## **JULIE BRIMS**

## Australian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame



## "Resilient, Motivator and Role Model"

Talent identified for basketball at the age of nine, Julie quickly progressed from a local to State A grade player in both women's and men's competition. In 1996 Julie took up basketball refereeing where she again progressed rapidly from local to State then to the Australian Basketball League and the WNBL panel.

Spotted in a Little Athletics parents race by coach Jimmy Huggins, Julie was invited to join his athletics training squad. For Julie this was a way to maintain her fitness for refereeing.

In 2002, coach Huggins entered Julie in a special Masters 100m at the Australian Open Track Classic where she placed second, at the same event in the following year she competed in the 200m this time taking first place ahead of some well renowned masters athletes.

Joining QMA in 2004 Julie regularly competed in all events from the 60m through to the 800m along with the javelin, shotput and discus. That year, competing in her first Pan Pacific Games she set records in the 60m, 100m, 400m and 400m hurdles. A regular competitor at these Games Julie currently holds eleven records.

Having competed in 13 AMA Championships since her first in 2005 Julie holds 11 championship records and has received AMA awards for Multi Events, Age-graded Sprint/Hurdles, Sprint/Hurdles (3 times), Female Athlete of the Year, Outstanding Individual Performance and Multi Events/relay.

Julie has competed in 6 WMA Outdoor Championships and 3 WMA Indoor Championships, she has never finished off the podium in any event in which she competed at these Championships. In 2017 Julie was the runner-up for the WMA Sprint/Hurdles Athlete of the Year and 2021 was a nominee for the Best Female Athlete. In Finland 2022 was selected to be flag bearer for the Australian team.

In 2019 Julie served as a Committee member for Queensland Masters Athletics.

Honoring past and present Maryborough citizens who have achieved a high distinction in their chosen field, Julie's home town inducted her into the Maryborough 'Walk of Achievers' in 2023; laying a plaque, alongside a number of Olympians, bearing her name and her sport of World Masters Athletics into the footpath.

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John Clark
AMA President