

## JAN JACKSON – LACROSSE OFFICIAL & ADMINISTRATOR

Jan Jackson's involvement with the Australian lacrosse community commenced in the 1950s with her then boyfriend, who became her husband, Rob Jackson, when he was playing with Camberwell. Jan has only played half a game of lacrosse, filling in between umpiring commitments at Surrey Park many years ago. Jan and Rob have three children, Sally, Mark and Adam, all of whom have played lacrosse for Camberwell and have represented Victoria, with Mark also representing Australia and Sweden.

She has been a servant of the game as an administrator and umpire from the early days and has volunteered her time at all levels of the sport including director, committee member, umpire and as a technical delegate.



Jan's initial administrative involvement started in 1979 when Camberwell Women's Lacrosse was formed and she was an inaugural committee member and remained an office bearer from that time with Camberwell until 2007. Jan was also a director of the Victorian Women's Lacrosse Association (VWLA) from 1983-98, a director of Lacrosse Victoria, director of the Australian Women's Lacrosse Council (AWLC), director of Women's Lacrosse Australia (WLA) 1989-2009 and the Australian Lacrosse Association (ALA) since inception in 2009 until 2021.

Since 2008 Jan has overseen the competition portfolio which has seen many changes relating to age groups, style of events and presentation of ALA events and has provided the ALA with a wealth of experience and knowledge which contributed to shape our competitions, rules, by-laws and policies.

Jan was Women's Rules Chair of the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Associations (IFWLA) from 2012 until 2019.

Jan commenced umpiring women's lacrosse in 1984, umpiring games in Victoria until 2019 including Under 16/17, A, B, and State League, including finals. She also umpired at women's national championships and tournaments from 1986 to 2017, including finals. Jan has umpired MILL indoor games since the competition began at Ashburton Pool & Recreation Centre in 1995 and continues to do so. Jan hasn't kept records of how many games she has umpired but expects this to be in excess of 900.

In 1989 she gained international umpiring accreditation and umpired at IFWLA World Cups in 1993 (Scotland), 1997 (Japan) and 2001 (England) and 1997 European Championship (Sweden).

Jan was technical delegate at the 1989 IFWLA World Cup (Perth), 1995 U19 World Championship (Haverford, USA), 2009 World Cup (Prague), 2011 U19 World Championship (Hannover, Germany), 2013 World Cup (Oshawa, Canada) and 2015 U19 World Championship (Edinburgh).

She was also a member of the leadership team at the 2017 World Cup (Guildford, England) and 2019 World Lacrosse U19 World Championship (Peterborough, Canada), assessor at the 2017 World Games (Wroclaw, Poland) and 2019 European Championship (Netanya, Israel).



Above is Jan with her daughter Sally

## **AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

- 150th Anniversary Award (City of Camberwell)
- 1986 and 2010 Nell Rawlins' Award (Lacrosse Victoria)
- 2000 Australian Sports Medal
- Janet Jackson Honour Board (Camberwell Lacrosse Club)
- Life membership Victorian Women's Lacrosse Association
- Life membership Women's Lacrosse Australia
- Life membership Camberwell Lacrosse Club
- IFWLA International Emeritus Umpire Award
- World Lacrosse Service Award

Jan Jackson has been a tireless contributor to Australian lacrosse for over 40 years as both an official and an administrator at most levels of lacrosse.

Thanks Jan for your valued and selfless contribution to Australian lacrosse.