

**TO: Region & Centre Secretaries**  
**FROM: Anthony McIntosh - CEO**  
**DATE: 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**SUBJECT: U17s in 22/23; LAVic Awards; Board elections & special resolutions; new LAVic employee**

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#### **U17s in 22/23**

At its May meeting, the LAVic Board approved the introduction of the U17s age group for the 22/23 season. This is in response to a proposal from Western Country Region, the basis of which is to help retain athletes in the sport of athletics for longer.

This also brings LAVic into line with other State Little Athletics Member Associations, almost all of which offer U17s (Little Athletics Tasmania being the exception).

The LAVic constitution in its current state allows for the conduct of U17s in accordance with rule 4.1 Definitions:

*"Competitive Member" means a child who is five (5) years of age or older, and who is sixteen (16) years of age or younger, at the end of the calendar year in which the summer season commences, and who is registered with the Association (through an Affiliated Centre or Club) and participates in Little Athletics and/or skill related activities organized and conducted by the Association or any of its Members.*

More information will be provided about the introduction of U17s in coming weeks.

#### **2022 LAVic Awards**

An overview of the 2022 LAVic Awards program can be found on the LAVic website, along with links to the relevant application forms – click [HERE](#).

Similar to 2021, there are three Centre-based awards - 'Centre Inclusion Award', 'Centre Marketing Award' and 'Centre Volunteer of the Year Award' to be entered by brief written submission (in Word/PDF format). The purpose of these is to recognise and celebrate Centre efforts in embracing disadvantaged groups (such as kids with disability, multi-cultural, indigenous kids), innovative Centre marketing activities, and outstanding volunteering efforts respectively.

Two coaching awards will also be presented - 'Coach of the Year' and the 'Bryan Neighbour Centre Coach Award'. The 'Coach of the Year' award recognises three outstanding coaches at Region/State level – The 'Bryan Neighbour Centre Coach Award' recognises and encourages the special qualities of coaches and the impact they have on athlete development. Nominations can be submitted by individuals, Clubs, Centres and Regions – please view the website for further details and application forms.

Again, we encourage all Centres to consider nominating and at the very least, share their stories. The winners of most award categories will receive a cash reward and a plaque/trophy.

Further details on the Gala Awards Dinner presentation will be confirmed in due course.

*Entries can be forwarded to the LAVic office via email to [office@lavic.com.au](mailto:office@lavic.com.au) and must be received by 5pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.*

#### **Board elections & special resolutions reminders**

Nominations for four LAVic Board Director positions close at 11.59pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Further, special resolutions to alter the [LAVic Constitution](#) are required in the LAVic office by 11.59pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 via email to [office@lavic.com.au](mailto:office@lavic.com.au).

See the memo from 11.05.22 for further details.

#### **New LAVic employee**

LAVic is pleased to announce that Andrew Pryn will commence in the role of Membership, Events and Merchandise Co-ordinator on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Andrew comes to LAVic having worked with golf clubs in recent years. Some will know Andrew from his long association with the Cranbourne Little Athletics Centre, originally as an athlete, and in recent times a committee member and coach. We congratulate Andrew on his appointment.

The LAVic team