



Julius (Judy) Lockington Patching AO OBE (1917 - 2009)

2019 Julius L Patching Sports Official of the Year Award

This award is in recognition of the unprecedented and tireless contribution of Julius L Patching to the Victorian Olympic Council (VOC) and Olympic community. Judy was a voluntary Official from 1947 until his death in 2009. This award recognises the outstanding contribution that officials make to the fabric of the Olympic sporting community in Victoria.

This award is open to volunteer officials and administrators including but not limited to; secretaries, committee members, referees, umpires and judges who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to their sport.

Criteria for this award include level of contribution, longevity of service, impact to sport, demonstration of excellence, attitude and peer feedback. One nomination per State Sporting Association (SSA) is accepted for consideration each year.

Congratulations to all our nominees. In no particular order, the 2019 Julius L Patching Sports Official of the Year award finalists are:

- Roger Wilson OAM – Rowing
- Nicholas Buskens – Skateboarding
- Ronda Jenkins OAM – Athletics
- Joshua Burt – Hockey

The 2019 Julius L Patching Sports Official of the Year Award Recipient is:

- **Janet Smith nominated by Equestrian Victoria.**

A short bio on each nominee is noted on pages 3-5.



ABOUT JUDY...

Judy began his involvement in sport in 1932 as a track and field athlete with the Victorian Athletic Association. From the outset he worked tirelessly to promote sport within Australia and overseas.

Some of Judy's key roles included:

- Chief starter and member of the Technical Committee at both the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne and the 1962 Commonwealth Games in Perth
- Athletics Section Manager at the 1960 Rome Olympics
- Assistant General Manager at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics
- Chef de Mission of both the 1968 Mexico City and 1972 Munich Olympic Games Australian teams.

In recognition of his tireless contribution to sport, he was honoured with Life Membership of:

- Victorian Athletic Association
- Victorian Olympic Council
- Australian Olympic Committee
- Archery Society of Victoria
- Fencing Australia
- Athletics Australia.

Over the years Judy contributed to the Victorian Olympic Council in several senior roles:

- 1971 - 1973 Honorary Secretary
- 1974 Executive Member
- 1975 - 1985 Chairman
- 1986 - 1993 President.

He also was:

- Delegate to the International Amateur Athletic Federation from 1960 to 1970
- Secretary General of the Australian Olympic Committee 1973-1985
- Superintendent of Recreation for the City of Melbourne 1966-1983
- President and Secretary General of the Victorian Olympic Council
- Founding Secretary General of the Association of Oceania National Olympic Committees
- Deputy Mayor of the Olympic Village at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games
- Chef de Mission of the Australian team to the Centenary re-enactment of the Olympics in Athens, 1996.

Other honours bestowed on Judy include:

- International Olympic Committee Silver Order
- Award of Merit from the Association of National Olympic Committees
- Australian Sports Medal
- Membership, The Sport Australia Hall of Fame
- First Oceania National Olympic Committee's Merit Award
- Award of Merit from the Victorian Athletic Union.

His outstanding contribution to sport has also been recognised internationally with the presentation of an OBE in 1970. He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1985.

He was appointed Honorary Life Patron of the Olympians Club of Victoria in 2003.

In 2007 the Victorian Olympic Council introduced the Julius L. Patching Sports Official of the Year Award to recognise the work of volunteers, coaches and officials in sport.



2019 JULIUS L PATCHING SPORTS OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINEES

RONDA JENKINS - ATHLETICS VICTORIA

Ronda Jenkins is a highly involved and respected contributor to Athletics both in Victoria and on a National level and has been an active Official for more than 40 years.

Ronda's devotion to the sport includes currently acting as Registrar, Secretary and Treasurer for Brunswick Athletics Club. Ronda was awarded a Life Membership to Athletics Victoria in 1998 and Athletics Australia in 2002.

In 2000, Ronda was awarded an Australian Sports Medal and received an OAM in 2009 for service to athletics and as records officer.

Ronda's performance has been incredible including Technical Information Centre Assistant Manager 1996 World Junior Championships, the 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games, TIC Manager IAAF Grand Prix Melbourne 2001, Competition Secretary / Administration Manager 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Ronda is currently Records Officer for Athletics Australia. She tirelessly completes the Administrative preparation for all Championship level events in the Athletics calendar and volunteers her time to fulfil the Administration Manager's duties for many events across our summer and winter seasons combined.

Ronda also is a volunteer at the Epworth Hospital. Athletics Victoria strongly supports her nomination for this award.

JAMIE HANSON - CYCLING VICTORIA

Jamie Hanson has provided Chief Official services at all rounds of the Cycling Victoria Schools competition. He has been able to show commitment and consistency throughout the series by overseeing the staging of this introductory event program.

Jamie has assisted volunteers, teachers and students alike in appreciating the skills and competencies required to race. This has led to students being given the opportunity to link into our Club network and even participate on the same final criterium course as the professional riders at the Jayco Herald Sun Tour.

He was awarded the 2019 Cycling Victoria Official of the year for his 10 years of contribution to the sport.

JANET SMITH - EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA

For over 40 years Jan has selflessly contributed to the equestrian discipline of dressage across all levels from grassroots to Olympic. The longevity, impact and diversity of roles Jan fulfills is evidence of her extraordinary dedication, excellence and commitment.

Jan has been a National Selector for the elite Australian dressage teams for many years. She is renown for her passion for developing the next generation of riders and ensuring the sustainability of our sport through her highly successful, comprehensive and integrated Young Rider Development Program.

Jan's extensive, up to date and reliable knowledge of rules, along with her highly regarded integrity, makes her the 'go to' official for dressage at a state and national level. She mentors other officials on both a formal and informal basis.

Jan's attitude is one that is described as 'more than 100% committed', 'tenacious', and 'tireless'.



Jan is held in the highest esteem by her peers. International level competitor, Event Director, Event Venue Managing Director, & National Event Director, Fiona Selby said, “Jan is undoubtedly one of the greatest contributors to equestrian sport in this country. Her role as a judge, steward, event organiser, selector, committee representative, and mentor is more than a full time job however Jan gallantly takes on these tasks, predominantly as a volunteer, for the good of the sport.”

JOSHUA BURT - HOCKEY VICTORIA

Josh has demonstrated excellence over a long period of time at local, national and international events. Josh has been appointed to international matches and tournaments since 2011, including as a judge, technical official and tournament director.

Josh was one of four Australian Match Managers appointed to the 2019 FIH Pro League and has been re-appointed in 2020.

Josh is also a Technical Delegate for the 2019 Olympic qualifiers and was appointed as a technical official to the Tokyo Olympics.

He was a judge at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, and appointed to the Men’s Hockey gold medal match.

Josh provides support and advice to the Australian and Victorian officiating communities. He has been a member of the Hockey Victoria Officiating Committee since it was reformed in 2017, and is the chair of the Hockey Australia Men’s Officiating Appointments panel.

Josh was a co-competition director of the inaugural HockeyOne League in 2019 (national domestic hockey league). Feedback from the HockeyOne operations coordinator indicated Josh was very generous with his time and provided valuable support and feedback. Josh was an advocate for the league and used his rapport with the officials to manage any issues, as well as advocating to the league the needs of the officials.

ROGER WILSON OAM - ROWING VICTORIA INC

“The voice of rowing” - Roger started his lifelong interest in rowing whilst at Brighton Grammar School.

He started his rowing at Brighton at the end of 1957 and finished in 1962 – including rowing in the school’s first two head of the river crews in 1961 and 1962.

Roger then joined Mercantile Rowing Club in 1963 and raced until 1967. His highest win was the national junior eights title at the first National Regatta at Ballarat in May 1966 in what Roger regarded as freezing conditions. No one will argue with you on that one.

Roger has been a long serving Vice-President at the Club and coached at Club crews in the seventies. However Roger is perhaps best known for his coaching at Brighton Grammar from 1964 until 1979 with the last five years as Head of the River first eight coach. His crews did very well including the first final appearance by BGS in the Head of the River in 1976 finishing third behind the two Geelong schools on the Barwon!

Roger’s fame to the sport was to come through his course commentating. He started at Yarrowonga in 1966 and is still going strong over 50 years at most major rowing regattas in Victoria.



Roger was also the ABC rowing commentator from 1973 and called all Kings Cups & Nationals on the ABC Grandstand for 43 years as well as well as being course commentator.

He went onto commentate at Olympic and World Championships, the ABC commentator on a number of occasions at each. His biggest highlight was being the main course commentator at Lake Barrington at the 1990 World Rowing Championships where the Oarsome Foursome commenced their wonderful run of successes.

He probably has one of the longest runs as course commentator at any regatta with over 40 years at the APS Head of the River. He was also the main course commentator for world masters regatta in 2012.

Amongst all the above, Roger found time to be a journalist on rowing for many years. He wrote rowing stories for The Age, then in 1984 for the broadsheet Herald & also a weekly column in the Weekly Times for many years. He also submitted the results and stories for Australian Associated Press for over 30 years.

NICHOLAS BUSKENS - VICTORIAN SKATEBOARDING ASSOCIATION

As the key committee member of the Victorian Skateboard Association from 2002 to 2020, Nick has lead our sport in partnership with YMCA, to develop a series of competition and training programs that has resulted in a truly co-ordinated national grass roots development program for our skateboarding athletes.

The Skatepark Leagues competition program, which started in Melbourne with 6 events, now comprises more than 100 events across the country, culminating in a National Final in Melbourne (during Moomba in March), which has been the inspiration and key development pathway for many of the skateboarders in our Olympic Team for the 2020 Tokyo Games.

Nick has also raised the standards for sports administration in our sport, and has now joined the board of Skate Australia to enable the NSO to assist all states in building on the national development pathway, and create State Sporting Associations and grow coaching and competition capacity nationally.

Without Nick, and his drive and determination to help others to be their best, VSA would not be the respected SSA that it is today, The SkatePark League Series would not exist, and we would not have as many competition ready athletes to choose from, for the 2020 Australian Olympic Skateboarding Team.

BRIAN HINTON - TRIATHLON VICTORIA

Brian has given 35 years of service to the sport of Triathlon. He has taken on many roles within the sport from grass roots to international level, as a voluntary official, referee, administrator, Committee Member, Vice President and President.

He was a senior technical official at State, National and International competitions, as well as having officiated in a senior role at more than 50 State, 20 National, and 30 International events, including the Athens 2004 Olympics as well as 16 as the International Federation Team Leader, which is equivalent to a Technical Delegate.

Brian has continually been engaged in the sport as President of the Melbourne Triathlon Club from 1987 -1990, State President and Vice President from 1998 to 2002, is a current member of the State and National Technical Committees, Secretary of the International Federation Multisport Committee, as well as a former Board member of the International Triathlon Union, who set rules and bid conditions for Multisport World Championships.

He was intergral in the development of four State and National Technical Official training modules which are still currently used. Triathlon Victoria endorse Brian as a worthy recipient of this award.