

# SOFTBALL VICTORIA LIFE MEMBER

**NOMINEE:**            *JOHN LARTER*

**ASSOCIATION:**    *KEILOR PARK*

**YEAR AWARDED:** *2018*



## STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS :

### Umpire Levels

- Level 1 achieved in 1982
- Level 2 achieved in 1989
- Level 3 achieved in 1990
- Level 4 achieved in 1991
- Level 5 achieved in 1993

### Keilor Park & District Softball Association

- President KPDSA - 1984 to 1990
- Vice President KPDSA - 1991 to 1993

### Victorian Achievements

- Umpired at Victorian State Championships from 1989 to 1998
- Victorian State Umpire Examiner - 1990 to 2005
- Victorian State Director of Umpiring - 1994 to 2000
- Victorian Umpiring Committee - 1990 to 2000
- Victorian Softball Umpiring Association Treasurer

### National Achievements

- National Fastpitch Umpire - 1989 to 1997
- U19 Women National Championships - 1992
- U19 Men & U16 Boys National Championships (Umpire) - 1992
- U19 Women National Championships (Umpire) - 1993
- U16 Girls National Championships (Umpire) - 1994
- U19 Men & U16 Boys National Championships (Umpire & Examiner) - 2000



- U19 Men National Championships (Umpire & Examiner) - 2002
- U16 Girls National Championships (Umpire & Examiner) - 2002
- U19 Men National Championships (Umpire & Examiner) - 2003
- U16 Girls National Championships (Umpire & Examiner) - 2003
- U16 Girls National Championships (TCU) - 2001
- U16 Boys National Championships (TCU) - 2004
- U23 Women National Championships (TCU) - 2005
- National Fastpitch Softball League Umpire Coordinator - 1997 to 1999
- National Umpire Staff Softball Australia - 1999 to 2005

### **International Achievements**

- World Police & Fire Games Softball Fastpitch (TCU) - 1995
- World Masters Games, Softball competition (Chairman) – 2002
- SV's Commonwealth Championship Organising Committee - 2005

## SUPPORTING STATEMENT:

It is with great pleasure that the Keilor Park and District Softball Association nominate John Larter for consideration for Softball Victoria Life Membership in recognition of his outstanding service to the sport of softball.

John's softball career spans a quarter of a century and began in 1980 when John joined the Sunshine Softball Association. As a parent, John quickly became involved with grass roots softball as a volunteer. In the mid 1980's John played a significant role in establishing the Keilor Park and Districts Softball Association and he served on the KPDSA committee for over a decade overseeing its growth and development through the 1990's.

In 1994, following the retirement of Dr. John Byrne, John's much admired meticulous administrative skills led him to take on the position of State Director of Umpiring of which he held for 9 years. As SDU, John always had time for 'his' umpires no matter what their level; interested in their welfare; always there to farewell those on their way to and welcoming them back from National and International tournaments; happy with their successes, pragmatic about their failures; and always working to ensure the State administration recognised the worth of umpiring and the value of the Victorian umpires.

Recruitment to the National Umpire Staff followed his term as SDU. Among other projects, John's work with the National Umpire Register was exemplary and gave the Umpire Program an indication of the number of umpires Softball Australia really had; thereby enabling us to apprise and acknowledge the efficacy of the work being done within the state associations.

Softball in general and softball umpiring in particular, especially its administration at both national and state level, was richer for John's significant contribution to our sport in so many different areas, sustained over so many years. In 2006 Softball Victoria formally recognised John's valuable contribution to the Victorian umpiring program by naming the John Larter Development Scholarship in his honour.

Within the sphere of umpiring, John's work for and his support of the Victorian Umpire Program was beyond price, in what is considered to be the most innovative, exciting and successful period in the history of softball umpiring in this country. We believe John Larter's contribution to Softball Victoria in an administrative capacity over a sustained period makes him a worthy recipient of Softball Victoria's highest honour of Life Membership.

