



KOORINGAL - WAGGA ATHLETICS CLUB INC.

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Mr Ben Creighton
Strategic Asset Planner (Parks and Recreation)
Wagga Wagga City Council
243 Baylis Street
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Re: Naming of Athletics Track, Jubilee Oval Wagga Wagga.

Dear Ben

On behalf of the committee of the Koorungal-Wagga Athletics Club Inc, I propose a motion to name the Athletics Track at Jubilee Oval, Wagga Wagga; The "Bill Jacob Athletics Centre".

For the past 40 years there has been one constant in the Athletics Community of Wagga Wagga, Bill Jacob.

Bill's involvement with Athletics began in the late 1970's when his daughters started showing interest in the sport.

With growing numbers and only one athletics club in Wagga, a group of parents including Bill and Robin Jacob formed Koorungal Athletics Club in 1978 with competitions commencing on Friday evenings at Henwood Park.

Throughout these early years, Bill played a significant role in founding the Koorungal Club and was President when the Club was renamed to Koorungal-Wagga Athletics Club and incorporated in 1988.

It was during this period when a committee involving members of both athletics clubs, Wagga Wagga City Council, Primary and High Schools was formed to plan, develop and construct a high-quality Athletics Complex in Wagga Wagga.

Bill took great pride in being part of the Jubilee Park facility development. With government funding limited to enable only the form work and the actual being laid, it was left to a few dedicated volunteers to offer countless hours of unpaid work to build and complete the complex. On the 30th October 1988, The Jubilee Park Athletic Complex was officially opened by the State Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing Mr Bob Rowland-Smith.

A copy an article attached in The Daily Advertiser 20th May 1988 shows Bill on a wheelbarrow finishing up another afternoon's work at the complex in preparation for the opening.

Bill's commitment to the club resulted in Life Membership with Koorungal-Wagga Athletics Club. Once his daughters finished athletics, Bill's commitment remained as strong as ever. He continued coaching athletes, a role he first undertook in 1978.

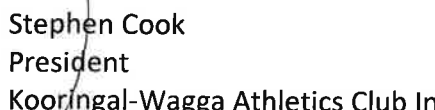
This unpaid position involved Bill making himself available 3 to 4 times a week for any child, regardless of which club you were affiliated with, who wanted to learn and develop their athletics skills.

This love for coaching resulted in Bill teaching and nurturing athletes throughout the entire Riverina. He was responsible for running coaching courses and developing and mentoring the next wave of athletics coaches in the Riverina.

Bill's passing last month touched so many people, his legacy to our sport unsurpassed. He has been a constant source of loyal support to all who have had anything to do with Jubilee Oval. It was fondly and frequently referred to as "Bill's second Home"

We as, the Koorungal-Wagga Athletics Club Inc committee strongly feel renaming the Jubilee Athletics Track, The "Bill Jacob Athletics Centre" honors his unwavering commitment to our local community.

Your Sincerely



Stephen Cook
President
Koorungal-Wagga Athletics Club Inc