

Queensland Race Walking Club Inc.

Building on a fine tradition of race walking, 65 years in the making.



HEEL & TOE

October 1st 2020

Congratulations Noela Race Walking Australia 25 Year Merit Award

At the recent video conference of the Australian Federation of Race Walking Clubs QRWC submitted a successful motion for our long standing club Secretary, Noela McKinven to be awarded the Federation Merit Award for 25 years of service. On top of all the decades of continuous and outstanding work Noela has contributed to our club she has also given excellent service to our national Federation. Well done Noela.

Nominating Race Walking Club: QRWC Inc

Name: Noela McKinven

Type of Award: 25 Years

- *be a financial member of a member or affiliated club;*

Noela is a current financial member of the QRWC.

- *have served a minimum of 15 years with a member or affiliated club.*

Noela has continuously been an active financial member of QRWC since 1984 and is a Life Member.

Noela has been a competitor with the club since 1984 and has been club Secretary for 28 of the past 32 years.

Statement of Qualification

Has been a competitor at LBG Carnivals and 2nd Federation meets around Australia since 1995.

Has been an integral member of the local organising committees for 5 Queensland hosted Federation meets.

Has represented Queensland at Federation AGM's since 1999 as a delegate, observer or assistant to the President.

Has judged at LBG and 2nd Federation meets since 2007.

Has taken on work in support of the Secretary as required over the years (notably the retyping of the entire Federation Constitution).

Has been Queensland Team Manager at numerous Federation carnivals.

Noela was awarded the Federation 15 Year Merit Award in 2010.

Nomination for Life Membership of Race Walking Australia

At the same video conference, the Management Committee of the QRWC submitted the below nomination for Life Membership of the Federation for QRWC Life Member, former President, dual Olympian and long time coach David Smith.

The Queensland Race Walking Club Inc. hereby proposes David Gregory Smith for Life Membership of the Australian Federation of Race Walking as per Section 5.2 of the By Laws of the Constitution

(5.2. Any Member Club, not an individual, may propose a member for Life Membership of the Federation and in so doing, must submit a written statement setting out the qualifications both administrative and sporting.)

The nominee meets all the required qualifications under sections 5.2.1, 5.3 and 5.4 as follows:

5.2.1. The proposed member must have been a financial member of a Member Club or affiliated club for at least 20 years at the date of submission and be a current member of a member Club.

David Smith has continuously been a financial member of a Federation members club (VRWC & QRWC) for over 47 years.

5.3. The proposed member must be a current Federation Merit Holder.

2009 25 year Merit Award

2019 40 year Merit Award

5.4. The proposed member must have shown exceptional service to the Federation over an extended period of time.

David has excelled as an athlete, an administrator and as a coach in over 40 years of dedicated service to the Federation. His all-round success in these three areas cannot be matched.

Administrator

David was Federation President for a total of eleven years and also served for two years as Vice-President. He was a driving force in 2006 when the Federation became an Incorporated Body. His administrative style was always about continuous improvement, pushing boundaries and challenging the status quo. A strong advocate of the AFRWC and of the welfare and safety of the athletes. He was never a fence sitter or sat back waiting for others to take action.

He chaired the Local Organising Committee for four Queensland hosted Federation meets and once ensured Queensland was represented at the LBG Carnival by driving a team bus from Brisbane to Canberra and back.

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2011/2012	President David Smith (QLD)
2012/2013	Vice-President David Smith (QLD)
2013/2014	Vice-President David Smith (QLD)
2014/2015	President David Smith (QLD)
2015/2016	President David Smith (QLD)
2016/2017	President David Smith (QLD)

Athlete

Competed in Federation meets as an athlete for 30 years winning numerous individual and team honours. He is the first and only Federation President to ever win the LBG 20 miles (1983).

A dual Olympian (Moscow 1980, Los Angeles 1984) with six Race Walking World Cups and two IAAF World Championships to his name and numerous Australian records on the track and on the road.

Coach

Level 5 Coach of an Olympic medallist (Dane Bird-Smith Bronze 20km Rio 2016) and a Commonwealth Games Gold medallist (Dane Bird-Smith Gold Coast 2018). Has coached hundreds of Queensland walkers to success (including many National Champions and representatives at World Juniors, World Youth Championships, Race Walking World Cups and World University Games) in a coaching career of over 35 years. In that time, he has also assisted and mentored many athletes from other Federation clubs all around Australia.

Unfortunately, the motion did not progress to a vote at the meeting after it degenerated after a tantrum by a delegate showing a loss of dignity and total lack of professionalism. Some people just can't separate their personal conflicts with their role within a sporting association in such a respectful environment and just address the criteria.

An open letter to the Australian Federation of Race Walking Clubs, the Management Executive and all its members.

Peter Bennett

For over a quarter of a century I have had the privilege of being able to represent a member club of the Australian Federation of Race Walking Clubs (Race Walking Australia) both as a competitor and as an administrator.

With a number of members being involved more than double that time I still feel like a newcomer to the sport at times. I have always felt welcomed and accepted and have made many lifelong friends from all around Australia during my time in the sport. To me, the two biggest jewels in the AFRWC crown are the annual Canberra LBG Carnival and the annual Conference, usually held the same weekend. The Saturday evening conference is always something to look forward to especially with the camaraderie among interstate delegates and the "family get together" feel.

To me, the meetings have always been a place where you could speak openly, share ideas and opinions. There were times when there has been robust discussions and sometimes heated debate. There might have been differing points of view on how we achieve our goals, which is a good thing, but we were always united with seeking the same goal of advancing the sport and the creating further opportunities for the athletes. Everyone has always acted with decorum and shown respect for others with no denigrating of others because they did not agree with their point of view. We always left the meeting with a positive mindset that the Federation was in good hands and we all looked forward to a great road walk carnival the next morning where everyone worked together to make it a success.

This year, because of COVID-19, the annual conference could not take place in Canberra in June. Instead the meeting took place on the evening of Monday, September 21st as a National video conference. As mentioning earlier, these meetings have always ended amicably without any lingering ill feeling. In one short address on Monday night during the video conference this feeling has been shattered.

So, what happened? A motion was on the Agenda to debate and vote on a nomination for Life Membership. A Special Investigation Committee formed by existing Life Members of the Federation and the Executive considered the application and by 3/4th majority agreed that the motion had merit and fulfilled the requirements under the By Laws and Constitution of the AFRWC. The Special Investigation Committee recommend that the nomination go forward for consideration by the Annual General Conference.

The motion was put to the meeting. Delegates to the meeting were fully entitled to debate the merits of the nomination for and against and eventually be able to vote which ever way the liked. That is what the Constitution allows and it is what a democracy is. What the AFRWC has never seen before is the privilege of speaking to a motion used as a forum to unleash a barrage of personal abuse and defamatory statements without providing even a hint of facts to support the rant. It showed total disrespect for the Special Investigative Committee, the Federation, the Executive and the delegates. It undermined all that we stand for and try to achieve; fair play, respect, sportsmanship, and tolerance of others to name a few. Remember the old adage "If you cannot say anything good about someone, don't say anything at all ". This was certainly was not remembered on Monday night and that level of behaviour is not the reason why delegates for the member clubs give freely of their time and keep turning up year after year for our sport.

This is not the forum to be used to air personal feuds and disperse hate speech especially when the nominee was not even online to defend themselves. People can see right through it when you are just out to belittle the achievements of others whether as a result of seeking revenge or through jealousy. Some of the rant involved events that purportedly happened over 30 years ago, before many at the meeting had even heard of race walking. It was not explained why these allegations had never been made personally to the nominee before or aired in all the AGM's over that time period. There were unsubstantiated allegations that more than 10 complaints had been lodged with AA about the nominee. Again, no justification or even any indication of how he knew this. Complaints to AA are all covered under the Member Protection policy and it would be a gross breach of confidentiality and impartiality on behalf of AA if they were gossiping private information to random individuals. Where is the ethics and integrity if they were really doing that?

Let's be very clear here. A personal dispute is not for the Federation or its members to debate or to resolve. How this personal dispute is resolved is totally up to the protagonists and their advisors. Please do not bring your dirty laundry to any other Federation meetings. For the Federation we need to ensure that this incident does not result in lasting rifts and divisions. This can be assisted by an open letter from the protagonist retracting all statements made and with an apology to the Executive, the delegates and to the AFRWC and all its members. Any division in Federation membership is to be avoided and incidents like this can cause a loss of trust that can take years to build back up.

In every football code or other sports, a player or coach would have been charged with bringing the sport into disrupt for saying much less that what was espoused on Monday night let alone all the vindictive and slanderous comments we were bombarded with. We have always exercised a high level of self-regulation when it comes to a code of conduct at these meetings and it would be a shame if the Federation has to invoke such a code formally to ensure we do not see a repeat of Monday night.

As for the motion to vote on the nomination for Life Membership; The vote for election to Life Membership should have been by secret ballot and a 7/8th affirmative required to be successful. No vote was conducted at the meeting and delegates are waiting for further advice and instruction from the Executive.

We are here for the sport and for our enjoyment. Let's keep it that way.

Kind Regards,
Peter Bennett

Results Results Results

Queensland Masters Athletics

Saturday September 26th QSAC

5000 Metre Race Walk

-- Kirwin, Roslyn DNF

Gannon, Brenda 31:03.26 (28:43.52 68.87%)

McKinven, Noela 43:56.07 (28:28.71 69.47%)

Age Graded Times and Percentages in Brackets

This Week

There are two race walk events this Saturday morning at Qld Masters in Brisbane at QSAC.

At 8.00am the 3,000 metre walk starts and a 10.00am the 1,500 metre walk.

On Sunday, at the Gold Coast, QMA are at Runaway Bay with an 8.00am start for the 3,000 metre walk.

COMING UP – Track Events

October 3rd Saturday QMA SAC 8.00am 3,000m Walk

10.00am 1,500m /Walk

October Sunday 4th QMA Runaway Bay 8.00am 3,000m Walk

October 14th Wednesday QMA SAC 7.00pm 2,000m Walk

October 17th QLD All Schools Championships Walks for Boys

October 21st Wednesday QMA SAC 7.00pm 3,000m Walk

October 24th QLD All Schools Championships Walks for Girls

October Sunday 25th QMA Runaway Bay 8.00am 3,000m Walk

November Sunday 8th QMA Runaway Bay 8.00am 3,000m Walk

December Sunday 6th QMA Runaway Bay 8.00am 3,000m Walk

December Sunday 20th QMA Runaway Bay 8.00am 3,000m Walk

Please adhere to Covid-19 health and safety requirements while competing.

***Respect the health and well-being of all fellow competitors, officials,
volunteers, spectators, family, friends, and venue staff.***

If you are unwell, stay home.

Qld All Schools Championships

October 17th and 18th, QLD All Schools Championships for Boys / October 24th and 25th, QLD All Schools Championships for Girls

All athletes must be registered with QLD Athletics.

There are no qualifying standards. Anyone can enter!

There will be limited spaces in each event. All events will be straight finals, track will be timed finals.

These championships are open to ALL athletes aged 12 to 19 (born between 2001 and 2008)

Age groups offered will be: U14-U15-U16-U17-U18-U20

Athletes must compete in their own age group only

QA will name a Queensland Merit team, first two in each age group.

Entries NOW open Entries close at 11:59pm on Monday October 5th

Walks Programme

Boys

Saturday October 17th

8:00am 3,000m Walk Under 14 - Under 16
5,000m Walk Under 17 - Under 20

Girls

Saturday October 24th

8:00am 3,000m Walk Under 14 - Under 16
5,000m Walk Under 17 - Under 20



Sunday, December 6th Coolangatta

This walk or run festival utilizes the pathways of the Gold Coast beachfront. The new home for the event is at **Queen Elizabeth Park in Coolangatta** (no longer starts/finishes at Kurrawa).

Events to test yourself; 15km ,30km & 50km 30km.

<https://www.gc50runfestival.com.au/>

QA Membership Details South Qld 2020/21 Season

Base Membership - \$12 plus club fee

During the pandemic we are offering pay-as-you-go membership:

All Shield meets - \$25 per meet

All State Championships* - \$30 per event

Eligible for in-stadium** state teams & national teams - \$100 fee

Eligible for all out of stadia*** state teams & national teams

**State championships includes 3000m, 5000m & 10000m Championships, Qld Athletics Championships, Qld Combined Event Championships, Qld Cross Country, Qld Race Walking Championships, Qld Road Running Championships*

***In-stadium state teams includes Australian Athletics Championships, Australian Combined Event Championships, Zatopek 10000m, National 5000m Championships*

****Out of stadia events include Australian Cross-Country Championships, Australian Half Marathon, Australian Marathon, Australian Road Running Championships, Australian Walk(s) Championships*

^all athletes nominating for the National T&F Championship incur the \$150 team levy, regardless of membership.

***NB:** if you have unaffiliated base membership (no club) you are limited to only three shield meets, and you are ineligible for national championship. If you wish to take up this casual membership, click [here](#).*

Qrun - \$12 (access to Qld Athletics distance events only (800m up))

Club Coach, Officials & Volunteers - \$0

If you need clarification on any aspect of membership and benefits please email

info@qldathletics.org.au

Race Walk Coaching

If you are looking for coach or would like to be part of a training squad there are a number of qualified coaches in the club:

David Smith Walks Level 5

Noela McKinven Walks Level 4

Robyn Wales Walks Level 3

Shane Pearson Walks Level 3

Steve Langley Walks Level 2

To search for a walks coach, see their qualifications, contact details or where & when the coach go to ; <http://icoach.athletics.com.au/at/icoach/Search.aspx>

Racewalking Queensland

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Racewalking Queensland Management Committee 2019/20

2020 AGM POSTPONED

President: S. Pearson

Secretary: N. McKinven

Vice President. P Bennett

Treasurer R Hamann

Committee. C Goulding, I. Jimenez, S. Langley, T. Norton, S McCure, J. Westlin.

Patrons: Patrick & Maxine Sela

Registrar: T Norton

Delegates to QA: S Pearson, P Bennett

Handicapper/Results: N. McKinven

Social Media/Publicity: C Goulding

Trophy Officer: N. McKinven

Newsletter Editor: P. Bennett

Club Captains: Jasmine-Rose McRoberts / Ignacio Jimenez

QRWC Website: www.qrwc.com.au

Queensland Athletics Member Protection Policy

As a member of Athletics Australia, Queensland Athletics, an affiliated club or an individual member everyone is required to comply with the Queensland Athletics Member Protection Policy. We are committed to the health, safety and general well-being of all of our members and will work to ensure that everyone associated with our organisation complies with this policy. We would encourage all who are involved in athletics to familiarise themselves and comply with this policy.

You can read the full policy here

<http://www.qldathletics.org.au/Portals/50/General/QA%20Member%20Protection%20Policy%20-%20July%202015.pdf>

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About us

Racewalking Queensland conducts its own winter road walk programme from April until September. Thank you to all our contributors of results & reports to this newsletter. We value your input.

For news and information on the Australian Federation of Race Walking (Racewalking Australia) and the member clubs go to www.rwa.org.au

RWA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/racewalkingaustralia/>