission

Jess Bagley	Fiona Sanford
Sarah Burns	Kate Thomas
Lara Davenport OAM	Kyle Vander-Kuyp
Jason D'Souza	Rick Wall
Stacy Roiall	

Constituent Bodies

Irene Norman	President	Archery Victoria
Peter Roberts	State Director	Badminton Victoria
Val Nesbitt	Secretary	Badminton Victoria
Nick Honey	Chief Executive Officer	Basketball Victoria
Kipp Kaufmann	Chief Executive Officer	Cycling Victoria
Robyn Hunter	Communications Director	Fencing Victoria
Jamie Parsons	Chief Executive Officer	Gymnastics Victoria Inc
Robert Dalton	Chairman	Hockey Victoria
Andrew Skillern	Chief Executive Officer	Hockey Victoria
Warren Porter	President	Ice Hockey Victoria
Rachael Hands	Secretary	Ice Hockey Victoria
Melina Solin	Secretary	Victorian Ice Racing Association
Andrea Winzor	Treasurer	Victorian Ice Racing Association
Eva Fabian	Committee Member	Victorian Ice Racing Association
Simon Davis	General Manager, Community Rugby	Victorian Rugby Union Inc.

Constituent Bodies (con't)

Rob Anderson	President	Victorian Snowsports Association
Paul Malcolm	President	Swimming Victoria
Kelvin Putt	President	Table Tennis Victoria
David Stobart	President	Tennis Victoria
Matthew Kennedy	Executive Director	Tennis Victoria
Grant Cosgriff	Executive Director	Triathlon Victoria
Geoff Rietschel	General Manager	Volleyball Victoria
Jim Sinclair	Vice President	Victorian Wrestling Association Inc.

State Recognised Bodies

Myles Foreman	President	Baseball Victoria
Neale Price	Chief Executive Officer	Baseball Victoria
Michelle Plane	Chief Executive Officer	Netball Victoria
Fiona Young	Executive Director	Squash Vic
Justin Lopes	State Manager – Ops and Strategy	Tenpin Bowling Victoria
Denece Jones	Secretary	Tenpin Bowling Victoria

Associated Bodies

Hilary Shelton	Chief Executive Officer	ACHPER - Victorian Branch
Stephen Gough	Chief Executive Officer	Melbourne Cricket Club
Scott Butler	General Manager, Membership & Heritage	Melbourne Cricket Club - National Sports Museum
Mark McAllion	Chief Executive Officer	VicSport
Anne Marie Harrision	Chief Executive Officer	Victorian Institute of Sport

Friends of the Olympic Family

Marj Duggan, Friend of the Olympic Family	Jeremy King, Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Kanthi Guruge, CWC Family Office Pty Ltd	Lady Norma Trescowthick, Friend of the Olympic Family
Gweneth Henke, 1952 Figure Skating Olympian	Giota Vass, BeattieVass Design
Ian Kerville, Commercial Communications	Dean Wattis, Friend of the Olympic Family

Julius L Patching Award Nominees

Bill Mildenhall, Basketball	Phillip Caruthers, Table Tennis
Laurie Norris, Cycling	Daniel Flahive, Water Polo
Family of Max Campbell, Hockey	Garry Hosie, Yachting

The Chair asked for apologies from the floor.

A record of those attending the meeting is annexed and marked "A".

The Chair read the names of those Olympians and Members of the Olympic family who had passed away since the 102nd AGM:

Dave Power 1956, 1960 Athletics Bronze Medallist	February 1, 2014
Kenneth Clarke 1956 Hockey	August 31, 2014
Bill Orchard 1952, 1956 Water Polo	October 27, 2014
Dr John Bartram 1948 Athletics	November 20, 2014
Philip May 1968 Athletics	November 30, 2014

John Pettigrew 1956 Football	December 19, 2014
Basil Hansen 1960 Ice Hockey	January 3, 2015
Kenneth McDonald 1952 Weightlifting	January 24, 2015
Graeme Hall 1964 Weightlifting	February 4, 2015
Ronald Taylor 1960 Boxing	February 5, 2015
Thomas Owens 1964 Sailing	February 28, 2015
Margaret Arnold (nee Johnson) 1956 Athletics	February 2015
Michael Moroney AM 1956 Athletics	March 17, 2015
Allan Charleston 1956, 1960 Water Polo	March 24, 2015
Paul Dearing 1964 Bronze, 1968 Silver & 1972 Hockey	April 6, 2015
John Stanley 1980, 1984, 1988 Official - Team Physio	January 22, 2015
AOCs Official Olympic Historian, Harry Gordon CMG, AM	January 21, 2015

The Chair called for any omissions from the floor.

A period of silence was observed in memory of these Olympians and Members of the Olympic family.

2. Notice of Meeting

With the Notice of the Meeting circulated on March 4, 2015, the Chair confirmed that the meeting was properly constituted.

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held April 22, 2014

The minutes of the 102nd Annual General Meeting held on April 22, 2014 were confirmed by the meeting.

Once confirmed, the minutes were countersigned by the President Nicholas Green OAM and Nicole Livingstone OAM.

There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

4. President's Address

The Chairman noted that his full report was detailed in the annual report. He acknowledged and welcomed newly appointed Executive Officer Warwick Waters, noting Warwick's great knowledge of the sporting sector in Victoria and high regard in which he is held by VOC members.

Nicholas also took the opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding service of Gillian Brewster who after eight years with the VOC retired in October 2014. He noted her enthusiasm, dedication and contribution to not only the VOC but the Olympic movement in general being extraordinary.

The Chairman recognised a number of achievements including; the outstanding performance of the 2014 Australian Olympic Winter Team and Chef de Mission, and fellow AOC Executive member Ian Chesterman. He mentioned Ian's success in leading a team of 60 in Sochi with 43 being first-time Olympians (more than 70 per cent of the team were rookies), which resulted in three medals; David Morris - Men's Aerials (Silver), Torah Bright - Women's Snowboard Half Pipe (Silver) and Lydia Lassila - Women's Aerials (Bronze).

He also mentioned the achievements of Victorian two-time World Champion Alex “Chumpy” Pullin, who won the second of the World Cup events in Switzerland and Victorian Britt Cox, who made her Olympic debut in Sochi, secured Australia's second World Cup medal, finishing third in the dual moguls event at Deer Valley.

The Chairman congratulated VOC Board member, Stephen Moneghetti AM, who led a successful contingent of athletes as Chef de Mission of the 2014 Australian Commonwealth Games Team, with a number of outstanding results including bronze medals from Victorian Olympians Miao Miao, Jian Fang Lay and Matson Lawson who regularly participate in VOC education programs.

The Chairman extended the VOCs sincere appreciation to the following organisations and people who continually volunteer their time to the VOC:

The State Government of Victoria for their ongoing support of the Olympic Movement. Nick extended a special thanks to the immediate past Minister for Sport and Recreation in Victoria, the Hon Damian Drum MP, mentioning his great support of the Olympic Movement in Victoria and the Victorian Government contribution to the Australian Olympic Team, announced at the OCV dinner in November. He also congratulated the Hon John Eren MP on his recent appointment as Minister for Sport.

Lazard’s Peter Halsted, UBS’s James Tomkins and fellow Board member and Investment Subcommittee Chair, David Wansbrough, for their outstanding guidance and work on the investment portfolio.

Prime Minister’s Olympic Dinner Chairman, David Thodey and his Executive team who have commenced work on this prestigious function which marks the final countdown for the Australian Olympic Team on its exciting journey to Rio. The Committee and VOC aim to exceed the 2012 result of \$2.2m.

Leon Wiegard OAM and the Olympians Club of Victoria (OCV) Committee on the extremely successful dinner held on November 21, 2014.

All members of the VOC team – the Executive Board, the Education Commission, so well led by Luke Soulos, staff, volunteers and Victorian Olympians – for their commitment to the Olympic Movement and the activities and programs delivered by the VOC in 2014.

Finally, he thanked the Australian Olympic Committee for their ongoing support of the VOC. He also used this opportunity to congratulate Fiona de Jong on her appointment as Secretary General of the Australian Olympic Committee. She commenced the role in October, being the first woman to be appointed to this position. Nick spoke to her commitment in working closely with staff and passion to uphold the Olympic spirit and brand moving forward.

As AOC Executive Board member, the Chairman proceeded to give a brief update on the AOC and Rio 2016.

5. Presentation on behalf of the Australian Olympic Committee by Nicholas Green OAM

Nicholas spoke to the IOC Agenda 2020 noting that all 40 recommendations for reform of the Olympic Movement, including an overhaul of the Olympic bidding process driven by John Coates, were approved at the IOC’s 127th Session in Monaco on December 9.

He mentioned the recent recommendation to change the AOCs Constitution to recognise Australia’s Indigenous heritage, advising that the proposal would be voted on at the next AOC Annual General Meeting in May 2015 (*‘To recognise the heritage, culture and Contribution of our nation’s first people, and to give practical support to Indigenous reconciliation through sport’*).

Nicholas congratulated Network Seven on being appointed the Australian media rights for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. He advised that Seven would also broadcast the 2022 Olympic Winter Games and the 2024 Olympic Games (host cities TBA). Further to that, Seven West Media acquired broadcast rights on all media platforms and were committed to promoting Olympism, Olympic sports, health, education and youth sport across Seven’s media platforms.

Nicholas spoke to the IGNITE event series launched on November 19, 2014. He noted that the series would run for six months throughout Australia and be presented by Olympians, engaging over 1,000 athletes and officials. The series were designed to motivate and demonstrate the values and responsibilities involved in joining the Australian Olympic Team. A video highlights package of the Rio 2016 Olympic Park precinct was shown.

6. Presentation by the Executive Officer, Warwick Waters, of the 2014 Annual Report, Financial Statements and the Independent Auditor's Report

Warwick spoke to the annual report and five KRAs which form the basis of the Victorian Olympic Council's Strategic Plan.

KRA 1 Fundraising

The 2016 Prime Minister's Olympic Dinner (PMOD) was officially launched in February, at a lunch hosted by the Chairman and Executive. Patron of the PMOD, Prime Minister the Hon Tony Abbott MP, also sent a video message of support. Warwick noted the Victorian target for this quad being set at \$2.2m contributing towards the Australian Olympic Team heading to Rio in 2016.

He also confirmed that the Premier, the Hon Daniel Andrews MP agreed to fulfil the role of President of the PMOD Executive. Warwick noted that table sales were underway with some 27 tables already sold. He acknowledged members of the PMOD Executive Committee led by Telstra Chief Executive Officer, David Thodey for their outstanding contribution to date.

KRA 2 Olympians

The VOC continue to support the Olympians Club of Victoria (OCV) with their activity, including the OCV Annual Gala Dinner. Warwick spoke to the constant increase in the number of Olympians attending the dinner year on year and the Committee's intention to pay particular attention to increase the attendance of younger Olympians and State Sporting Associations for future events.

The OCV Committee are currently reviewing preparations for a special celebration in 2016 for the 60th Anniversary of the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games.

KRA 3 Education

Warwick extended the VOCs sincere appreciation to the Department of Sport and Recreation for their ongoing support in funding the Active Youth Development Programs. He spoke to the last funding round which ended in 2014, where more than 720 children participated in programs across three regions - Bendigo, Warrnambool, and Geelong.

He spoke to the Pierre de Coubertin Awards and Olympic Academy, thanking the presentation partner, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for their ongoing financial support. Warwick also took the opportunity to acknowledge members of the Education Commission and their outstanding contribution in assisting with the development and delivery of the VOCs education programs and services.

KRA 4 Governance

Warwick applauded the ongoing support and provision of services provided by the AOC, led by Secretary General Fiona de Jong, Fundraising and Community Programs General Manager James Edwards and Accountant Ben Graham, along with the rest of the team at the AOC.

He noted that the Julius Patching Foundation was tracking well and special thanks were extended to the voluntary members of the Foundation Sub-committee, Peter Halstead and James Tomkins OAM along with Board members David Wansbrough (Sub-committee Chair) and Nicholas Green OAM.

The Executive Director then reviewed the financial statements of the Council. Warwick drew Members' attention to the full list of revenues and expenses noting that our major income streams are the Foundation, AOC and the State Government for our education programs outlined earlier and major expenses are salaries, our education programs and occupancy costs. He noted that our current fundraising activity was starting to be scaled up and current projections see us achieving our target for the quadrennium.

In conclusion Warwick recorded that independent auditors Ernst & Young have reported that in their opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Victorian Olympic Council Incorporated as of 31 December 2015 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies as described in note 2 to the financial statements.

The Financial Report was presented to the members for their acceptance as part of the 2014 Annual Report.

KRA 5 Legacy and Stakeholder Engagement

Warwick spoke to the continual growing interest of the Julius Patching Sports Official of the Year Award, noting the excitement in seeing sports reach out to acknowledge their volunteers.

In conclusion, Warwick noted the support from the constituent bodies and recognised all members for their support during the year and in the lead up to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

On behalf of the Executive the Chair moved the receipt and adoption of the 2014 Annual Report.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the 2014 Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Council and the Independent Auditor's Report thereon be received.

7. Presentation of the 2014 Education Commission Report by Chairman, Luke Soulos

Luke took this opportunity to acknowledge each of the Commission members which includes a number of key representatives from a variety of sectors. He advised that the Education Commission's purpose was to assist the VOC in fulfilling its responsibilities in delivering world-class Olympic education programs and services.

Luke spoke to the Active Youth Development Program (AYDP) and noted that the VOC recently received additional funding to deliver a further 4 programs in 2015. The AYDP aims to:

1. Connect Olympians with the community to inspire participation in sport
2. Connect schools and students with local clubs to foster an ongoing relationship
3. Empower teachers with the tools needed to conduct the program with minimal support from the VOC
4. Increase participation in sport.

He recapped on the 2014 programs and commented on the surveys conducted by students at the conclusion of each program which were overall very positive, noting that:

- 71% of students were currently involved in a sporting club.
- 73% of students were involved in physical activity three or more times per week.
- 67% of students stated they wanted to continue in their preferred sport.
- 50% stated the program had encouraged them to actually join a local sports club.

Finally, Luke spoke to the annual Pierre de Coubertin awards and Olympic Academy commenting on the number of schools that continually support the program which recognises students who demonstrate academic excellence and sporting prowess whilst exemplifying the Olympic values. He acknowledged the 170 Victorian students who received the award in 2014 and introduced a highlights package from the 2014 ceremony which was compiled by a group of secondary students called *United Youth Media*.

8. Presentation of the Olympians Club of Victoria Report by the President, Leon Wiegard OAM

Leon extended his sincere appreciation to members of the Committee for their support. He also acknowledged members of a new sub-committee of the OCV, the "Young Olympians Club", led by Olympians Steph Moorhouse (Athens 2004 Gymnastics), Ash Brennan (London 2012, Beijing 2008 Gymnastics), Josh Dunkley-Smith (London 2012 Rowing Silver Medallist) and Tom Swann (London 2012 Rowing).

The sub-committee was formed to reengage Olympians under the age of 35. He spoke to the launch held on October 24 and social evenings to follow that would give Olympians an opportunity to connect with fellow teammates, build new networks and in particular, reconnect Olympians of recent Games.

He recapped on the 2014 OCV Gala Dinner held at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins on November 21. With more than 500 in attendance, almost 1 in 3 were Olympians, many who travelled from interstate and overseas to celebrate reunions ending in the number four. Tokyo and Innsbruck 1964 (50th anniversary), Los Angeles and Sarajevo 1984 (30th anniversary), Lillehammer 1994, Athens 2004 (10th anniversary), as well as celebrating the success of our Team at Sochi. Overall a memorable occasion which he invited all members to consider attending in future to not only acknowledge their athletes but also their volunteers.

9. Awards

9.1 The Julius L Patching Sports Official of the Year Award

Former VOC Vice President and Olympian Kerri Tepper introduced the award which is in recognition of the unprecedented and tireless contribution of Julius L Patching to the VOC and Olympic community. She invited Colin Patching, son of Judy Patching, to present the awards.

Kerri read the names of all nominees of the 2014 Julius L Patching Sports Official of the Year Award and asked those present to stand.

1. Athletics Victoria – Les Clark
2. Basketball Victoria – Bill Mildenhall
3. Cycling Victoria – Laurie Norris
4. Gymnastics Victoria – Sue Cowdell
5. Hockey Victoria (to be awarded posthumously) – Max Campbell
6. Judo Victoria – Malcolm Slade
7. Modern Pentathlon Victoria – Kate Thompson
8. Rowing Victoria – Eric Waller
9. Table Tennis Victoria – Phillip Caruthers
10. Triathlon Victoria – Brian Hinton
11. Water Polo Victoria – Danny Flahive
12. Yachting Victoria – Garry Hosie

She announced the following short-listed candidates who were presented with a framed certificate:

1. Judo Victoria – Malcolm Slade
2. Rowing Victoria – Eric Waller

Finally, Kerri announced the recipient of the 2014 Julius L Patching Sports Official of the Year Award – Bill Mildenhall who was nominated by Basketball Victoria.

Colin Patching presented both the short-listed candidates and finalist with their awards. Bill's resume of achievements is annexed and marked "B".

10. Close

There being no general business, the Chair closed the 103rd Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Olympic Council at 6:55pm.

Nicholas Green OAM
President
Date: April 21st, 2016

Warwick Waters
Executive Officer
Date: April 21st, 2016



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Victorian Olympic Council Executive

Nicholas Green OAM, President	Jeremy Thompson, Member
Andrew Collett, Member	Leon Wiegard OAM, Member
Stephen Moneghetti AM, Member	Stephanie Moorhouse, Honorary Officer

Victorian Olympic Council Staff

Warwick Waters, Executive Officer	Maria Cabeliza, Project Manager
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VOC Life Members

James Barry AM MBE	Helen Smith AM
Geoff Henke AO	Kerri Tepper
Robert Lay AM	Leon Wiegard OAM

VOC Order of Merit Recipients

Gillian Brewster	Jeannette Duggan
Ian Browne OAM	Ivan Gaal
Geoff Duggan	Wendy Grant

Olympians Club of Victoria Committee Members

Peter Doak OAM, Treasurer	Margot Foster AM
Stuart Carruthers	Shirley Harris OAM
David Culbert	

VOC Education Commission Members

Luke Soulos, Chairman	Anne King
Jo a'Beckett	Jude Maguire
Richard Baka	Nick Parkinson
Cynthia Barnicoat	Erin Walklate (2008 Olympian Badminton)
Alan Black	Jennifer White
Ryan Holloway	

Constituent Bodies

Athletics Victoria	Ian Jones, President
	Glenn Turnor, Chief Executive Officer
Basketball Victoria	Dan Kirtley, President
Australian Biathlon Association	Grant Flanagan, President
	Emma Flanagan, Treasurer
Canoeing Victoria	Warwick Draper, Delegate
Football Federation Victoria	Peter Gome, Chief Executive Officer
Golf Victoria	Simon Brookhouse, Chief Executive Officer
Gymnastics Victoria	Michael O'Neil, Chair



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Constituent Bodies (con't)

Victorian Ice Racing Association	Ken Stewart, President
Ice Skating Victoria	Wendy Meik, President
	Judith Sivasubramaniam, Secretary
Modern Pentathlon Victoria	Ernie Fontaine, Executive Officer
	Kate Thompson, Secretary
Rowing Victoria	Fiona Dickson, President and Chair
	Nick Gall, Chief Executive Officer
Swimming Victoria	Gillian O'Mara, Chief Executive Officer
	Courtney Ford, Director
Table Tennis Victoria	Anne King, Chief Executive Officer
Tennis Victoria	Nick Hinneberg, Executive Manager - Tennis Operations
Triathlon Victoria Inc	Steven Gatt, President
Water Polo Victoria	John Perrott, President
	Simon Blundell, Executive Officer
Yachting Victoria	Steve Walker, Chief Executive Officer

Associated Bodies

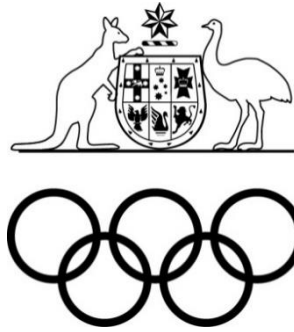
Olympic Winter Institute of Australia	Geoff Lipshut, Chief Executive Officer
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Julius L Patching Award Nominees

Les Clark, Athletics	Eric Waller, Rowing
Sue Cowdell, Gymnastics	Brian Hinton, Triathlon
Malcolm Slade, Judo	

Guests and Olympians

Jan Barry, Guest of Jim Barry AM MBE	Belinda Hocking, Olympian, Swimming 2008, 2012 and VOC Intern
Rhonda Browne, Guest of Ian Browne OAM	
Pam Cavanagh, President, Ice Sports Victoria	Chris Johnson, Friend of the Olympic Family
Colin Coates, Olympian, Ice Racing 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988	Annette Lunde, Friend of the Olympic Family
Felicity Cowdell, Guest of Sue Cowdell	Colin Patching, Son of Julius Patching
Murray Cowdell, Guest of Sue Cowdell	Lynnette Slade, Guest of Malcolm Slade
Gillian Doak, Guest of Peter Doak OAM	Warwick Slade, Guest of Malcolm Slade
Marj Duggan, Friend of the Olympic Family	Tim Suke, Photographer
	Beverley Waller, Guest of Eric Waller
	Jo Waller, Guest of Eric Waller



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JULIUS PATCHING SPORTS OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD MR BILL MILDENHALL – BASKETBALL

Bill's contribution to the sport of officiating basketball in Victoria, Australia and internationally spans a staggering 44 years, both as an active referee and referee administrator. His officiating career and achievements are unequalled in the sport, while his contributions working for basketball; firstly as the National Referees Director for Basketball Australia from 1991-2006 and currently; with Basketball Victoria as the State Referees Development Officer have been outstanding. Both these roles involve the production and implementation of resources and programs to assist the development of referees and referee coaches from the grass roots level to the elite.

Since ceasing active officiating, Bill has turned his expertise into referee coaching, both internationally and nationally, being appointed to three FIBA World Championships and an Olympic Games along with assisting as a manager of the NBL referees. He has also referred 48 NBL Grand Final Games and Officiated 945 NBL Games overall, and has been worthy of receiving the NBL Referee of the Year award on 16 consecutive occasions, as well as the Victorian Sports Awards 'Victorian Official of the Year' in 2011.

His expertise in the field of officiating was recognised by the international controlling body (FIBA) with his election onto the FIBA Technical Commission in 2010. The commission is responsible for the rules, interpretations and officiating mechanics for the 214 National Federations that play under FIBA.

Bill has clearly made an outstanding contribution to officiating in the State and country, with an unparalleled commitment to basketball over many years.