

South Australian Athletic League

Committee Nomination Form 2025

NAME OF CANDIDATE:

NOMINATING FOR:

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President (2 years)

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Committee Member (2 years)

BRIEF:

My sporting career has seen me as a school boy representing the mid Devon school at senior athletics and winning the 1971 Devon County Youth championship in 200m. Since migrating to Australia in 1997, I have been a track athlete, first with Masters Athletics then with Flinders Athletics. Since 2010 I have been competing in Pros and before 2015, the year I became disabled, I won two sacket. During the season just past I won the opening (300m Marion) and closing para events (70m McKinnon Parade) as well as winning the over 35 70m at the Lyndoch Gather Round.

In 2007 and 2013 I competed in the World Police Fire Games winning bronze in 2007, in Adelaide, in the 4 by 400m. In 2015, just before my accident, I took part in the World Master Track Field in Lyon, making the 200m semi finals.

In 2024 I received my certificate as a National Athletics Referee.

Since 2017 I have been a member of Flinders Athletics Committee as their Rep to Athletics SA a role I continue to hold and from 2018, until stepping down last year, their vice President.

From 2018 to 2022 I was a member of the SA Police Sports Federation and in 2012,13 and 14 the Track and Field coordinator for the SA Emergency Service Games.

In Hong Kong, where I worked for 22 years, before migrating to Australia, I was Chairman of the Police Archery Club for ten years and National Archery Judge from 1989-1996. From 1990-1992 I was 2nd Vice President of the Hong Archery Association, which was then the Colonies national body.

In 2018 I was awarded SA Masters Male Athlete of the Year and winner of the Flinders Athletics Club Jacob Murray Medallion for my advocacy with Athletics SA for recognition of older disabled athletes it is such advocacy that is my driving force behind myself nominating for the SAAL committee.

Being a disabled athlete I intend to be a voice for para-athletes in Pro running and hope to see South Australia become the bench mark for country as a whole. This would include maintaining opportunities for para-athletes to run at various different distances and expand opportunities for Frame Runners. I will also seek enshrined in the constitution that a para-athlete or carer of such a person is at all times either an elected member of the board or when no such person is duly elected, a non voting para athlete is appointed to the board.

Outside the sporting arena, in Hong Kong, as a working police officer, I was an Ex officio member of the Management Committee of a Vietnamese Refugee Camp and a Fight Crime Committee. While there, in a private capacity, I was Secretary of the Old Blundellians' Club (Hong Kong Section) from 1983 –1986. In Australia I am Vice President of the Mitcham Hills Inter-Church Council

With both a broad sporting background both as an able bodied and para-athlete and a broad knowledge of working in sporting and other committees, I believe I can represent the broader interest of all members.

PROPOSED BY: Madelene McNeil *M. McNeil*

SECONDED BY: Paul Sutcliffe *P. Sutcliffe*

Application must be signed by two current or life members of the South Australian Athletic League