



## Elected Director Nomination Form 2024

Name of Nominee Julie Bicknell

Seconded Prue Orchard – Buninyong LAC (President)  
(Office holder of LAVic Affiliated Centre or Region)

\* Note, the applicant has been deemed compliant by the Board

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## Statements to be completed by the nominee

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1. Please outline the reasons for nominating (300 words max).

I would like to re nominate for a 2nd term on the Board of Little Athletics Victoria on which I currently hold the position of Vice President

Since having been appointed to the board in 2022, I have been an active advocate for centres and members, with their best interests and health my priority.

Through my over 15 years involvement, as a parent, helper and a committee member, with Ballarat, Bunninyong, Lucas and the Western Country Region, I understand that the needs of country centres can differ from our metropolitan compatriots. I feel I can continue to offer an insight and country/regional knowledge to the board.

I continue to feel strongly about advancing the knowledge of officials at ground level and providing them with resources and clear pathways to advancement.

Through my experience with small business (Accounting Practice) I have a strong knowledge of financial systems, software, Human Resources and compliance-based systems. I have worked in finance and management-based positions for over 40 years.

My main reason for re-nominating is I love Little Athletics. I have witnessed first-hand the benefits to participants, and I feel it holds a vital place in the development of our young athletes. The skills gained at Little Aths can be transferred and utilised in other sports and life.

I am strongly committed to finding ways to ensure that our athletes and officials stay engaged in athletics, and that there are clear pathways and opportunities to allow them to continue their journeys.

Continuing to assist the board to put in place strategies to retain athletes lifelong in athletics and maintaining Little Athletics position as a peak sporting body is my purpose for re-applying.

2. Outline skills, qualifications and experience against the selection criteria, as set out in the **Elected Director Duty Statement 2024** (600 words max).

Selection Criteria -Skills and Experience

- Deep appreciation of Athletics as a whole and the benefits of Little Athletics to our youth as both a social and sporting activity.
- Committee member, parent, volunteer and official at local, regional, state and national events, junior and senior level.
- Broad experience at grass roots level, through to organizing events.
- Strong belief in the benefits Little Athletics provides for all involved, from mental health to physical health and social engagement.
- Understand the need to have a clear vision for our sport so that it continues to flourish.
  
- Assisted in strategic reviews at board, local and region level for Little Athletics.
  
- Understand the importance and benefits of building healthy and rewarding relationships, personally, professionally and in sport with people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.
- Respectful and listen to various views and opinions.
- Understand importance of making informed decisions
- One of the most rewarding parts of being involved in our sport is interaction and building relationships that lead to lifelong friendships.
- Committee involvement and volunteering at Ballarat Little Aths, Western Country Region and Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre leading to working with a broad range of people with varying skills and ideas.
- Continuing involvement with sponsors, parents, athletes, officials and LAVIC staff Business skills

- Managed a small business (Accounting Practice as a Practice Manager)
- Interacted with employees and clients and worked collaboratively in developing policies and systems,
- Lead a small team.
- Competed strategic reviews
- Responsible for Accounts Payable/Receivable, Payroll, monthly reporting, IT, Human Resource management, Governance and Compliance Systems.
- Understand the importance of honesty and confidentiality.

#### Little Athletics experience

I have been involved in Little Athletics as a parent, Committee member, official ad volunteer since 2007.

#### Ballarat Little Athletics

- 2011 - Joined Ballarat General Committee
- 2012/2013 Communications and Marketing Officer
- 2014/2015 Chief of Officials
- 2015/2016 Officials Mentor
- 2017/2018 Secretary
- 2018/ to 2022 Representative on Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre committee
- 2018/ to 2022 Registrar
- 2022 Results Manager, Competition Sub Committee Chair
- Ballarat Little Athletics Life Member

2019 Assisted in the reformation of Buninyong Little Athletics

2020 Assisted in the formation of Lake Bolac Little Athletics

2023/2024 Assisted in the formation of Lucas Little Athletics

#### WCR

- 2017/2018 to current Competition Secretary
- 2022 Elected as Life Member of Western Country Region

#### Little Athletics Victoria

2022 - Meritorious Service Award

2023 – Governance Institute of Australia Governance Essential Course

2023 – Member of the Institute of Community Directors Australia

#### Little Athletics Officiating

- Centre Level 2011- current
- Region Level 2014 – current
- State Level 2017 -Current
- ALAC 2022 – current

#### Athletics Victoria Official

- Level 1 – Starting, Racewalking, Out of Stadia 2013
- Level 2- Track, Throws and Jumps 2013

#### World Athletics Official

- TOECS Level 1 2018

Officiated at Local, State and National Level since 2013, including Zatopek, Maurie Plant Meet, and Melbourne Track Classic, Australian All Schools and Australian Athletics Championships.

Athletics Victoria WCR Official of the Year. 2016, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020.

If re-elected to the board, I would continue to work to grow Little Athletics within Victoria and advocate for its members, centres and regions. I believe that Little Athletics is a strong vibrant sport that offers wonderful opportunities for children with an interest in athletics, whatever level they maybe. There is a place for all within our sport and I will work to ensure that continues.

My love of the sport and officiating, continued involvement at Centre, Regional and State Level and desire to see our sport stay strong and grow has led to my application.