

## SPORTS RESUMEE - FIONA CLARK

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**Position Application:** FIL Competition Director

**Position Statement Summary:** "I have a strong commitment to competition and governance and view the FIL Competition Director position as both exciting and challenging. The role will require strategic development, implementation and execution of the FIL Vision, and a clearly communicated plan so that all team members and stakeholders understand and are working toward achieving the same vision and mission. To intentionally perpetuate the concept of an engaged and inclusive global lacrosse community, who will react positively to agreed outcomes, there will need to be wide consultation, lateral thinking and transparency in how competition outcomes are achieved to ensure that decisions made on program delivery are in the best interests of all members and the on-going development of lacrosse world-wide."

### **Key Strengths & Achievements: Leadership, Good Governance & Management, Strategy, Policy Development, Public Speaking, High Energy, Collaboration and Communication**

2011 – Current	Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union (APLU) Executive Director
2009 – 2011	Australian Lacrosse Association (ALA) President
2001 – 2008	International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Associations (IFWLA) President
1990 – 1998	IFWLA Vice President Tours & Tournaments (Competitions)
1990 – 2001	Women's Lacrosse Australia (WLA) President
1987 – 1989	Australian Women's Lacrosse Council (AWLC) Delegate to IFWLA
1985 – 1990	Western Australian Women's Lacrosse Association (WAWLA) President

### **Key Strengths & Achievements: Innovation, Interpersonal skills, Establishment of strong relationships, Lateral thinker, Presentation Skills**

2011-current	Since undertaking the role of APLU ED I have been primarily responsible for initiating the development of a Union logo, website and branded merchandise, establishing a financial income stream, revision of the APLU Constitution, production of Guidelines to conduct the Asia Pacific Championship (ASPACs), recognition awards at ASPACs including the production of medals, MVP awards and Participation Certificates
2008-2009	Women's representative on Steering Committee for the unification of the Men's and Women's governing bodies in Western Australia which saw the new State Governing Body, Lacrosse West, formed in 2009

2005 – 2007	Met with leaders of the First Nations Team in Annapolis, USA (Women’s World Cup Festival), and after 12 months of discussions and negotiations with Iroquois Elders, to build support for team sanction at the Longhouse, the Haudenosaunee were admitted into IFWLA Membership in 2006 and competed in their first IFWLA World Event in 2007 in Peterborough, Canada, at the U19 World Championship
2004	Organized and chaired an IFWLA Strategic Directions Workshop in Baltimore USA where the IFWLA’s hypothesis of ‘Olympic Representation’ was proven; this ultimately led to working parties being established, and the formation of the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) in 2008
2002-2008	Women’s Lacrosse Australia (WLA) Director of Special Projects. A key activity included being one of 3 WLA representatives on the Unification Steering Committee (2004-2007) for the merger of the Men’s & Women’s National Governing Bodies which occurred in 2008
2002	Guest speaker at the National Convention for the Canadian Lacrosse Association in Toronto
2002	Coach Presenter at the Niagara Elite Coaching Camp for Women in Canada
2001	Represented the IFWLA at the FIIC World Intercrosse Games Convention and AGM in Belgium
1997	Visited Montreal to meet with Pierre Fillon, Federation Internationale d’Inter-crosse Secretary, to take my first look at this version of lacrosse, and in the same year the FIIC joined the IFWLA as an Allied Member for the first time.
1993	Represented West Australian Amateur Sports at a National Strategic Planning Conference for sports
1991	Represented WLA at the “Next Steps” symposium conducted by the Australian Sports Commission, which looked at the future of Australian sport and the ensuing four-year funding period
1988	Toured North America to promote and market the 3 <sup>rd</sup> IFWLA World Cup

**Key Strengths & Achievements: Competition focussed, Event Management, Participation Driven, Enthusiastic, Genuine love for the sport and working with people**

2018	Attended Hong Kong Lacrosse Open
2016	Developed Guideline Document for conducting Asia Pacific Championships
2013-2017	Attended 4 Asia Pacific Lacrosse Championships (combined Men & Women), Japan (1995), China (2013), Thailand (2015), Korea (2017)
2009	World Cup 2009 Executive Board Director (Czech Republic)
2009	Pro-actively supported and attended an NLL AllStar Series men’s box event in Melbourne between a North American team and Australia.

2001	Played in FIIC World Championship (Men & Women) in Belgium
1999-2008	Attended 4 European Championships (combined Men & Women), Sweden (1997), England (1999), Czech Republic (2004), Finland (2008)
1999	Event Co-ordinator 2 <sup>nd</sup> IFWLA U19 World Championship, Perth, WA
1996-2003	Attended 2 Men's U19 World Championships, Japan (1996), USA (2003 combined Men & Women),
1995-2015	Attended 6 Women's U19 World Championships, USA (1995), Australia (1999), USA (2003), Canada (2007), Germany (2011), Scotland (2015)
1995	Developed Guideline document for IFWLA U19 World Championship competition
1992	Developed Guideline document for IFWLA World Cup competition
1990-2010	Attended 4 Men's World Championships, Australia (1990), USA (1998), Australia (2002), England (2010)
1989-2017	Attended 8 Women's World Cups, Australia (1989), Scotland (1993), Japan (1997), England (2001), USA (2005), Czech Republic (2009), Canada (2013), England (2017)
1967-2016	Active player at school (Surrey, England), club and state (Western Australia)

**Key Strengths & Achievements: Success Driven, Self-Motivated, Dedicated, High Achiever, Affection for the game**

2009	Honorary Life Membership to IFWLA
2009	International Global Leader award
2008	International Lacrosse Development award
2000	May Campbell Service to Sport award WA (recognizes the contribution made by an individual to their sport through their long and outstanding service)
2000	Recipient of the Australian Sports Medal
1999	Finalist Confederation of Australian Sports awards (CAS)
1996	Honorary Life Membership to Women's Lacrosse Australia (formerly AWLC)
1999	Finalist Coca Cola Administrator of the Year awards Western Australia
1991	Honorary Life Membership to Lacrosse West (formerly WAWLA)
1989	Sports Australia awards, Certificate of Outstanding Performance, Best Organization and Presentation of a Sporting Event, 3 <sup>rd</sup> IFWLA World Cup
1978	A Grade Western Australia Fairest & Best Player award

**Key Strengths: Professional, Experienced, Committed to Learning, Values Sharing**

1977-2004 & 2007-current	My career as a Registered Nurse/Midwife has provided me the skills to perform effectively in my chosen areas of Emergency, Intensive Care and Coronary Care. These same skills of stamina, critical thinking, prioritizing, adaptability, effective verbal and written communication, and stress management strategies translate into skills also required for sports management. As a Student Nurse I was elected State President (WA) in my 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of training, and in my final year Australian President for Student Nurses. Flexibility in hours in my current employment as an Agency Nurse allows me to continue to pursue lacrosse activities as required.
2004-2007	(Professional role): Competition Co-ordinator/League Manager with Tennis West. Responsibilities included developing existing and new League competitions, participation, planning, co-ordinating, scheduling, promoting and execution of all tennis competition in Western Australia from juniors to adults and State League. The role also included familiarizing myself thoroughly with Tennis Rules, working with club League co-ordinators to establish strong relationships with clubs, volunteers and the local delivery system. Event management included working with Tennis Australia for the Davis Cup tie between Australia and Morocco (2004) and Hopman Cup activities (ITF event). Currently active with the Tennis West Board in a voluntary capacity
2002-current	Member of the Women's Sports Foundation, USA
1990-1991	Attained Level 1 & Level 11 accreditation in Sports Administration
1989-2011	Active involvement with Women's Sporting Organizations including Womensport West (1989-2011), Member of Australian Society of Sports Administrators (ASSA) WA Branch (1991-1998) and Member of Womensport Australia (1996-2002)