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Statement addressing the selection criteria

Executive Officer

Promotion

- ❖ With other members of a small sub-committee planned and implemented a highly successful Girls' Soccer promotion, 2003. Spoke to sports and other interested teachers at both primary and secondary schools, addressed P&F meetings and prepared a leaflet for students and parents.

The result of this promotion was the formation of the first two girls' soccer teams in the Waterloo Club and one at the Kookaburras Club.

- ❖ With the President, composed a letter to the editor in response to a letter from a mother complaining that her son should not have to play against girls. This letter generated a lot of support for girls' soccer.
- ❖ Lobbied the Belltrees Council to repair the playing surface at Waterloo Park after subsidence caused safety concerns, 2005.
- ❖ Was the teacher responsible for planning and implementing the "Adopt a Grandparent" program at East Calderwell Primary School, 1986. This resulted in markedly increasing the school's sense of integration with the community and generated some very favourable publicity.

Management

- ❖ Fifteen years experience as a member of the committee of management of the Waterloo Soccer Club. Currently Secretary / Treasurer responsible for an annual turnover of approximately \$12,500, for preparing all accounts for the auditor and for complying with the rules and regulations set down by the State Soccer Association.
- ❖ Organised the club's FA Cup barbecue dinner, hiring a room at the Bowling Club, a large-screen TV and organising a monster raffle, including seeking donations from local businesses to use as prizes. The night raised \$3,200 to help send two players to a coaching camp in Melbourne.
- ❖ As a primary school teacher, prioritised the learning program to maintain the interest of all students and to maximise their achievement toward the objectives set out in the curriculum. Had to continually re-prioritise to suit changing situations.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- ❖ Was chosen to represent the club at the Sate Soccer Association conference in Bairnsdale last October. Gave a full report of junior soccer in the southern region and explained the strategies we are using to promote the sport to young people.
- ❖ Liaise regularly with Sport and Recreation on such topics as changes to the minimum playing age for competitive sport, the safety code for Hepatitis B etc.

Sponsorship

- ❖ Have written many letters to local businesses seeking sponsorship for the club. These letters have resulted in free trophies and greatly reduced prices on strip and coaching aids. Keep local business sponsors regularly informed about the club and place their ads in our newsletter.
- ❖ Prepared a submission to Belltrees Council to seek rearrangement of the layout of Waterloo Park to allow an additional soccer pitch for junior players, 2003. Spoke at length to a meeting of the Council and answered several questions. Council agreed to our request and the extra pitch was created in time for the following season.

Child Safety Issues

- ❖ Quickly acquired knowledge of the registration rules and requirements of soccer when I took over the position of Secretary / Treasurer. Was able to answer parents' questions on registration issues and other matters, mostly over the telephone but also in writing.
- ❖ Was one of the instigators of lobbying the Belltrees Council to rectify subsidence at Waterloo Park because of concern for the safety of players and spectators.
- ❖ As one of the Club's coaches, am continuously aware of the potential for injury faced by players. Insist on proper warm-up before training or playing. Qualified in first aid so as to be able to provide immediate assistance should any injury occur.
- ❖ Always on the look-out for unknown adults watching matches or training and especially unusual or suspicious behaviour. Also for children leaving the grounds without permission. Ensure all children are properly collected by parents or other responsible adults after matches and training. Personally deliver to their homes any who are not picked up.