

MANLY WARRINGAH NETBALL ASSOCIATION



VOLUNTEER AWARDS & RECOGNITION POLICY

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OBJECTIVES OF THE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AND AWARDS POLICY

This policy recognises the significant contributions made by individuals as members and volunteers of Manly Warringah Netball Association.

In naming certain awards after eminent individuals, recognition is given to those who have made an invaluable contribution to Manly Warringah Netball Association and its affiliates.

The purpose of this policy is to establish the framework under which significant awards within Manly Warringah Netball Association are awarded, including the nominations process and any relevant criteria.

The Volunteer Recognition and Awards recognised within Manly Warringah Netball Association are:

1. Manly Warringah Netball Association Life Membership
2. Manly Warringah Netball Association Manly Service Award
3. Marjory Simmonds Excellence in Club Administration Award
4. Anne Sargeant OAM Junior and Senior Representative Player of the Year
5. Maureen Boyle OAM Club Umpires' Convenor of the Year Award
6. Shirley Barker Senior Umpire of the Year Award
7. Pat Kelland Junior Umpire of the Year Award
8. Beryl Gartner Outstanding Service to Coaching
9. Beryl McDougall Award for Club Secretary of the Year
10. Laraine Hunter Club of the Year
11. President's Cup

1 MANLY WARRINGAH NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1.1 Purpose

Life Membership is the highest Award in the Association to recognise members who have rendered not less than ten (10) years of outstanding service to Manly Warringah Netball Association. First awarded in 1965, to Marie Devlin, who was the first President in 1955 of the Manly Warringah Women's Basketball Group and a Life Member of New South Wales Netball Association.

1.2 Award Criteria

Outstanding service is defined as having rendered distinguished service to the Association for the advancement of Netball in the District. The Nominee will have contributed at a high level and have made outstanding achievements in their endeavours.

1.3 Process

- Nominations for election of Life Members shall be signed by two (2) Life Members, Ordinary members or non-playing members of the Association and submitted on the prescribed form to the Association Secretary at least three (3) months before the meeting at which such nominations shall be considered.
- The Executive Committee of the Association shall review all nominations received to ensure that nominations meet the criteria as defined above and, if appropriate, put forward a recommendation for the nomination for voting.
- The nominations will be circulated and voted upon at the Association's Annual General Meeting and for Life Membership to be granted, must be approved by a majority of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of members of Council present and voting.

1.4 Recognition

- Life members will be announced at the Manly Warringah Netball Association Annual Awards Ceremony. They will receive a Life Membership badge; their names will be acknowledged appropriately on the Manly Warringah Netball Association's Honour board and in the Annual Report of the Association.
- All Life Members will be exempt from payment of any membership fees to Manly Warringah Netball Association and will be invited each year to register with the Association to maintain membership.

1.5 Benefits

Life Members will be entitled to the following:

- A Life Member shall be entitled to be present and speak at all the meetings of Council, move or second any motion and vote thereon, however, may only vote at an Annual General Meeting provided they have attended 50% plus one of the Council meetings in that respective year.
- Receive invitations to all Association events and functions.

2 MANLY WARRINGAH NETBALL ASSOCIATION MANLY SERVICE AWARD

2.1 Purpose

The awarding of the Manly Warringah Netball Association Manly Service Award is in recognition of a member's distinguished service to Manly Warringah Netball Association in the capacity of an organisational or operational volunteer. First awarded in 2004.

2.2 Award Criteria

The Manly Service Award is an award for recognition of outstanding service to Netball for the Association and includes, but is not limited to: -

- a) Coaching, managing, umpiring, or service on either club Association or Representative level;
- b) Service on the Council of the Association;
- c) Service on the Executive Committee;
- d) Service on any Sub Committee;
- e) Subject to sub-clause (f), any member of the Association shall be eligible to receive the award.
- f) Life Members and previous recipients of the award are not eligible to receive the award.

2.3 Process

- Any two Life Members, Ordinary or Non-Playing members of the Association, may nominate candidates for the award.
- Nominations are to be submitted in writing on the prescribed form to the returning officer by 5:00pm on Friday prior to the October Executive Committee meeting. Qualifications must accompany all nominations.
- No more than three (3) awards are to be given in any one (1) year.
- The nominations will be circulated and be tabled for voting at the Association's Annual General Meeting and must be approved by a majority vote of members of Council present and voting.

2.4 Recognition

- Manly Service Award recipients will be announced at the Manly Warringah Netball Association Annual Awards Ceremony. They will receive a Manly Warringah Netball Association Service Award badge, and their names will be acknowledged appropriately on the Manly Warringah Netball Association's Honour boards and in the Annual Report of the Association.

3 MARJORY SIMMONDS EXCELLENCE IN CLUB ADMINISTRATION AWARD

3.1 Purpose

This award was initiated by the Forest Club in 2005 in memory of the late Marjory Simmonds and a Perpetual Trophy was donated by the Club.

Marjory Simmonds was a tireless volunteer for Manly Warringah Netball Association and Forest Netball Club. Marjory served over 19 years as an Executive Member of Manly Warringah Netball Association, first serving as Assistant Treasurer from 1975 to 1978, Minute Secretary 1979-1985 and President from 1986-1993. Marjory also served for many years as Manly Warringah's 1st State League and Open Representative Team Manager. In recognition of her outstanding services to Netball in Manly Warringah she was awarded Life Membership in 1984.

A member of the Forest Club for over 30 years, Marjory served as President, Registrar, long time Treasurer, and a Club Grader. In honour of her dedicated work, she was awarded Life Membership of the Forest Club.

Affectionately known as "Apple" after the Apple Computer for her renowned efficiency, thus the "Apple" logo on the perpetual trophy. Marjory helped encourage people to become involved in the administration of netball. She will always be remembered for her intelligence, efficiency and dry sense of humour.

3.2 Award Criteria

Any registered member of an affiliated Club will be eligible to receive the award, provided that the nominated member has demonstrated excellence in Club Administration.

3.3 Judging Panel

The Judging Panel of the Award will consist of One (1) member of the Executive Committee and two (2) past recipients of the award.

The Association Secretary is to approach past recipients to form the panel each year.

3.4 Process

Members eligible for the award are to be nominated by their Club or two (2) Life Members of the Association and submitted to the Association Secretary by the due date each year.

Nominations will be submitted in writing on the Marjory Simmonds Award for Excellence in Club Administration Nomination Form by the closing date as specified by Manly Warringah Netball Association in any given year.

Following the close of nominations, the Association Secretary will validate all nominations to ensure they meet the criteria outlined and it is determined that the nominee is a fit and proper person in the view of Manly Warringah Netball Association. The Secretary will forward all validated nominations to the Judging Panel for the decision.

The decision of the Judging Panel is final.

3.5 Recognition

The selected award recipient will be announced each year at the Manly Warringah Netball Association Annual Awards Ceremony.

They will have their names inscribed on the perpetual trophy and receive an individual trophy.

4 BERYL MCDOUGALL AWARD FOR CLUB SECRETARY OF THE YEAR

4.1 Purpose

The Beryl McDougall award honours club secretaries who demonstrate exceptional dedication to their club.

This trophy was first awarded in 2008, following donation by Beryl McDougall whose history follows:

1966	First Secretary MWNA (nee Foder)
1976	Life Membership MWNA (nee Foder)
1976 – 79	Vice President MWNA
2002 - 2010	Patron MWNA

Long time secretary of the Manly Warringah & Pittwater Sporting Union.

Awarded Life Membership of the Manly Warringah & Pittwater Sporting Union and the Australian Sports Medal.

4.2 Award Criteria

Any registered member of an affiliated club will be eligible to receive the award provided that the nominated member has demonstrated exceptional dedication as Secretary to their Club.

4.3 Judging Panel

The Judging Panel of the Award will consist of One (1) member of the Executive Committee and two (2) past recipients of the award.

The Association Secretary is to approach past recipients to form the panel each year.

4.4 Process

Members eligible for the award are to be nominated by their Club and submitted to the Association Secretary by the due date each year.

Nominations will be submitted in writing on the Beryl McDougall Club Secretary of Year Nomination Form by the closing date as specified by Manly Warringah Netball Association in any given year.

Following the close of nominations, the Association Secretary will validate all nominations to ensure they meet the criteria outlined and it is determined that the nominee is a fit and proper person in the view of Manly Warringah Netball Association. The Secretary will forward all validated nominations to the Judging Panel for the decision.

The decision of the Judging Panel is final.

4.5 Recognition

The selected award recipient will be announced each year at the Manly Warringah Netball Association Annual Awards Ceremony.

They will have their names inscribed on the perpetual trophy and receive an individual trophy.

5 BERYL GARTNER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO COACHING AWARD

5.1 Purpose

This award honours Coaches who demonstrate exceptional commitment to Coaching within the Manly Warringah Netball Association and is dedicated to Beryl Gartner.

Beryl Gartner was involved with netball in Manly Warringah for over 50 years. Her involvement with Manly Warringah commenced in the late 1950s when the district was a Group and not yet an Association. Beryl, a star centre court player, played for various Clubs including West Dee Why, Flashes and Commodores. She commenced coaching Manly Warringah Representative teams in the 1960s and continued coaching Manly Warringah representative teams until the late 1990s. An awe-inspiring woman who endeared herself to all that knew her, Beryl worked tirelessly coaching State League, Interdistrict, Night State League, State and State Age Championship teams over a thirty-year period. She had remarkable success and she was able to inspire players of all ages.

Beryl also served as a member of Manly Warringah's Junior and Senior Selection Sub-Committees for many years as well as serving as a club coach of all ages and grades for her over 50 years involvement with Manly Warringah Clubs.

Affectionately known for her sense of humour, intelligence and wit Beryl enlightened many a carnival and meeting. The kids and all parents who met her loved her dearly. She epitomised what coaching is all about – encouragement and care for all those in the team and associated with the team. Upon her passing, a Memorial Seat was erected beside the Goal Line of Court 11 at John Fisher Park. Those that have been involved in Netball for a very long time would remember that Beryl would always sit on the goal line, on her small fold up chair, with her cigarette, thermos of tea with egg and tomato sauce sandwiches in hand. A wonderful legend of our game, who made an impact on thousands of girls and their families – she will always be remembered.

5.2 Award Criteria

Any registered member of an affiliated club will be eligible to receive the award provided that the nominated member has demonstrated excellence in Coaching.

5.3 Judging Panel

The Coaches Development Committee will review nominations and choose the best candidate. Nominations may be rejected if they do not meet standards.

5.4 Process

Members eligible for the award are to be nominated by their Club and submitted to the Association Secretary by the due date each year.

Nominations will be submitted in writing on the Beryl Gardner Outstanding Service to Coaching Nomination Form by the closing date as specified by Manly Warringah Netball Association in any given year.

When the nominations close the Association Secretary will validate all nominations to ensure they meet the criteria outlined and it is determined that the nominee is fit and proper person in the view of Manly Warringah Netball Association. The Secretary will forward all validated nominations to the Judging Panel for the decision.

The decision of the Judging Panel is final.

5.5 Recognition

The selected award recipient will be announced each year at the Manly Warringah Netball Association Annual Awards Ceremony.

They will have their names inscribed on the perpetual trophy and receive an individual trophy for keepsake.

6 MAUREEN BOYLE OAM CLUB UMPIRES' CONVENOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

6.1 Purpose

To recognise outstanding service of Club Umpires' Convenors.

This award was donated by Denise Booth in 2002 in recognition of Maureen's outstanding contribution to umpiring worldwide and in MWNA.

Maureen Boyle was awarded the prestigious AA Umpires' Badge in 1977. In 1983, Maureen was elected to the position of Umpires' Convenor for Manly Warringah Netball Association, retiring from the position in 1987 whilst also being the first Director of Umpiring for NSW Netball Association from 1986, a position she held until 1990. During Maureen's time as Umpires' Convenor, she initiated numerous junior umpiring development programs including the Esso Junior Umpiring programs as well as the Manly Warringah Umpires' Badge. A Manly Warringah Representative Umpire for over 25 years, Maureen has dedicated much time to developing umpires in Manly Warringah, New South Wales, Australia and internationally.

In recognition of her outstanding service to Manly Warringah Netball Association, she was awarded Life Membership and was elected Manly Warringah Netball Association's Patron in 2005. In recognition of her outstanding service to Netball in NSW, she was awarded the Anne Clark Service Award and in 2007 inducted into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame and in 2022 was elevated to Legend Status. The All Australia Netball Association Service Award for outstanding service to Netball in Australia has also been awarded. She was also the recipient of World Netball's Outstanding Service Award. Maureen, in recognition of her services to the Warringah community, was awarded the Warringah Council Outstanding Community Service Award and awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2004. In 1996 Maureen was recognised by the Confederation of Australian Sport (now known as Sport Australia) in recognition of a special honorary contribution to Australian Sport with the Eunice Gill Award.

During her umpiring career, Maureen umpired more International Test Matches than any other sporting official in any other sport in Australia and served as the Australian Team umpire for 16 years from 1984 to 2000. She umpired at the 1987, 1991, 1995 and 1999 World Championships. Maureen also umpired at the 1998 Commonwealth Games held in Kuala Lumpur. She was a foundation member of the International Pool of Umpires and achieved the honour of being named in 1999 the World's number 1 umpire in the International Pool of Umpires.

Maureen has dedicated her life to the development of umpiring across Australia and the World. She has served as a member of the Australian Umpires' Development Committee, Australian Umpires' Grading and Endorsement Panel, Australian Rules Advisory Panel, Chairperson of the International Rules Board, a member of the International Testing Panel for Umpires, International Appointments Panel and International Umpires Committees".

6.2 Award Criteria

As determined by the Umpires' Sub Committee and Maureen Boyle OAM from year to year.

6.3 Judging Panel

Umpires' Sub Committee and Maureen Boyle OAM.

The decision of the Judging Panel is final.

6.4 Process

The Judging Panel is to meet and select the most appropriate candidate to receive this award.

The Umpires' Convenor is to notify the Association Secretary of the award recipient by the due date each year.

The Panel's decision is final.

6.5 Recognition

The selected award recipient will be announced each year at the Manly Warringah Netball Association Annual Awards Ceremony.

Their names will be inscribed on the perpetual trophy, and they will receive an individual award.

7 SHIRLEY BARKER SENIOR UMPIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD

7.1 Purpose

This award honours a Senior Umpire who demonstrates exceptional commitment, umpiring proficiency and is presented in memory of the late Shirley Barker.

Shirley Barker was an “A” badged umpire from Eastwood Ryde Netball Association. From 1979-1980 Manly Warringah did not have a practicing “A” Badged umpire, and it was an entry requirement for the Australian Club Teams Championships that a team must have an ‘A’ Grade Umpire accompany them. Shirley umpired for Manly Warringah’s team from 1979-1980. To encourage other umpires to attain the prestigious “A” Grade Umpires’ Badge, Shirley donated the Shirley Barker Perpetual Trophy for the most Outstanding Senior Umpire, first awarded in 1979 and is thus the Association’s oldest award.

7.2 Award Criteria

As determined by the Umpires Committee from Year to Year.

7.3 Process

The Umpires’ Committee is to meet, select and vote for appropriate candidates to receive this award.

The Umpires’ Convenor is to notify the Association Secretary of the award recipient by the due date each year.

The Umpires Committee decision is final.

7.4 Recognition

The selected award recipient will be announced each year at the Manly Warringah Netball Association Annual Awards Ceremony.

They will have their names inscribed on the perpetual trophy and receive an individual trophy.

8 PAT KELLAND JUNIOR UMPIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD

8.1 Purpose

This award honours a Junior Umpire who has demonstrated commitment commensurate to their age, umpiring proficiency and is presented in memory of the late Pat Kelland.

This trophy was first awarded in 1980 and on the passing of Pat Kelland, a stalwart of the Narrabeen Youth Club in 1982, the award was renamed in her honour. Pat Kelland a "B" grade umpire held various positions over a 20-year period with the Narrabeen Youth Club including Umpires' Convenor, Secretary and President and was MWNA Junior Registrar from 1979 – 81.

8.2 Award Criteria

As determined by the Umpires Committee from Year to Year.

8.3 Process

The Umpires' Sub Committee is to meet, select and vote for appropriate candidates to receive this award.

The Umpires' Convenor is to notify the Association Secretary of the award recipient by the due date each year.

The Umpires' Sub Committee's decision is final.

8.4 Recognition

The selected award recipient will be announced each year at the Manly Warringah Netball Association Annual Awards Ceremony.

They will have their names inscribed on the perpetual trophy and receive an individual trophy.

9 ANNE SARGEANT OAM JUNIOR AND SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

9.1 Purpose

This award was initiated and donated by MWNA in 2004 in recognition of Anne's achievements.

Anne Sargeant OAM is a legend of the sport of netball and known across the world for her many years of dedication to our sport. Anne was a Manly Warringah representative player from 1967 up until her retirement from playing 1988. She was selected into the Australian Open Team in 1978 and played in that team until retiring in 1988. Anne was honoured with the Captaincy of the Australian Team from 1983-1988. She was a member of the New South Wales Open Team from 1978-1988 and captained that team from 1982-1988.

Anne also served as Captain/Coach of the Manly Warringah Open and 1st State League Team from 1984-1988 as well as served as Convenor of the Senior Selection Sub-Committee during that time. Anne has served on both the Senior and Junior Selection Sub-Committees, the Coaches' Sub-Committee and the Representative Team Coaches' and Managers' Appointments' Sub-Committee including the Convenor. Anne was awarded Life Membership of Manly Warringah Netball Association in 1986 and was elected as the Manly Warringah Netball Association's Patron in 2005.

Anne has also dedicated much time to coaching various junior representative teams and coached the 13-year representative team in 2002, 14 years representative team in 2003, 15 years representative team in 2004, and the 14 years representative team which won the State Age Championships in 2007. Anne was a Level 2 Accredited Coach and was Australia's satellite coach 1990-1991, Proxy Australian 21 team coach 1991, All Stars Coach 1991, NSW U/21yrs coach 1992-1995 and an Australian selector 19s and 21s 1989-1991. Anne still currently serves as a National Selector for the Australian Diamonds. In recognition of her outstanding service to Netball in Australia, she was awarded the Netball Australia Service Award and Life Membership of Netball NSW.

Named NSW Sportswoman of the Year in 1985, Inducted into the Australian Sporting Hall of Fame and the NSW Sporting Hall of Fame in 1988, the Netball NSW Hall of Fame in 2004 and awarded the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1988, Anne still gives generously of her expertise to grassroots netball in Manly Warringah. She is an inspiration to thousands of young athletes not just here in Manly Warringah, but across New South Wales, Australia and indeed the World.

Australian Sporting Hall of Fame legend 2015.

Netball NSW Hall of Fame Legend 2015.

Netball Australia Hall of Fame Legend 2019

NSW Sport Hall of Fame Legend 2014

9.2 Award Criteria

Representative coaches from the senior and junior divisions nominate a player from within their team who they feel has been symbolic of the spirit of Manly netball and deserves the Anne Sargeant Award.

9.3 Judging Panel

President of the Association, a member of the Selection Committee nominated by the executive committee, Representative Convenor and Senior and Junior Representative Liaison Officers.

9.4 Process

A coach may nominate a second representative player outside their team, but within their division (senior or junior). A junior coach cannot nominate a senior player, and a senior

coach cannot nominate a junior player). This nomination is not mandatory. All coaches must outline the reason for the nomination of players.

Nominations to be completed on the Anne Sargeant Senior and Junior Representative Player nomination form and submitted to the Association Secretary by the due date each year.

The Association Secretary will then forward all nominations received to the Judging Panel.

9.5 Recognition

The selected award recipient will be announced each year at the Manly Warringah Netball Association Annual Awards Ceremony.

They will have their names inscribed on the perpetual trophy and receive an individual trophy for keepsake.

10 LARAIN HUNTER CLUB OF THE YEAR

10.1 Purpose

To acknowledge Clubs on their contribution to the Manly Warringah Netball Association competitions and growth of the Netball on the Northern Beaches. The award is in dedication of the late Lorraine Hunter.

Laraine Hunter was a Life Member of Beacon Hill club, as well as their club's Umpires', she was a coach and administrator.

Laraine was awarded the Manly Warringah Netball Association's Service Award in 2008.

She was the Competition Secretary from 2003 to 2008, bringing her expertise in IT to the role. There was one registrar's position on the executive committee from 2000 to 2005. In 2006 with the elimination of the registrar's position, Larine as Competition Secretary took on all competition aspects, including those previously held by the registrars. Laraine, with Science Degree, was an invaluable Competition Secretary until 2008, when her Motor Neuron Disease compelled her to stand aside. She passed away in February 2009.

The 2009 Executive Committee agreed to the Hunter family's request to have an award named in Laraine's honour. Club of the Year was chosen as Laraine was a complete club person.

10.2 Award Criteria

Award criteria, including all contributing factors and calculations, are set out in the Club of the Year spreadsheet.

10.3 Process

The relevant portfolio members and names sub committees outlined in the Award Criteria document is responsible for gathering the data and forwarding the details to the MWNA Secretary for collation and formatting into clubs ranking and the ranking list is to be published soon afterwards.

10.4 Recognition

The selected award recipient will be announced each year at the Manly Warringah Netball Association Annual Awards Ceremony.

The Club will have its name inscribed on the perpetual trophy and receive an individual award.

11 PRESIDENT'S CUP

11.1 Purpose

The President's Cup was donated in memory of Joan Alderson, MWNA Life Member, past president and Patron and all other presidents of MWNA.

11.2 Award Criteria

To be awarded to the winning Senior Division 1 team each year.

11.3 Recognition

The President's Cup will be inscribed each year with the Club Team of the winning Senior Division 1 team and presented to the team at the Associations annual Grand Final Day.