



**Little
Athletics**
Tasmania

Annual Report

2010/2011



Family, Fun & Fitness

Tasmanian Little Athletics Association Inc.

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Our Mission

To develop children of all abilities by promoting positive attitudes and a healthy lifestyle through family and community involvement in athletic activities.

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Affiliated Centres & Clubs

Burnie Little Athletics Centre

*PO Box 345
Burnie TAS 7320*

Circular Head Little Athletics Centre

*35 Amaroo Drive
Edgcumbe Beach TAS 7321*

Claremont Little Athletics Centre

*PO Box 312
Claremont TAS 7011*

Clarence Little Athletics Centre

*11 Banawarra Road
Geilston Bay TAS 7015*

Deloraine Little Athletics Centre

*93 East Barrack Street
Deloraine TAS 7304*

Devonport Little Athletics Centre

*PO Box 1164
Devonport TAS 7310*

East Derwent Little Athletics Centre

*11 Myna Park Road
Old Beach TAS 7017*

Glamorgan/Spring Bay Little Athletics Centre

*PO Box 424
Swansea TAS 7190*

Hobart Districts Little Athletics Centre

*PO Box 194
New Town TAS 7008*

Huon Valley Little Athletics Centre

*PO Box 179
Huonville TAS 7109*

Kingborough Little Athletics Centre

*PO Box 524
Kingston TAS 7050*

Launceston Little Athletics Centre

*PO Box 58
Riverside TAS 7250*

**Riverside Club
Trevallyn Club
West Tamar Club**

Longford Districts Little Athletics Centre

*525 Cressy Road
Longford TAS 7301*

**Longford Club
Evandale Club
Hadspen/Carrick Club
Perth Club**

North East Little Athletics Centre

*22 Arthur Street
Scottsdale TAS 7260*

Queenborough Little Athletics Centre

*17 Shepherd Street
Sandy Bay TAS 7005*

South East Districts Little Athletics Centre

*7 Kirabati Road
Midway Point TAS 7171*

South Launceston Little Athletics Centre

*PO Box 811
Kings Meadows TAS 7249*

**Glen Dhu Club
Norwood Club
Sacred Heart Club
St. Leonards Club
Summervale Club
Young Town Club**

St. Helens Little Athletics Centre

*PO Box 99
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White City Little Athletics Centre

*27a Lawrence Street
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**George Town Club
Mowbray Club
Rocherlea Club**

2010/2011 Sponsors

The Tasmanian Little Athletics Association sincerely thanks the following Sponsors for their continued support of Little Athletics in Tasmania.



Sport & Recreation Tasmania
Funding of the TLAA Administration Officer



Aurora Energy
Sponsors of TLAA State Meetings
and TLAA State Championship Events



McDonald's
Sponsors of TLAA Regional Challenge Days,
TLAA Coaching Camp & TLAA Award Badges



IGA Tasmania
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and TLAA Cross Country Championships



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Southern Cross Television
Free to air television advertising



Robbies Confectionery
Preferred supplier for State and Centre kiosks

Honour Roll



Life Members

Helen Moir	1993	Michael Stubbs	1997	Garry House	1999
Ross Burridge	1999	Rhonda O'Sign	2002	Paul Street	2006

Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Helen Moir	1990	Peter Lawson	1990	Les Nankervis	1990
Nigel McLaren	1993	Michael Stubbs	1994	Rob Crosswell	1994
Marguerite Duke	1995	Garry House	1996	Ross Burddige	1996
Cliff Marsh	1997	Rhonda O'Sign	2000	Paul Street	2002
Brian Bannister	2005	Kaylene Knee	2010	Anne House	2010

State Service Award Recipients

Bill Cooper	1990	Dianne Lawson	1990	Jeff Nankervis	1990
Paul Plumbridge	1990	Les Charlesworth	1991	John Boxhall	1991
Ted Beecroft	1992	Clif Marsh	1992	Matt Osbourne	1993
Anne House	1995	Graeme Moore	1995	Sallie Garwood	1995
Merimy Bruens	1996	Albert Johnson	1996	Carolyn Banks	1996
Gayleen Goodwin	1998	Viv Beswick	1998	Wim VanDerPols	1998
Paul Street	1999	Gavin Radford	1999	Ken Elphinstone	2000
Karen Tuthill	2000	Roger Howlett	2000	Margaret Osbourne	2001
Mary Clear	2001	Anne Millington	2001	Janene Stubbs	2002
Rosemary Coleman	2002	Terry Byrne	2002	Anthony Cruse	2002
Brian Bannister	2002	Frank Buller	2003	Wim Vaessen	2003
Ian Milne	2003	Frank Furfaro	2004	Karen Pelham	2004
Greg Cooper	2004	Kristy Periera	2004	Vicky Sansom	2005
Shirley Kelly	2005	Andrew Tomers	2005	Peter Weldon	2005
Eric Howells	2006	Tim Heron	2006	Kaylene Knee	2006
Peter McConnon	2006	Carolyn Bussey	2007	Michael Harvey	2007
Daryn Weller	2007	Dirk Nankervis	2007	Kendra Hey	2008
Scott Calvert	2008	Greg Byard	2008	Kim Nankervis	2009
Wayne Hall	2010	Mathew Hey	2010	Leanne Harvey	2010



*Board of Management
Reports*

Board of Management President's Report



I am pleased to present my report for the 2010 / 2011 season.

During this season a number of initiatives have been undertaken and progressed as the Board continues to look at ways we can improve many areas of our Association.

These include:

- the continuation of the Regional Committees;
- continuation of the ever increasingly popular under 12/13 Coaching Camp;
- the second successful State Cross Country Championships;
- the continuation of the Little Athletic Regional Clinics and combined coaching clinics with Athletics Tasmania which have proved to be very popular;
- exploring the use of further technology and implementation where appropriate, to enhance our operations; including the use of timing gates at our State Meetings.

The Board needs the co-operation and assistance of many members within our 19 Centres. These members form the regional committees, the cross country committees and assist with the running of our State conducted meetings.

Each year we must continue to investigate opportunities to improve our product and processes. These may emanate from suggestions or observations from individuals or committees etc. While we do not want change for change sake we must always consider new initiatives to further enhance what we do. I encourage everybody involved in our organisation to keep open minds so as to identify these opportunities. The TLAA is currently investigating online Officials Exams and online Registrations. Whilst we are in the early stages, all avenues will be investigated to advance our administration processes in these areas.

The change of Governance last year has proven to be extremely beneficial, with a very successful year of operation under the new structure. There have been some changes to position descriptions to allocate additional duties, and the office has taken on more workload, especially with respect to membership and competition.

I thank the members of the Board, our Administration Officer Matt Hey, former Administration Officer Jacqui Singleton, and all Centre committees and officials for the wonderful job you have all done throughout the season in your various roles. Without your contributions the many activities that we rely on for our sports to prosper simply would not occur.

Office

For the third year, the TLAA was successful in its application to the Department of Sport and Recreation for funding for the part time Administration Officer. One of the key performance indicators of the funding is the requirement for our coaches and officials to complete the *Play by the Rules* online training. Thank you to those Centres who have been promoting this valuable training resource to their members. The site offers training in a wide range of resources covering areas such as administration, coaching, officials and competitors. For many, the resources reiterate issues that are well known and reinforces that rules we have in place are common practice in all junior sports.

Jacqui Singleton resigned from her position as Administration Officer in October 2010, with the vacancy being filled by Matt Hey, former athlete from the East Derwent Centre. Matt was well known to many members as he was and continues to be, a great support to the TLAA at state meetings either as announcer, or assisting with administration tasks.

Board of Management

President's Report



Little Athletics Australia (LAA)

Throughout the season I have attended a number of Little Athletics Australia (LAA) Board Meetings, two conferences and the Annual General Meeting. Areas of focus by ALA Board of Management over the past twelve months include:

- Revision of standard rules for competition;
- The production of the national coaching DVD, along with the continuation of the introductory DVD which this year went to all new registrations;
- Continuation of the new Coaching Accreditation Framework;
- Scratch and Win Promotion
- LAA and AA joint funding proposal to Australian Sports Commission for participation funding.
- Active After Schools Program

Two years ago, Little Athletics Australia appointed Mrs Robin Newton (wife of LAA Administration & Finance Director, Brian Newton), to undertake the writing of the History of Australian Little Athletics. A draft of this has been received, and a launch of the book will take place in July. This is a comprehensive history of the sport from its inception in 1964 to now.

Tasmania hosted a very successful Little Athletics Australia Roll of Excellence Dinner in October. This event was attended by many well known former athletes as well as members from East Derwent, South Launceston and Devonport Centres. I congratulate ex TLAA athlete, Hollie Grima on being inducted into the Roll of Excellence in the category of Sports.

Sponsorship

I would like to take this opportunity to thank once again our valued sponsors :

- Aurora Energy
- McDonald's
- IGA Tasmania
- MyState Financial
- Department of Sport and Recreation
- Medalmania
- Robbie's Confectionery
- Southern Cross Television

For the second year running IGA ran their National Docket Competition, with the winning Centres being presented with their cheques at the 2011 State Conference. Thank you to all Centres who supported our sponsor by participating in this promotion.

This season again saw Centres undertake fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House, and I sincerely thank members of the following Centres for their wonderful contributions:

Deloraine, Devonport, East Derwent, Launceston, Longford Districts, North East, South Launceston and White City.

Along with parents and athletes from the East Derwent Centre, I visited the Ronald McDonald House on Good Friday to present our cheque for \$6,000 and to have a tour of the house. The work undertaken by the two staff members and the many volunteers is to be highly commended, and it was wonderful for all to see the great work that the RMH does, and how the fundraising of our Centres assists families in so many ways.

Board of Management

President's Report



The following is an extract from correspondence received from Penny Richardson, Executive Officer for the Ronald McDonald House, and I believe this says it all:

"Rhonda, today is my first day back in the office after the Easter break. Thank you so much for coming to the House on Friday – it was such a lovely gesture to have some of the athletes donate the eggs and bunnies. All this on top of your wonderful donation!"

Thank you for such lovely feedback Rhonda. It is always a pleasure to be able to show off the House to others and I think the service we provide becomes a reality when people can actually see what it looks like and what it offers. We really appreciate any connection we have with kids outside the House – I personally feel quite strongly about the concept of 'kids helping kids' and your organisation is a great example of that, so thank you for making it possible. I will ensure that we write to each club involved to send a personalised thank you.

We look forward to an ongoing association with Little Athletics Tasmania."

Registrations

This year we saw an increase in registrations from 2407 last year to 2418 this year. This is very positive when taking into account the inability of several Hobart Centres to have access to their grounds for several weeks. In addition to this, Claremont were without a committee and therefore an approach was made to Hobart Districts to allow their athletes to run at their Centre, under the name of Claremont. This was welcomed by Hobart Districts and the Centre had 13 athletes competing for the season. This was down from 70 in the 2009/2010 season. Claremont has been proactive in for the coming season and we look forward to good news of their progression forward. The graphs on pages 40 & 41 clearly shows the registration movements over the past two seasons.

Little Athletics Australia adopted a strategic goal to increase participation in little athletics throughout Australia. To assist its growth strategy, Little Athletics Australia sought to understand and appreciate the medium to long term demographics of state and regional locations to identify the greatest potential for growth, particularly in the age range 5-12 years of age.

By assessing the local and regional demographics of each state, it will assist both LAA and the individual states to identify the potential for new centres, potential consolidation of existing centres and the implications for existing centres where the demographics indicate a decrease of young people in some areas for the foreseeable future. Targeting key growth areas will ensure a more strategic approach to growth generation.

The report received for Tasmania, was unfortunately incorrect in that the consultant only focussed on 16 of our Centres, and failed to recognise Circular Head, Longford Districts and Glamorgan / Spring Bay. This was very disappointing, especially in light of Circular Head having the largest increase in registrations this past season, and is recognised by the TLAA as having great potential for increase in registrations.

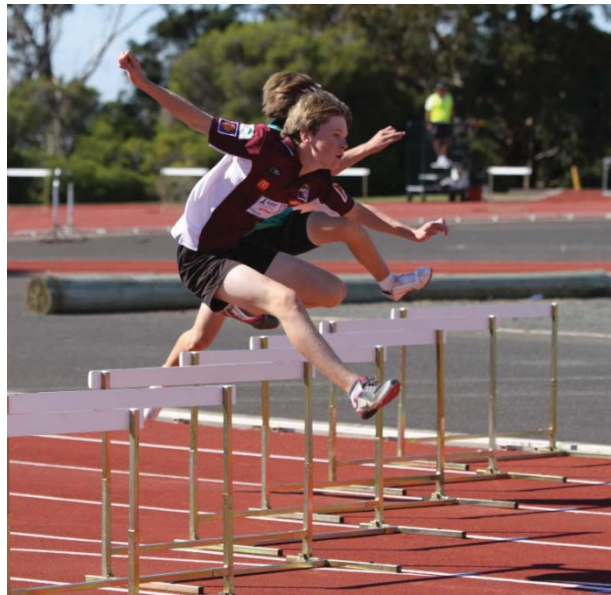
The report concludes with this statement:

There is little significant opportunity for growth in Tasmania with the population ageing and the population of those aged 0-14 years decreasing slightly over time.

There is some growth in the Brighton and Kingborough regions although existing centres in these regions would be best focussed on expansion rather than any consideration for new centres as the expected increase in numbers will be small.

Maintaining current numbers of participants and arresting any decline would be a good outcome for Tasmania.

Board of Management President's Report



The challenge is for TLAA and Centres to prove this report wrong. More emphasis this year will be focussed on marketing from a State level, and we will be encouraging and assisting Centres with their marketing for the forthcoming season.

Little Athletics Clinics

This year saw the third season of the Little Athletics Clinics, with a slightly modified program which proved to be successful. Rather than offer under 6 to under 9 athletes specific events, they gained an insight into Little Athletics by way of an introduction to the three disciplines of throws, jumps and sprints. All other athletes were given the choice of three events in which to gain training and coaching.

Many of our Little Athletics coaches, as well as senior coaches freely give their time to assist on the day, and their assistance is greatly appreciated by all.

In addition to these clinics, I met with Athletics Tasmania and the Sports Commission to discuss joint coaching clinics, and promotion of both sports. These were held in all three major regions of the State, and again were well attended.

IGA Cross Country

Last season saw a large increase in the number of weekly competitors at both the Northern and Southern Cross Country competition. I extend my thanks to Paul Mommers and Cathy Imlach who respectively ran the cross country in the South and the North of the State. I commend them for their commitment to the sport, and the dedication shown in the successful running of the cross country program.

The State Cross Country Championships were held at the Campbell Town Football Club, and despite the cold and wet conditions, were well attended with some great times being recorded.

State Teams

Under 14 Team

I attended the Under 14 Hunters Classic in Newcastle in January. The caliber of the event was second to none, and all Little Athletics events were given the same fanfare as the senior events. Our athletes performed exceptionally well and were a credit to Tasmania. The continuation of an Under 14 competition was discussed at length at a meeting in April, and unfortunately the majority of states are against the concept of a National Under 14 event.

This is very disappointing, however the option of continuing to attend the Hunter Classic event is still very much open and one that the TLAA will continue to support. We are also investigating options for an Under 14/Under 15 Development Squad to attend a trans tasman competition in New Zealand, along with athletes from ACT.

Australian Little Athletics Championships - Sydney

The team travelled to Sydney and it was with great delight that the Team retained the Dick Healy trophy, with a total points score of 417 with ACT runners up on 385.5. Our athletes did exceptionally well on the day of championships and certainly did Tasmania proud by their behaviour and the way they conducted themselves for the duration of their stay in Sydney. I was fortunate to be able to present medals to two of our four medal winners, and I did so with so much pride for their wonderful achievements.

Our Under 15 Multi-event athletes also performed extremely well, and I congratulate them for their dedication and courage. All four athletes put in over and above what was expected.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Team Management of Kaylene Knee, Paul Mommers, Paul Street, Peter Weldon and Wim Vaessen for the hard work and dedication to the team.

Board of Management

President's Report



There is much organisation and planning which occurs well before the team is announced, and continues up to the team reunion. This is not limited to the planning of accommodation, travel, uniforms, coaching and care whilst away, but the focus also of ensuring that all team members are united in their understanding of the team concept, that they get to know each other and are fully aware of the responsibilities of being a member of a team representing their State.

Paul Street

Today we say farewell to long serving Board Member, Paul Street. Paul has been a part of the Board of Management since 1996 and has achieved so much.

Board of Management

1996—1998 Education Officer

2000—2011 Development Officer

Awards

1999 TLAA Service Award

2002 TLAA Distinguished Service Award

2006 TLAA Life Membership

Paul has been an invaluable member of the TLAA Board of Management since 1996 when he took on the role of Education Officer. He fulfilled this role for three years and then did not re-nominate for his position. He obviously decided that he missed the Board members and his involvement at a State Level which allowed him to do what he does best – educate parents and athletes in the fundamentals and skills of Little Athletics, and re-nominated for the position of Development Officer in 2000; a position he holds today.

Paul has visited all Centres many times over during the past eleven years, and he is well known by the majority of little athletic families.

If he is not visiting a Centre, he is conducting our primary schools Little Athletics Program for Schools. Paul has introduced Little Athletics to thousands of Tasmanian school children, conducted many orientation and coaching courses, attended TLAA coaching camps as a coach and camp parent, and has officiated at State Conducted meetings in a variety of roles. Paul will be sorely missed by all involved in Little Athletics, however with one granddaughter competing, and others pending, I am sure we will still be seeing him in attendance at our State Meetings. Thanks Paul for all you have done for Little Athletics.

I pass on the Board's congratulations to Garry House on being awarded with an Australian Little Athletics Award of Merit. This is a very deserving award and was presented to Garry in recognition of his many years of dedicated service and contribution, at both National and State level. Garry was presented with his award at the Australian Little Athletics Championships. Garry has been involved in Little Athletics for the past 27 years, and began his involvement at State level in 1991. He has held several positions including President and Finance Director, and is a truly worthy recipient of this National Award.

I remain so proud to be a part of this great sporting organisation. I thank my fellow board members for their support and input over the past twelve months (and for sitting through my often lengthy President report each board meeting). I also thank all members of the Centres for the support of both myself and the Board. Whilst we are all passionate about the sport and take on our roles because of this factor, it is always great to have positive feedback received, and I thank those who have taken the time over the past twelve months to do this.

Rhonda O'Sign

President

Board of Management

Finance Director's Report



The preparation of the Financial Budget as in previous years set the bench mark for our financial performance.

Although our audited accounts show that we have had a solid financial performance, it has to be remembered that we have significant cash flow (outwards) prior to the commencement of the next Season.

I have attached an estimate of cash flow from the 31st March 2011 to the beginning of the Season for your information, together with a Budget comparison.

Outstanding State Team Expenses, LAA Conference, State Conference, Board Conference, Registration Materials, ALA Insurance, Office Expenses etc have to be paid before October.

I have also attached a schedule showing our Cash Performance against Budget.

Income was over Budget by \$57000, of which \$44000 came from the Government grant for our paid employee, \$6000 for the Ronald McDonald House Relayathon plus \$5000 refund by McDonalds for reimbursement of prize money.

Expenses were over Budget by \$25000 mainly due to Education / Development over by \$3000 and \$11000 for the Relayathon payment and the McDonalds trip prize.

GST paid was also over Budget by approx. \$6000 due to the higher income.

INSURANCE

Equipment

The LAA policy continued during the year, and once again the premium cost was covered by the TLAA and not passed onto the Centres.

This premium covers Centre Equipment up to \$75000 and any additional cover is at the Centre's cost.

I ask that all Centres continually review your amount of Cover, and continue to minimise your exposure by ensuring that all equipment is securely stored and valuable items such as PA systems, timing machines etc are stored at private residences in the off season.

Please note that it is a requirement of our Insurers that Centres supply the Association with a full list of Assets each year, complete with cost of replacement.

Personal Injury

As last year, I once again remind Centres of the procedure in relation to Injuries at Centre Competition:

- For minor injuries at a Centre (e.g. first aid) should be recorded in the Centre First Aid Register.
- For injuries that Centres feel that it may lead to an Insurance Claim (e.g. breakage) Form TLAA18 is to be completed and forwarded to me. This form is then used as evidence that an injury occurred, in the event that a formal claim may be made on our Insurers at a later date.

If a Parent wishes to lodge a claim, then the Sports Personal Accident Form (which can be obtained from the LAA Website) is to be completed and signed by the Parent, signed by the Centre, and then forwarded to me for endorsement, and then will be forwarded to our Insurer.

Board of Management

Finance Director's Report



CENTRE PAYMENTS

A reminder to Centres to please ensure that all monies owing to the TLAA (particularly Registration Fees) are sent on at least a weekly basis. This will ensure that our cash flow is maintained. I also ask that Centres receiving cheques from the TLAA, that they bank them as soon as possible.

SUMMARY

A reasonably good year financially for the TLAA, but as stated earlier in this report, we still have a significant amount of outstanding expenses since the balance date of the 31st March.

Registration fees together with other charges for next season will, as usual, be reviewed at Board Conference.

As part of my duties as a Board Member this year, I have also been involved in the Coaching Camp as Convenor and a member of the State Team Selection Panel, together with having the privilege of being a Delegate to the ALA ½ yearly Conference in Brisbane and the 2011 ALAC's in Sydney.

I wish to sincerely thank Centres, my fellow Board Members, the Office, and my wife Anne for the support given to me during the Season.

Finally, I thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve our great organisation.

Garry House
Finance Director

TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION INC.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members,

TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION INC.

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of Tasmanian Little Athletics Association Inc. for the year ended 31 March 2011 comprising of Receipts & Payments and Balance Sheet. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members of the Association for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's accountability requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or of any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosure in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

It is not practical for Tasmanian Little Athletics Association Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over membership subscriptions, donations, fund raising activities and other uncontrollable income items until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to such income was limited to amounts recorded. I was also not present at the physical stock count and as such am unable to verify its existence or value.

Qualified audit opinion

In our opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of Tasmanian Little Athletics Association Inc. presents fairly the assets and liabilities at 31 March 2011 and the income and expenditure of the Association for the year then ended.

LORKIN DELPERO HARRIS
Chartered Accountants



Paul Evans

31 Davey Street
HOBART TASMANIA

6th May 2011

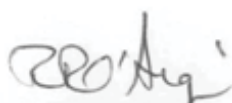
TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION INC.

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2011

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

WE, **RHONDA O'SIGN** AND **GARRY HOUSE**, BEING PRESIDENT AND FINANCE DIRECTOR RESPECTIVELY OF THE TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION INC. DO HEREBY STATE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE THAT IN OUR OPINION THE ACCOMPANYING STATEMENTS ARE DRAWN UP SO AS TO EXHIBIT A TRUE AND FAIR VIEW OF THE STATE OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION AS AT THE 31st MARCH 2011 AND THE RESULTS FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED.

DATED THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL 2011



**RHONDA O'SIGN
PRESIDENT**



**GARRY HOUSE MNIA
FINANCE DIRECTOR**

LIST OF OFFICE BEARERS

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Finance Director	Garry House 16 Kiama Place Blackmans Bay	7052
Competition Director	Peter McConnon 5 Nyora Court Devonport	7310
Education Director	Kay Knee 6/75 Victoria Street Young Town	7250
Development Director	Paul Street 77 Groningen Rd Kingston	7050
Technical Director	Roger Hosie 26 River St Bellerive	7018

LORKIN DELPERO HARRIS
Chartered Accountants



Paul Evans
31 Davey Street
HOBART TASMANIA

6th May 2011

TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011**

	2011 \$	2010 \$
INCOME		
Interest Received	7,345	5,267
Sponsorship and Donations	78,397	75,196
Sundry Income	1,301	43,426
Affiliations	1,400	1,560
Championships	24,115	22,678
Education and Development	21,845	25,301
Registrations	110,344	108,460
Teams - ALAC	50,795	50,158
Conferences	7,515	7,482
	<hr/> 303,057	<hr/> 339,528
EXPENDITURE		
Administration Costs	6,077	5,558
Advertising	4,485	4,170
Audit & Filing Fees	1,928	1,297
Bank Charges	78	119
Championships	13,859	17,275
Conferences & Meetings	24,972	22,681
Depreciation	6,778	7,582
Donations	6,000	7,272
Education & Development	26,033	41,183
Insurance	20,258	18,525
Memberships	26,864	24,501
Postage & Telephone	8,325	7,126
Printing & Stationery	5,756	5,220
Rent	14,400	1,680
Technical Requirements	13,246	8,164
Teams - ALAC	43,133	49,458
Salaries & On Costs	27,846	26,173
Sundry Expenses	-	919
Travel and Accommodation	32,995	31,871
	<hr/> 283,033	<hr/> 280,774
NET PROFIT	<hr/> <hr/> \$20,024	<hr/> <hr/> \$58,754

These accounts should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation
report of Lorkin Delpero Harris, Chartered Accountants.

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TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011**

	2011 \$	2010 \$	Increase \$	(Decrease) %
INCOME				
Interest Received	7,345	5,267	2,078	39.45
Sponsorship and Donations	78,397	75,196	3,201	4.26
Sundry Income	1,301	43,426	(42,125)	(97.00)
Affiliations	1,400	1,560	(160)	(10.26)
Championships	24,115	22,678	1,437	6.34
Education and Development	21,845	25,301	(3,456)	(13.66)
Registrations	110,344	108,460	1,884	1.74
Teams - ALAC	50,795	50,158	637	1.27
Conferences	7,515	7,482	33	0.44
	<u>303,057</u>	<u>339,528</u>	<u>(36,471)</u>	<u>(10.74)</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Administration Costs	6,077	5,558	519	9.34
Advertising	4,485	4,170	315	7.55
Audit & Filing Fees	1,928	1,297	631	48.65
Bank Charges	78	119	(41)	(34.45)
Championships	13,859	17,275	(3,416)	(19.77)
Conferences & Meetings	24,972	22,681	2,291	10.10
Depreciation	6,778	7,582	(804)	(10.60)
Donations	6,000	7,272	(1,272)	(17.49)
Education & Development	26,033	41,183	(15,150)	(36.79)
Insurance	20,258	18,525	1,733	9.35
Memberships	26,864	24,501	2,363	9.64
Postage & Telephone	8,325	7,126	1,199	16.83
Printing & Stationery	5,756	5,220	536	10.27
Rent	14,400	1,680	12,720	757.14
Technical Requirements	13,246	8,164	5,082	62.25
Teams - ALAC	43,133	49,458	(6,325)	(12.79)
Salaries & On Costs	27,846	26,173	1,673	6.39
Sundry Expenses	-	919	(919)	(100.00)
Travel and Accommodation	32,995	31,871	1,124	3.53
	<u>283,033</u>	<u>280,774</u>	<u>2,259</u>	<u>0.80</u>
NET PROFIT	<u>\$20,024</u>	<u>\$58,754</u>	<u>(\$38,730)</u>	<u>(65.92)</u>

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TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

**SUPPORTING SCHEDULES TO THE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011**

	2011 \$	2010 \$	Increase \$	(Decrease) %
Interest Received				
Commonwealth Bank	802	604	198	32.78
Macquarie CMT	6,543	4,663	1,880	40.32
	<u>\$7,345</u>	<u>\$5,267</u>	<u>\$2,078</u>	39.45
Sponsorship and Donations				
Aurora Energy	15,000	14,500	500	3.45
McDonalds	12,909	12,073	836	6.92
Athletes Foots	1,488	1,417	71	5.01
State Government	40,000	35,000	5,000	14.29
Jaymac	1,000	1,000	-	-
Robbies Confectionery	1,500	500	1,000	200.00
IGA	6,000	6,000	-	-
Other	500	4,706	(4,206)	(89.38)
	<u>\$78,397</u>	<u>\$75,196</u>	<u>\$3,201</u>	4.26
Championships				
Individual & Relay Entries	23,670	22,233	1,437	6.46
Canteen Hire	445	445	-	-
	<u>\$24,115</u>	<u>\$22,678</u>	<u>\$1,437</u>	6.34
Education and Development				
Camp Fees - Under 12 & 13	17,287	17,149	138	0.80
Jump Start / LAPS	4,558	8,152	(3,594)	(44.09)
	<u>\$21,845</u>	<u>\$25,301</u>	<u>(\$3,456)</u>	(13.66)
Teams - ALAC				
ALAC Current	47,552	46,888	664	1.42
ALAC Previous	3,243	3,270	(27)	(0.83)
	<u>\$50,795</u>	<u>\$50,158</u>	<u>\$637</u>	1.27
Conferences				
State	7,515	7,482	33	0.44
Administration Costs				
ALA Affiliation and Registration Fee	6,077	5,558	519	9.34

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TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

**SUPPORTING SCHEDULES TO THE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011**

	2011 \$	2010 \$	Increase \$	(Decrease) %
Championships				
Medals & Ribbons	7,874	9,776	(1,902)	(19.46)
Paperwork	1,744	2,402	(658)	(27.39)
Venue	4,241	5,097	(856)	(16.79)
	<u>\$13,859</u>	<u>\$17,275</u>	<u>(\$3,416)</u>	<u>(19.77)</u>
Conferences & Meetings				
State	13,370	13,460	(90)	(0.67)
National (ALA)	11,602	9,221	2,381	25.82
	<u>\$24,972</u>	<u>\$22,681</u>	<u>\$2,291</u>	<u>10.10</u>
Education & Development				
Camps & Coaching	19,477	19,834	(357)	(1.80)
Jump start	8,214	19,115	(10,901)	(57.03)
Movement in Stock	(1,658)	174	(1,832)	***. **
Resales	-	2,060	(2,060)	(100.00)
	<u>\$26,033</u>	<u>\$41,183</u>	<u>(\$15,150)</u>	<u>(36.79)</u>
Memberships				
Kits	20,172	16,410	3,762	22.93
Merit Awards	6,692	8,091	(1,399)	(17.29)
	<u>\$26,864</u>	<u>\$24,501</u>	<u>\$2,363</u>	<u>9.64</u>
Technical Requirements				
Equipment	8,636	5,603	3,033	54.13
Vehicle Expenses	3,417	2,082	1,335	64.12
Paperwork	1,193	479	714	149.06
	<u>\$13,246</u>	<u>\$8,164</u>	<u>\$5,082</u>	<u>62.25</u>
Teams - ALAC				
Current	29,311	32,787	(3,476)	(10.60)
Previous	13,822	16,671	(2,849)	(17.09)
	<u>\$43,133</u>	<u>\$49,458</u>	<u>(\$6,325)</u>	<u>(12.79)</u>

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TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2011**

	2011 \$	2010 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	17,156	41,000
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth	195,857	158,695
Cash at Bank - Macquarie	146,924	140,381
Stock on Hand	5,804	4,146
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	365,741	344,222
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant & Equipment	32,258	29,330
Less: Provision for Depreciation	25,110	22,523
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	7,148	6,807
Motor Vehicles	32,274	32,274
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	13,184	8,993
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	19,090	23,281
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	26,238	30,088
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		
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TOTAL ASSETS	391,979	374,310
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Australian Tax Office (BAS)	(1,716)	639
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	(1,716)	639
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NET ASSETS	\$393,695	\$373,671
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SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Unappropriated Profit	393,695	373,671
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by directors and members of the company. The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards:

- AAS 4 : Depreciation of Non-Current Assets
- AAS 5 : Materiality
- AAS 8 : Events Occurring after Reporting Date

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus View or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

Notwithstanding the deficiency of net assets, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the directors have received a guarantee of continued financial support and the directors believe that such financial support will continue to be made available.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are included at cost or at valuation.

All assets, excluding freehold land and buildings are depreciated over their useful lives to the company.

These notes are to be read in conjunction with the compilation report.

Board of Management

Cash Flow Estimate

1st April 2011 – 20th October 2011

\$000's

Bank Balance 31st March	343
Debtor Recovery	17
Copyright Refund	-43
Government Grant Balance	-45
	<u>272</u>

Expenses

State Conference (net)	-6
ALA Conferences	-11
Office Expenses	-26
Board Expenses	-25
State Team	-35
ALA Insurance/Fees	-28
Board Conference	-3
Registration Materials	-30
Teq Req (incl Storage Shed Hire)	-10
Publicity	-4
Development	-8
Sundry	-20
	<u>-206</u>

Balance of Cash	<u>66</u>
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Budget Comparison 2010 - 2011

CASH BASIS (incl GST)

	Budget \$	Actual \$	
INCOME			
Sponsorship/Donations	33450	40487	
Camp Subsidy McDonalds	2400	3200	
Mc Donalds Prize trip	0	4963	
Affiliations	1540	1540	
Championships/Spec Meetings	17000	20380	
Education/Development	17280	19016	
Executive/Finance	300	802	
ALAC Team	43420	34701	
Membership	122333	121375	
IGA Docket Competition	8800	8800	
ALA Laps	5000	5014	
Sundries	5000	3964	
Ronald McDonald House Relayathon	0	5724	
State Conference	6330	6490	
Government Grant Office	0	44000	
Total Income	262853	320456	
EXPENSES			
Administration	6500	8192	
Conferences	14500	14762	
Depreciation	8000	8198	non cash
Executive	43000	47788	
Insurance	22000	22284	
Championships/Spec Meetings	19000	15246	
Education/Development	27000	30030	
Publicity/Public Relations	5000	4509	
Membership	30000	29551	
ALAC Team	50000	48148	
Technical Requirements	8000	10812	
State Conference	12500	14707	
Capital	2000	4157	
IGA Docket Competition	8800	8800	
Sundry	3000	2545	
Mc Donalds Prize trip	0	4963	
Ronald McDonald House Relayathon	0	6000	
Donations	200	200	
State Conf Delegate Rebate	800	800	
Centre Incentive	300	300	
Office Costs	40000	43686	
Total Expenses	300600	325678	
GST Payable	23896	33066	
GST Claimable	20673	23837	
Surplus/(Deficit)	-3223	-9229	
Overall Surplus/(Deficit)	-40970	-14451	

Board of Management

Competition Director's Report



Overview

The 2010/11 season involved the same State Meetings conducted as has been the case for the preceding two seasons. The sequence of meetings was slightly altered due to venue availability and to minimise clashes. Thankfully the weather did not result in any cancellations, unlike the last two seasons.

TLAA conducted

- 2 Centre Challenge Days, essentially retaining the overall format introduced in 2008/2009
- 2 All State Meetings
- Relay Championship Day, retaining the format from 2008/2009
- Walks and Multi Event Championships Day
- State Individual Championships Weekend.

The online entry and officials system followed the same process as last season, and was again successful.

With multiple centres having purchased finish-gate systems, TLAA undertook to use this technology at all meets. The gates were interfaced to the results system, and significant savings in parent-effort were achieved.

TLAA Life Member Centre Challenge Days

Total attendance was lower than last season (515 v 636), somewhat disappointing.

The medley events flowed much more smoothly this year, essentially because more people were familiar with the requirements, and with the process. Congratulations to White City, North East and Deloraine in the North, and to Clarence, East Derwent and Huon Valley in the South on finishing first, second and third respectively.

Southern All State

A large meeting in terms of events (68 track and 60 field) offering plenty of choice for athletes. Well attended (402 athletes). The day flowed smoothly and was concluded in good time.

Relay Championships

There were 126 teams involved in the 4 x 100m events. This is exactly the average from the previous two seasons. There was a much greater utilisation of the combined age-groups concession in the rules, and the number of combined teams formed from "additional athletes" almost tripled, from 7 to 19.

The administration of these combined teams did present some challenges, as did also the need to have team members locked-in at nomination time (weeks before the event). This latter aspect proved awkward for centres also, and I consider that it must be reviewed going forward.

Congratulations to White City, Deloraine and South who filled the first three placings in the Relay Incentive Award.

Northern All State

Extremely similar to the southern event. Also a large meeting (72 track events and 60 field), and well attended (401 athletes). Also ran smoothly and was concluded in good time. One concern being the U10 Girls High jump event which had 29 competitors and took a long time to complete.

Board of Management

Competition Director's Report



Walks Championships

The largest (participation wise) Walks Championship for some time. 83 competitors. An increase of almost 60% on last season. Every age group had at least two competitors.

This is the third consecutive year that participation has grown since the previous time the meet was conducted in the same region. There was a significant review of qualifying standards 3 season ago, and it would seem that the review was appropriate.

Multi Event Championships

Marginal increase from the previous season, 188 up to 197, however not in comparison to the last time the event was held at St Leonards. Participation across the age groups was much more consistent than at most state meets – so relatively speaking the event seems more popular with the older age groups.

State Individual Championships

414 athletes participated in this year's championships, the highest number in recent seasons. There was also a significant increase in the number of events entered per athlete. Whilst a significant portion of these increases can be attributed to the removal of qualifying standards for U14 and U15, there was also an increase outside these age groups.

Despite these significant participation increases, the reduced pressure on the schedule due to the separate Walks and Relay championship days, once again enabled the meet to be concluded in good time. This is most important for this meeting, enabling the "retiring" athletes and the state team to receive due recognition at the conclusion.

Appreciation

Whilst I do have the title of Competition Director, I must emphasise that this role is shared by many. This season saw a classic example of this. I was a last minute withdrawal from Relay day, but this did not impact on the success of the day.

I make no apology for the following acknowledgements being repeated from last season. They remain relevant.

- To other Board Members, thank you for the 'can do' approach that is brought to each meet.
- To the numerous, very co-operative members of the regional committees, thank you for your recognition of the challenges we faced and your significant endeavours in identifying and allocating personnel to enable the meets to run as smoothly as possible
- To the many parents that assisted at events. Yes you do have children who benefit from your involvement, but parent involvement remains the most crucial aspect of a successful Little Athletics meet.

Peter McConnon
Competition Director

Board of Management

Competition Director's Report

New State Best Performances - Individual

Age Group	Event	Athlete	Centre	Old Record	New Record	Date
Retrospective						
U6 Boys	200 Metres	Ryan Gale	KGB	-	39.6s	18/01/2009
U6 Girls	200 Metres	Lauren Canning	KGB	-	46.2s	18/01/2009
Southern All State						
U15 Girls	Javelin	Claire McClenaghan	SL	29.01m	30.75m	21/11/2010
U14 Boys	1500m Race Walk	Jayden Brown	SL	7:59.3m	7:38.5m	21/11/2010
U6 Boys	Shot Put	Luke Smith	HV	4.22m	4.33m	21/11/2010
U9 Girls	800 Metres	Hailee Baldwin	HV	-	3:13.0m	21/11/2010
U9 Boys	800 Metres	Angus Murrell	CLA	-	3:55.1m	21/11/2010
Northern All State						
U12 Girls	Shot Put	Alice Cox	QBG	11.42m	12.27m	21/01/2011
U6 Boys	Discus	Tom Murrell	CLA	11.44m	11.68m	21/01/2011
U6 Girls	Discus	Natalia Leszczynski	ED	9.40m	10.69m	21/01/2011
U6 Boys	Triple Jump	Kyle Digney	WC	5.28m	5.38m	21/01/2011
U6 Girls	200 Metres	Madison Lamb	ED	46.2s	45.5s	21/01/2011
U13 Girls	200 Metre Hurdles	Jazmin Gorrie	BNE	-	32.8s	21/01/2011
U14 Girls	200 Metre Hurdles	Jaymie Hall	CMT	-	32.4s	21/01/2011
U15 Girls	200 Metre Hurdles	Natasha Panton	SL	-	36.2s	21/01/2011
U13 Boys	200 Metre Hurdles	Curtis Murfett	SL	-	30.1s	21/01/2011
U14 Boys	200 Metre Hurdles	Timothy Coad	CLA	-	29.9s	21/01/2011
U15 Boys	200 Metre Hurdles	Jake Dodge	ED	-	30.1s	21/01/2011
State Walk Championships						
U14 Girls	1500m Race Walk	Emma Walker	SL	7:41.5m	7:29.2m	12/02/2011
State Multi-Event Championships						
U14 Girls	Multi-Event	Courtney Stanley	SL	2680pts	2696pts	12/02/2011
U13 Girls	Multi-Event	Deanna Wadley	SL	2524pts	2675pts	12/02/2011
U13 Girls	Multi-Event	Alice Cox	QBG	2170pts	2443pts	12/02/2011
U01 Girls	Multi-Event	Jade Longstaff	SL	1527pts	1732pts	12/02/2011
State Individual Championships						
U9 Boys	800 Metres	Angus Murrell	CLA	2:55.1m	2:48.6m	12/03/2011
U9 Girls	800 Metres	Hayley Kroon	LTN	3:13.0m	3:02.2m	12/03/2011
U13 Boys	80 Metre Hurdles	Curtis Murfett	SL	12.4s	*=12.4s	12/03/2011
U10 Girls	Shot Put	Kaela Beechey	HD	8.24m	8.86m	12/03/2011
U14 Boys	Shot Put	Cody Leary	SL	12.52m	14.11m	12/03/2011
U9 Girls	High Jump	Tamasin Fyfe	HD	1.20m	1.22m	12/03/2011
U12 Girls	Discus	Alice Cox	QBG	31.56m	31.91m	13/03/2011
U12 Girls	Shot Put	Alice Cox	QBG	12.27m	12.36m	13/03/2011
U12 Boys	1500 Metres	Jimmy Lyall	DPT	4:51.4m	4:44.5m	13/03/2011
U15 Girls	200 Metre Hurdles	Kira-Lee de Wit	KGB	36.2s	30.4s	13/03/2011
U15 Boys	200 Metre Hurdles	Jake Dodge	ED	30.1s	28.3s	13/03/2011
U14 Boys	200 Metre Hurdles	Cody Leary	SL	29.9s	29.1s	13/03/2011
U14 Boys	200 Metre Hurdles	Tim Coad	CLA	29.1s	29.0s	13/03/2011
U14 Boys	200 Metre Hurdles	Tim Coad	CLA	29.0s	27.9s	13/03/2011
U13 Boys	200 Metre Hurdles	Curtis Murfett	SL	30.1s	29.6s	13/03/2011
U13 Boys	200 Metre Hurdles	Curtis Murfett	SL	29.6s	28.3s	13/03/2011
U14 Girls	200 Metre Hurdles	Jaymie Hall	CMT	32.4s	30.3s	13/03/2011
U13 Girls	200 Metre Hurdles	Deanna Wadley	SL	32.8s	31.1s	13/03/2011
U15 Girls	400 Metres	Rebecca Wells	HD	1:03.2m	1:02.5m	13/03/2011
U14 Girls	400 Metres	Shelby Miller	SL	1:01.5m	1:00.1m	13/03/2011
U15 Girls	Javelin	Rebecca Burns	BNE	29.01m	35.15m	13/03/2011
U14 Boys	High Jump	Tim Coad	CLA	1.70m	1.80m	13/03/2011
U12 Girls	Discus	Alice Cox	QBG	31.56m	31.91m	13/03/2011

Competition Director's Report



New State Best Performances - Teams

Age Group	Event	Athletes	Centre	Old Record	New Record	Date
State Relay Championships						
U14 Girls	4 x 100 Metre Relay	Ashley Gibson Maddison Hall Kate Lake Lauren Hall	LFD	54.9s	54.6s	11/12/2010
U10 Girls	4 x 200 Metre Relay	Amy Halaby Jade Longstaff Arabella Phillips Brooke Leslie	SL	2:19.3m	2:14.7m	11/12/2010
U12 Girls	4 x 200 Metre Relay	Jayde Curran Georiga Hill Goergia Legg Eloise Dolby-Wickham	LFD	2:12.3m	2:08.5m	11/12/2011
U15 Girls	4 x 200 Metre Relay	Natasha Panton Maddison Morey Tiffany Henricks Claire McClenaghan	SL	2:01.6m	1:59.8m	11/12/2011
U13 Boys	4 x 200 Metre Relay	Curtis Murfett Stuart Lade Andrew Nicholas Lachlan Edmunds	SL	1:54.9m	1:52.6m	11/12/2010

Board of Management

Technical Director's Report



My first season on the Board of Management has been a particularly challenging and rewarding time. The mechanics of putting together this great sport are complex and incredibly detailed. I have a far greater respect for all my fellow Board members and their predecessors who have TLAA running like a pretty well oiled machine, and as the year's progress, I have a lot to live up to!

During the season, we have updated and replaced various competition equipment, in particular our javelins which are now high quality Nordic implements, designed with flight characteristics that are suitable for our throwers. I noted with some interest the reduced incidents of foul throws during the State Individual Championships in this are this year – indicating that the equipment gives our throwers the best possible opportunity when it comes to the pointy end of the season.

Additional events were introduced during the season in the form of Under 9 800m, and the new 200m hurdle events. That latter in particular seems to have been well received, with strong entries in the State Individual Championships. The event provides an initiation to the full 200m and 400m hurdles events for athletes proceeding to senior level.

Several centres contacted TLAA through the season in respect of technical measurements and weights. Centres are reminded that the primary specifications for implements are listed in the manual, with full specifications in the By-Laws that can be accessed via the TLAA web site. A reminder that the 25 gram tolerance level for throwing implements only applies above the listed weight – there is no tolerance allowable for under weight implements. If at any time centres need assistance accurately weighing their implements, they can make arrangements through TLAA and I am happy to assist or point them in the right direction.

Once again this year, Little Athletics received some fantastic support and coverage from the media, in particular from the Examiner, the Advocate and Southern Cross News. We still struggle to find support from the southern newspaper, although they do at least publish our results in a reasonably timely manner. Special thanks to Kay Knee who has looked after the Northern media contacts this year.

So now we look forward to the new season in 2011/12, a feature of which will be the State hosting the Australian Little Athletics Championships in April. Thank you to the Board of Management for their support and patience with their newest member this year, and also to the Centres who have similarly been very understanding and supportive. It is a great privilege to serve such a fantastic family inclusive sporting body.

Roger Hosie
Technical Director

Board of Management

Education Director's Report



On behalf of the Tasmanian Little Athletics Association I would like to thank everyone for giving their valuable time to attend and help with the Free Coaching Clinics held throughout the State in September. The concept of these Clinics is to encourage and help athletes and parents with their development and education in Little Athletics. The importance ongoing education is paramount in benefiting the Association as a whole.

Again thank you to all Parents, Families and Volunteers of Tasmanian Little Athletics for your support and the time you have donated to help conduct our meetings in the spirit of Family, Fun and Fitness.

Kay Knee
Education Director

It is very important that we set up the correct pathways and channels to improve our knowledge and practices.

As an Association and to make Little Athletics run with in our rules is very important, especially with Tasmania hosting the Australian Little Athletic Championships here in 2012. We need to ensure we are all on the same page.

Our centres need to encourage any new parents to take part in the events and introduce them from the start to the correct rules and inform them of how they can become qualified officials by sitting the exams. We have so many of our parents that give up their valuable time each week for our Centres and State Meeting to run, and encourage and teach the athletes to compete in each discipline. Therefore it is very important that everyone is teaching the correct rules and giving the right advise.

Centres are always informed of any new rule changes and it their responsibility to ensure these are passed on. Our centre education Officers need to be the ones to encourage parents, conduct official courses and introduce the exams. Hopefully thanks to Matt the Exams will be on line soon. We continually review these exams and keep centres updated. We may start using the Region committees as a source Officials for TLAA run events into the future.

Development Director's Report



Centre Visits

This year the Board decided that centres should request any visits to be made by board members.

Unfortunately only a couple of centres took up that option, I hope that more will take it up next year.

Little Athletics Program for Schools (LAPS)

Because last year was such an exceptional year, school numbers and student wise, I have had to reduce the numbers this year to just over half.

I would like to thank this year's schools in the program:

Bellerive Primary, Dominic College, Richmond Primary, Princes Street, Youngtown Primary, Ringarooma Primary, Bridport Primary, Scottsdale Primary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Riverside Primary, Corpus Christi, Westbury Primary, Goulburn Street Primary, Miandetta Primary, Hillcrest Primary and for the first time in 7 years Collegiate Junior and ESL Campuses (thanks Mel), Deloraine Primary, Lamenier and St Pat's Latrobe.

The future of this program will be something for the new board to discuss.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last seven (7) years and would like to thank the sponsors of the program over the years, and the schools and students that have participated.

Site Orientation

Once again only a couple of centres (same ones) wanted to take part, obviously they want their parents to be more involved with the club by getting them to know the rules.

Each year there is a turnover in parents, and centres need to keep a core of parents who can become chief officials, it also helps the competition officer when he/she is filling in positions for state run meetings.

Once again I hope more centre take this up next season.

Southern Coaching Clinic

This year the clinics were held state wide on the 15/8/11.

I would like to thank all the coaches and coordinators that have put their hand up over the last two years, and have given their time to help our athletes gain invaluable experience in their chosen events.

Without the assistance of these coaches (mostly senior coaches) we would have struggled to get these clinics off the ground.

I cannot help but wonder, where are all the people that centres have paid to do coaching courses.

State Team

As this is to be my last year in Little Aths, I have stepped back from coaching the state team, and will help out new coach Paul Mommers and the rest of the team management.

I wish the teams (U/13's and U/15's) well in Sydney and hope they have an enjoyable experience.

Lastly I would like to wish the TLAA board and centres all the best for the future.

Conclusion

I wish to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support of our great sport.

I wish to thank all the centres for their support and help throughout the years. (1989-2011).

I wish to thank the board members (past and present) for their support throughout the years.

And finally a huge thanks to my wife Rosemary, who will no longer be an athletic widow.

All is not lost I will have two granddaughters in the sport to dote over.

Paul Street

Development Director





Membership

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Numerically Speaking

	Girls	Boys	Total 2010/2011 Registrations	% Change from 2009/2010	Total 2009/2010 Registrations
BNE	69	63	132	-19%	163
CH	37	25	62	114%	29
CLA	135	110	245	27%	193
CMT	9	4	13	-81%	70
DEL	20	28	48	30%	37
DPT	87	74	161	3%	157
ED	83	98	181	3%	176
GSB	8	6	14	-39%	23
HD	80	97	177	-10%	196
HV	39	50	89	78%	50
KGB	96	97	193	18%	164
LFD	61	65	126	-11%	142
LTN	103	86	189	-13%	218
NE	46	30	76	7%	71
QBG	53	63	116	-3%	119
SED	69	55	124	6%	117
SH	26	30	56	75%	32
SL	142	166	308	-6%	327
WC	52	56	108	-12%	123
STATE	1215	1203	2418	0.4570%	2407

Membership : Retention & Growth

Definitions

Retention Rate

The percentage of athletes registered in 2009/2010 eligible to return in 2010/2011 that registered

Growth Rate

As a percentage of last season's total registrations, how many 'new' registrations were achieved

	Total 2009/2010 Registrations	Possible Re- Registrations	Actual Re- Registrations	Retention from 2009/2010	New Registrations 2010/2011	Growth Rate 2010/2011	Total 2010/2011 Registrations
BNE	163	150	96	64.00%	36	22.09%	132
CH	29	28	19	67.86%	43	148.28%	62
CLA	193	181	140	77.35%	105	54.40%	245
CMT	70	68	12	17.65%	1	1.43%	13
DEL	37	34	18	52.94%	30	81.08%	48
DPT	157	143	98	68.53%	63	40.13%	161
ED	176	148	123	83.11%	58	32.95%	181
GSB	23	23	12	52.17%	2	8.70%	14
HD	196	187	119	63.64%	58	29.59%	177
HV	50	49	34	69.39%	55	110.00%	89
KGB	164	152	121	79.61%	72	43.90%	193
LFD	142	127	79	62.20%	47	33.10%	126
LTN	218	207	118	57.00%	71	32.57%	189
NE	71	68	52	76.47%	24	33.80%	76
QBG	119	119	62	52.10%	54	45.38%	116
SED	117	113	70	61.95%	54	46.15%	124
SH	32	32	22	68.75%	34	106.25%	56
SL	327	296	204	68.92%	104	31.80%	308
WC	123	108	77	71.30%	31	25.20%	108
STATE	2407	2233	1476	66.10%	942	39.14%	2418

The Top 5

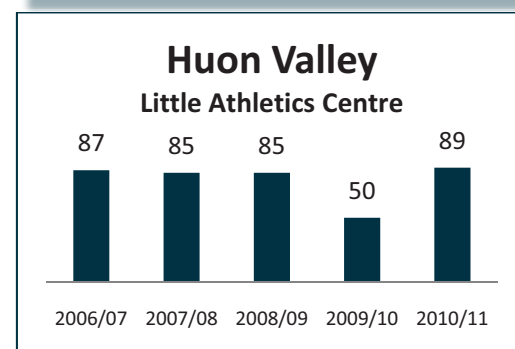
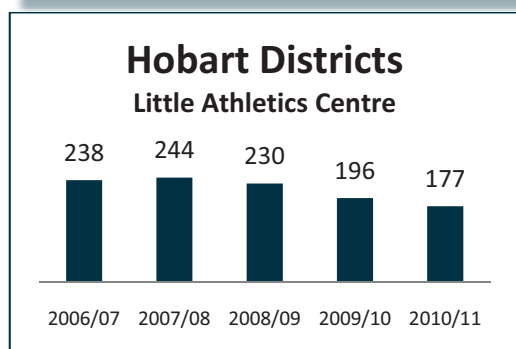
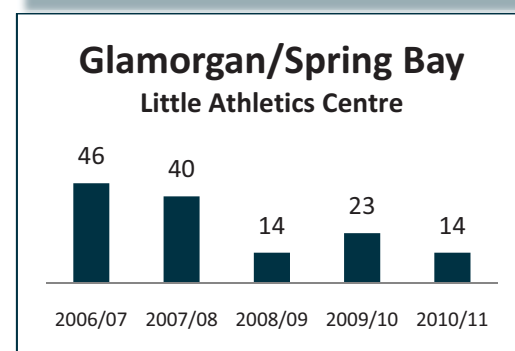
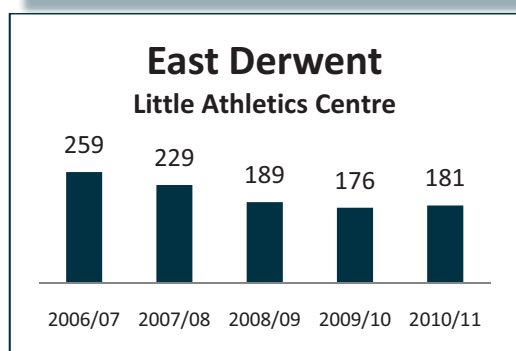
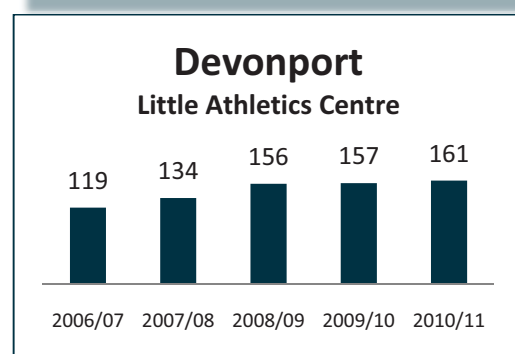
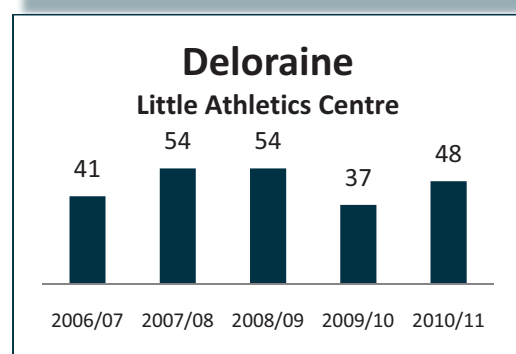
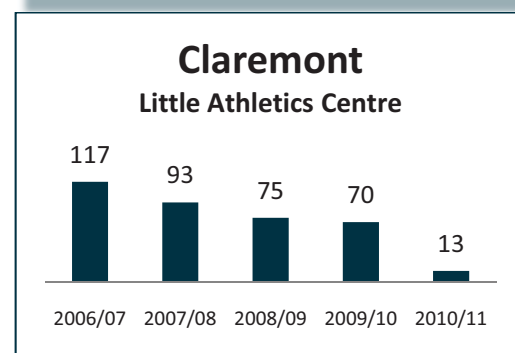
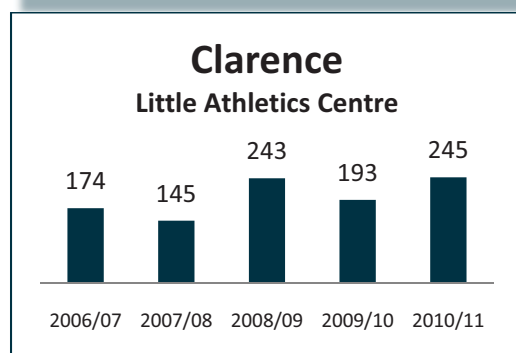
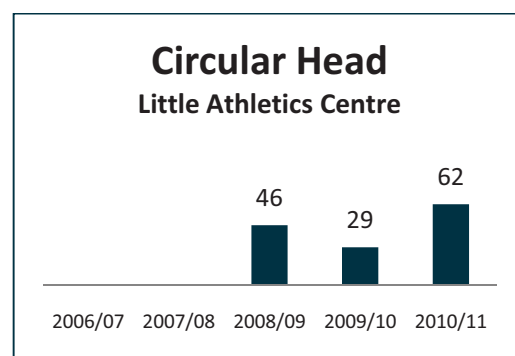
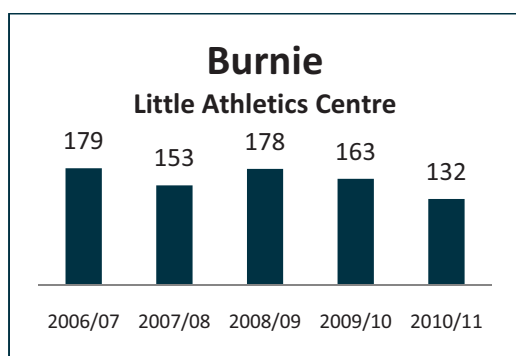
Rank	Total Membership		Retention		Growth	
1 st	308	South Launceston	83.11%	East Derwent	148.28%	Circular Head
2 nd	245	Clarence	79.61%	Kingborough	110.00%	Huon Valley
3 rd	193	Kingborough	77.35%	Clarence	106.25%	St. Helens
4 th	189	Launceston	76.47%	North East	81.08%	Deloraine
5 th	181	East Derwent	71.30%	White City	54.40%	Clarence

Membership : Gender/Age Split

	Tiny Tots		Under 6		Under 7		Under 8		Under 9		Under 10		Under 11		Under 12		Under 13		Under 14		Under 15	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
BNE	5	3	3	5	8	4	4	6	7	4	5	7	6	10	12	7	6	8	8	6	5	3
CH	3	4	2	8	7	3	3	2	8	0	3	2	4	5	3	0	2	1	1	0	1	0
CLA	10	8	20	15	20	16	10	11	16	15	13	15	13	11	11	9	10	7	11	3	1	0
CMT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	1	0
DEL	0	0	2	10	4	4	3	4	3	4	2	3	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
DPT	10	7	12	14	8	9	9	14	10	10	13	4	11	6	5	4	2	1	3	3	4	2
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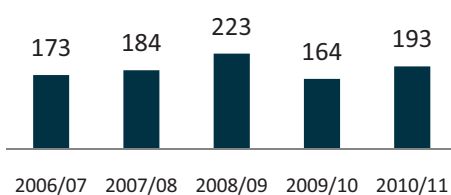
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Membership : Centre Comparison

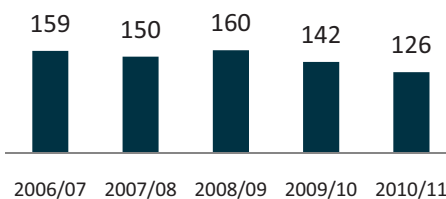


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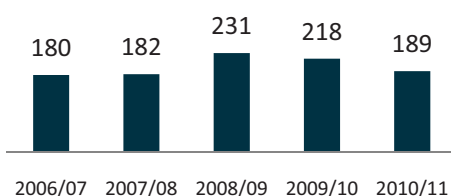
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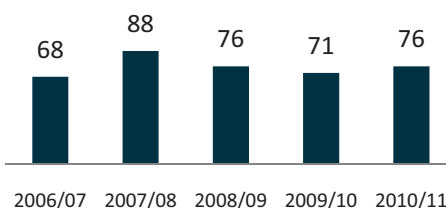
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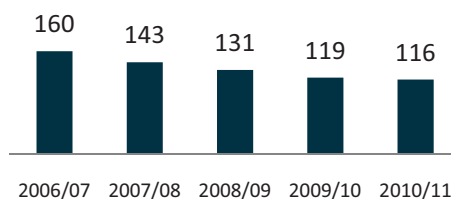
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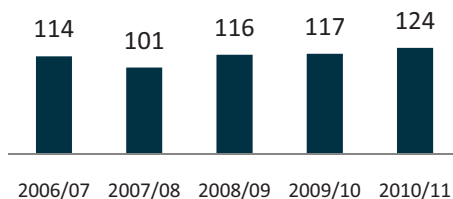
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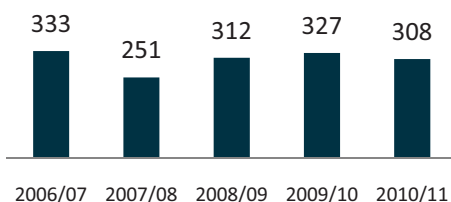
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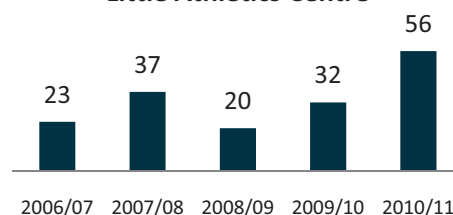
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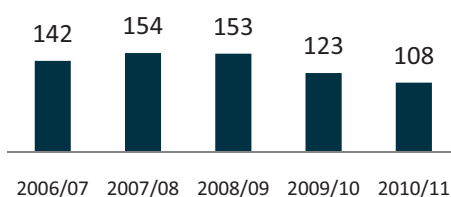
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*Under 12 & 13
Coaching Camp*

Coaching Camp



The 2011 McDonalds Coaching Camp for U12 and U13 Athletes was once again held at Camp Banksia at Port Sorell from the 9th January to the 13th January.

I sincerely thank McDonalds who supplied additional funds this year to allow a rebate on camp fees.

Due to the number of parents attending I was able to initially increase participation from 36 Boys and 36 Girls to 40 Boys and 36 Girls. Unfortunately 3 athletes and 1 parent pulled out before Camp commenced.

To Peter McConnon who arranged the line marker together with the delivery and return of the High Jump gear, I sincerely thank you. Thanks also to Devonport Centre for the loan of their High Jump gear and their Tents

Weather over the Camp was to say the least a bit ordinary with rain on the last two days. Our program had to be altered to ensure that athletes received the most benefit from coaching activities. Competition on the Wednesday was conducted in reasonably heavy rain, but tents borrowed from our Devonport Centre kept the athletes reasonably dry.

Athletes participated in 4 key coaching events of their choice, together with warm-ups twice a day, sprint drills, competition events. Unfortunately due to the weather we had to cancel Hurdles, 100m Handicap and the Team Challenge.

Many athletes recorded PB's during the camp.

Apart from the obvious athletic events, athletes participated in a hut competition where two huts are combined and points were awarded (or lost) for such things as tidy huts, wearing hats in the dining room, behaviour, sports hall competition etc.

Camp would not have been successful without parent participation.

I wish to thank the following people for giving up their time to assist at Camp.

Michael Walker, Peter Weldon, Paul Mommers, Roger Hosie, Paul Street, Catherine Irwin, Kylie Ockerby, Paula Brown, Brian James, Debbie Jakarta, Jenny Duffy, Alison Poot, Greg McKinnon, Peter Kearney, Rachael Thomas, Craig Phillips, Sam Robertson and Dean Jackson.

A special thanks also to Rhonda O'Sign and Matt Hey, for taking over some of the tedious work in the camp preparation.

A special thanks also to Mike Hancock and his team at Camp Banksia, who could not do enough to ensure that we had great meals and the facilities were up to scratch for our athletes.

For those parents contemplating sending their child to the 2012 Camp, please send in the forms well before the closing date. Remember we need Coaches and Parents to ensure that our camps continue. It is a great 5 days, and extremely enjoyable by all. Apart from athletes making friends, parents also have a great time. (If you require a form, they will be on the website in September).

As Convenor, one of the great comforts is the feedback received from athletes attending camp. It is extremely fulfilling to have athletes come up to you at the end of camp and thank you for a great camp, more encouraging to have other athletes at the All State do the same thing. It makes the whole exercise totally worthwhile.

Lastly, I attach some responses received from some of the parents of athletes who attended Camp.

Garry House
CAMP CONVENOR

Coaching Camp



I really enjoyed the camp, the opportunities to spend time with a great group of kids, parents and coaches. I find the learning experiences from all the above invaluable, as i have done in the past. The dedication of all involved helps to refocus my efforts at centre. Special thanks to you Garry for all your work, both seen and unseen, they help to make the camp run smoothly and more enjoyable for all.

Thanks Garry for a great camp my daughter had an "awesome time" and wants to go again next year. Cheers

..... became very anxious about going to camp as he was the only person (he actually wasn't going to go that morning) so thank you for all the help (camp parent) and parent, gave him. I knew he would be fine once he took off.

Please thank for me.

Hope you have recovered!

Thanks again

Note: Names have been removed from the responses.







*Centre President
Reports*

Burnie Little Athletics Centre



This season was a big learning curve for our new committee. All executive committee members were holding positions for the first time. But as a group we pulled together and worked through the season, learning as we went along and starting the season with two early washouts.

I would like to thank the committee, all chiefs and the support of all other helpers including Ray, Leon, Annette, Steven, Mark, Lyn and Adrian who were there most weekends to get the running smoothly.

Again this season our club supported the Burnie 3,2,1 go with our BBQ, which was a great fundraiser for the club. Thanks for all those people that helped out on the day.

Also I would like to thank all our sponsors that supported the centre throughout the season and during our centre championships.

We welcomed new athletes and their parents and were delighted to be told that the centre was run positively and it was a friendly place to bring their children.

Congratulation to Grace for making the State team, Grace and Linden for being nominated from our centre for the states Sportsmanship Award and Rebecca for breaking the State Javelin record (Under 14) and Jazmin for setting the 200m hurdles record (Under 13).

The centre has applied for a grant to purchase finishing line gates, which will benefit the centre in the future and also purchased new potable shade tents, to help maintain our Sun safe policy.

In closing I again like to thank our dedicated committee for their co-operation, especially Charlie as Co-President, with all his knowledge and experienced helped maintain our clubs structure during the season.

Glenn Overend
Charlie Trevvarthen
Co-Presidents



Circular Head Little Athletics Centre

In this our third full season of operation, whilst registered numbers have remained similar to previous seasons (40+), participation by individuals has been far more constant. This has meant that the standards achieved by the individuals and age groups has improved dramatically.

We have been fortunate with the retention level of registered athletes from previous seasons, so that despite the overall numbers not increasing, the competition level has risen due to the ongoing improvement in the skill levels of these youngsters."

While we would still wish to grow and expand the club, we recognise that we are in a smaller urban- rural region with limited numbers of potential participants, as such we are pleased with the current ongoing registrations as compared on a club by club basis, it makes us one of the more successful youth sporting movements in the Circular Head region.

In this oncoming season we are hoping as a group to be able to attend events staged by other centres, notably the Northern All State and State Championships. We feel as a group our athletes are not only willing and capable of competing in these events at a suitable standard for their age group, but most importantly are mentally ready to challenge themselves in unfamiliar terrain amidst a group of unknown athletes. Something that the younger athletes until now have been unsure of.

As part of our overall planning to provide the best standards for our athletes, we are intending to have some of our coaches complete the level 2 coaching course this year. As well as fundraise for additional coaching resources and equipment to enable the athletes to maintain their momentum and improve their personal standards.

After only three years in operation, we're already finding that the Circular Head Little Athletics Centre is well supported, by the regions children, their parents and the community. People actually look forwards to the start of the season, not only as a great outlet for their children, but as a social activity for the whole family. We feel that this is a great endorsement of our club as a whole and would like to keep such a friendly welcoming atmosphere an integral part of our centre.

May all our years be good.

Richard Jamieson
President



Clarence Little Athletics Centre



All up season 2010/11 was an extremely successful one for the Clarence Little Athletics Centre with State records, State Representation, winning the Southern Centre Challenge, increased membership as well as an abundance of centre and outside records being broken.

Firstly a huge thanks to all our sponsors: Home Finance Centre, Colour Copy Centre, Badger Makes Badges, and BNI Group. Without their valued support and contribution it would not have been possible for our Centre to turn a profit this season after the purchase of several large items. These large items included new timing gates that arrived in November and new high jump bags for use by our older athletes.

Secondly, thank you to everyone (fellow committee members, our newly appointed age group co-ordinators, the volunteers that help out week-in, week-out, Matt at TLAA and especially my family) for putting up with *Shaneism's* and ensuring that everything ran as smooth as it possibly could.

This was my first year as President and only my second year as a Committee member and what a step up in responsibility it was! A number of our existing long serving Committee members had resigned due to their children no longer being Little Athletes so the year started with a few of us trying to find out feet in new roles. Fortunately, the parents that took up these roles managed to pick up what was required exceptionally quickly. However, once again it appears we are heading into a new season without a full contingent of Committee positions being filled, unfortunately this is one of the disappointing sides of being involved in something that requires volunteer help to function efficiently and effectively, at time it seems we lose sight of the reason for Little Athletics - the kids.



Over the first few weeks of the season we were fortunate to be one of the few Southern centres that were able to use their ground regularly and had very few interruptions to our meets. Over these weeks we saw long lines at the registration desk, for both old and new athletes.

All up in 2010/11 we had around 250 registered athletes, up from 193 in 2009/2010. Although our membership was up what was particularly pleasing was that we had extremely high new registrations with 34 athletes registered in the U6 age group. From these 250 registered athletes we had 42 Centre records and 76 outside records set or broken - what an outstanding effort.



In November our Centre won the Southern Centre Challenge, for the second year in succession, this was just the beginning of our extremely successful year. We then moved into December which was highlighted by our PB day in which 129 athletes set more than 230 Personal Best performances. The first part of the season was now over and although we had a few cancellations, which were re-scheduled we had successfully got to Christmas without any lost time.

Given this we headed into the second half of the season with an impressive and enviable first half behind us.

Our Domain meet could not have been planned any better on any other day we would have been washed out but given it was at the Domain we were able to run a full program and had over twenty visitors from other Southern centres.

Clarence Little Athletics Centre

March was highlighted by the State Individual Championships which saw me being extremely proud of athletes representing the Clarence Little Athletics Club. We continued to excel both in sporting results (44 individual medalists and 20 outside records broken) and sportsmanship qualities, for example, whether it be our athletes breaking State records or our more senior athletes stopping to help other athletes not just in their own age group but also younger athletes in need of assistance.

At the completion of this meet the Tasmanian U13 team to compete at the Australian Little Athletics Championships was announced, with four Clarence boys being named in this team; Zac Buick (100m, 80m hurdles and long jump), Andre Witek (800m and 1500m), Taylor Walker (shot put and javelin) and Matthew Hosie (discus, long jump, shot put and 4x100m relay). Matthew was also named captain of the boy's team and Taylor Walker was named runner up in the TLAA sportsmanship Award.

Not only am I a proud President of this Club due to its sporting achievements but during the year we did also manage to conduct a fundraising event for the Goodna Little Athletics Club in Queensland that was severely affected by their recent floods. Thanks to the generosity of parents and athletes we managed to raise in excess of \$850, which I know was greatly welcomed by Goodna due to the emotion in their President's voice when she called me to offer her personal thanks.

In summary, my first year as President had its highs and lows and things ran far from smoothly at times but thanks to an invaluable group of helpers the Clarence Little Athletics Centre had a great, no sensational year.

Here's looking forward to season 2011/12.

Shane McCarthy
President



Claremont Little Athletics Centre



Claremont's season started with a couple of major problems, with a very light committee and the Glenorchy City Council putting drainage under the ground right at the beginning of our season, we were given a date of the October 15th for completion but this stretched out to November 6th, putting us six weeks into the season time we could not afford to miss. In the meantime our jump pits were repaired and new sand added. A grant we had applied for from Scott Bacon (MP) was given and this was to be used for a new scissors high jump mat. But with membership very low we did not have the man power to open the season. It was decided to approach another centre to compete with them. After discussions with TLAA it was decided to approach Hobart Districts Centre. They were more than welcoming to have us on board I was accepted on their committee and our 13 athletes and parents joined them on the 30/10/10. We are not sure if the move damaged us, but it was something I feel we needed to do to keep Claremont alive for the season. We competed as our own identity and the parent help was awesome, as if we were at our own centre and for that I thank them. I also thank Hobart Districts for all the help they gave us throughout the season.



Even with our low membership Claremont proved to be very successful, with the introduction of the 200m hurdles for the under 13 to 15 athletes the inaugural records were set for the age groups and each time they were on the program the challenge was on and over the season broken several times. One of our athletes holds the state record at the moment. We had athletes that participated in all state conducted meets except the relays. I would like to congratulate Jordan Cox, Kes Jankata and Jaymie Hall for the state individual championships all of which performed very well and gained lots of PBs over the weekend.

We were successful in having an under 13 athlete being chosen for the state team congratulations goes to Kes Jankata. With the AGM being held, still no volunteers for a committee, apart from myself. It was decided that we would work on membership first then form the committee. The thought of changing competition days was then discussed. A special meeting was called on 12/04/11 with all centre's being notified and local schools, plus the Claremont football and cricket clubs as the ground is shared with them. The main topics of discussion were the change of competition days and ways of how to build on membership.

A couple of enquiries from the notification in a school newsletter were promising when they were informed we were considering changing from Saturday mornings to a Friday night for competition this suited them they said. The cricket and football clubs were very supportive and hopefully we can all have a better working relationship. It was decided to trial a Friday night competition with a Wednesday night as a backup for cancellations, for the coming season.

The grounds will be booked for Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday evenings, leaving the ground free on Tuesday and Thursday plus the weekends for cricket and football they were very happy with this. There were also discussions of sharing our canteen facilities with them on our off season and also to promote Claremont Little Athletics throughout their memberships.

We have decided to letter box drops around the surrounding suburbs and visit the local schools. Attending local school committee meeting and sharing our enthusiasm, promoting little athletics as a whole community awareness of family fun and fitness.

We feel the potential to build Claremont Little Athletics Centre back to at least 50-70 members next season is not out of reach and long term 100-200 members.

Debbie Jankata
Acting President

Deloraine Little Athletics Centre

After being thrown in the deep end a week before the season began, it is with pleasure that I deliver my first report as President of the Deloraine Little Athletics Centre!

We had a lot of new faces this season, with registrations being up from last. In particular the younger age groups, including the toddlers, had a big increase in numbers. With these new athletes came a lot of eager and willing parents who helped out each and every week.

This showed when it came time to cater at State Meets – we were never short on helpers and a big thank you needs to be extended to those who volunteered their time. Also a huge thank you to Deanne, who really stepped up this season and took on a big role organising the BBQ each week as well as the catering of State Meets. She did a great job!

With the money raised from our catering, we are looking to upgrade our timing system for next season as well as purchase new equipment including new U6 and U7 hurdles.

Deloraine had some great performances at State Meets during the season, the first being our third placing at the Northern Centre Challenge Day. The kids followed this up with a brilliant effort at the State Relay Championships where over half our Centre competed, placing Deloraine 2nd overall in the Relay Incentive Award and winning us a voucher for MedalMania which we used to purchase our end of season trophies.

Congratulations to our three athletes who competed at the State Individual Championships – Mia, Jesse and Joseph, all of whom finished in the top eight in their events. In particular Joseph, in his first season at athletics, won two silvers and a bronze! What a great effort!

This season we introduced a PB Award which went to three of our younger athletes – Kayley, Rori and Johnny. Also, a big well done to Ethann who won our Handicap Event.

We also celebrated with Carolyn Bussey, awarding her a life membership. No one deserves it more and I would like to say a big thank you for all the work she has done over the years (and all the help she has given me this season!).

I would like to say the biggest thank you to the wonderful committee – Julie, Annette, Carolyn, Lisa, Tracey, Kristen and Deanne, who are not only the best committee a President could ask for, but also fantastic friends as well.

I would also like to welcome our new committee members – Colina, Sarah, Paul and Amanda, who have all taken on roles for the 2011/2012 season. I look forward to the coming season and wish all the athletes and their parents the best of luck!

Robyn Bailey
President



Devonport Little Athletics Centre



As my first year as president it has been an enjoyable and interesting season for me. I have been very fortunate to have a very strong and committed committee to help me along the way.

We had a change of venue for the first three weeks of the season as our ground was unavailable, which resulted in us not being able to offer long or triple jump for the these weeks.

But we were lucky enough to have our new timing gates for our first week and these have been a great advantaged to the running of our track events. We also purchased new scissor kit mats during the season, a welcomed addition for the younger jumpers.

Our athlete numbers increased a little more than last year, with once again a lot of athletes in the U6's and U7's age groups.

We once again trialed a new program with a more free flowing timetable, allowing athletes to move to their next event once the site was free. This resulted in many weeks where we would be finished before 12pm.

Devonport had a small contingent of athletes attend TLAA Life Member Centre Challenge day at St Leonards. We came fourth just missing out on third by 4 points.

Once again we held our Ronald McDonald House Relay-a-thon at the Devonport Athletics Club Christmas Carnival on Day 1. We had 28 athletes, 8 parents and 1 grand parent help run 100km.

DLAC entered a float in the Devonport Christmas parade. All athletes we dressed in full competition uniform and wearing Santa hats, with committee members walking beside the float in their red McDonalds vests on.

On day 2 of the Christmas Carnival we held our 100m handicap event with 61 athletes participating. We were also asked to run a high jump demonstration earlier in the evening which we had 13 boys and girls participate.

We were also lucky enough to be able to run some running events at the Henley on Mersey on Australia Day at Latrobe this year. We look forward to next year and being able to offer some other events as well as some novelties races too.

DLAC also had many athletes compete at Southern and Northern All State, State Multi and Walks Championships and had 24 athletes competed at State Individual Championships. A big thank you to all parents that helped on these days.

Once again no centre can succeed without the support of its sponsors and I would like to give a huge thank you to all of DLAC's sponsors this season.

Finally a big thank you to all of DLAC's committee members, parents and grandparents, it makes my job so much easier when I have a dedicated team helping keep out centre going. I look forward to working with you all next season.

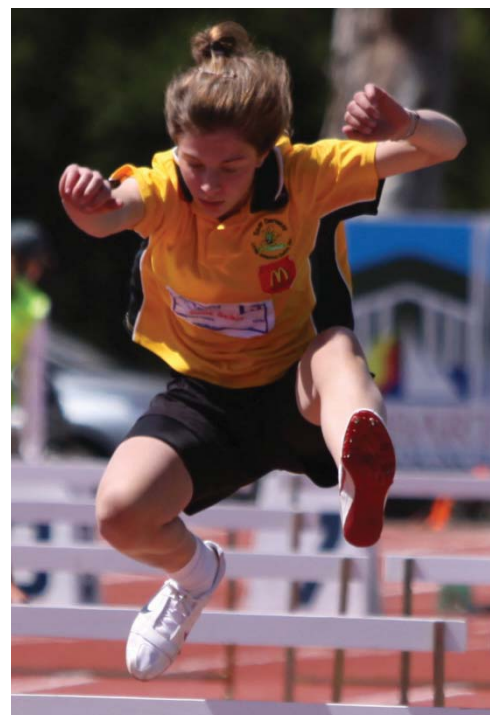
Paula Brown
President



East Derwent Little Athletics Centre

The 2010/2011 season saw many highlights at East Derwent. Here is a snapshot.

- During the year we applied for six grants and were successful in all six, plus a large sponsorship.
- Fundraising in the off season raised over \$6,000.
- We purchased the new Gate Timing System, High Jump Equipment, Shade Shelters and the larger of the two jump pit run-up is about to be resurfaced.
- Our registration numbers increased by just a small amount, and our retention rate was well up.
- We collaborated with the Active After Schools Program to hold an Information/Orientation afternoon with participants from three local schools. That was attended by approximately 70 students.
- We sent 10 delegates to the LAA Hall of Fame Dinner in October 2010.
- Sixty eight athletes attended the Southern Centre Challenge and we left as runners-up for the Life Members Shield.
- Eighty one athletes attended the Southern All State.
- Our Centre Multi Event Day was once again a highlight on our calendar.
- We sent teams in nine age groups to the State Relay Championships. Those teams came away with 13 medals including 4 gold, 8 silver and 1 bronze and won fourth place in the TLAA Relay Incentive Award.
- The Northern All State on the 22nd of January was very well attended with 49 athletes in total.
- The other highlight on our calendar had to be the Australia Day Meet and Relay-a-thon. Once again the children surpassed themselves with 909 laps completed in three hours and \$2256.00 raised. Three wonderful families were awarded the Australia Day Medal for their outstanding efforts to raise over \$200.00 each, and everyone involved received an Australia Day Certificate.
- In February 27 athletes competed in the State Multi Events Championships with two athletes winning gold. Another 12 athletes competed in the State Race Walking Championships, with some great results.
- Centre Championships were finally completed after the first two days were practically washed out.
- Forty Nine athletes competed in the State Individual Championships. They won between them 61 medals, 14 gold, 22 silver and 25 bronze.
- Ashlee Hey was awarded runner-up in the TLAA Sportsmanship Award.
- Four athletes Nicole Walker, Ashlee Hey, Keegan Wylie and Jake Dodge were selected to compete at the ALACs.
- We said goodbye to 13 amazing under 15 athletes, their age group manager and some long time parents of the Centre.
- To top that all off we were selected as one of three finalists in the category of Community Club Award at the Tasmania Sports Awards held at the Silverdome on the 19th March 2011. We didn't win, but we felt honoured just to be recognised.



Overall we have had an outstanding season. Our highs were not just about winning, but having great numbers representing us at TLAA meets, supporting TLAA initiatives, the outstanding efforts of families to fundraise and not just for our own centre and our ability to continue to introduce fun and exciting special events to maintain interest throughout the season and continued our recognition of the efforts of both athletes and volunteers on a variety of levels.

Once again the results reflect an enormous amount of time and effort by a fairly large, committed and dedicated committee who ensure we continue to work together for the good of everyone at the Centre. I particularly want to thank two under 15 parents, Linda McKenzie and Darren Graham for their commitment over the past ten and seven years respectively. Linda especially has been invaluable and will be an enormous loss to the Centre when she does choose to leave.

Next season East Derwent will celebrate it's 30th Birthday. I am sure it will be a birthday to remember.

Kendra Hey
President

Glamorgan/Spring Bay Little Athletics Centre



This season we had 14 children register, consisting of 8 families. Whilst this is not as many as we would have liked those that did compete, did so with great enthusiasm.

We had a very slow start to the season, with several meets cancelled due to unpredictable weather. Fortunately, we were able to progress through rest of the season with more consistency. After a two week break for Christmas, we started our twilight meets in January which were popular, with athletes attending from other clubs around the State. I believe nearly all of these children did personal best's while competing at our club. The competitiveness in these athletes pushed those in our club to try a little harder, which was a great benefit to them.

I would like to thank the Committee for their commitment, support and attendance throughout the season and also the parents of our competitors for assisting on a weekly basis at our meets. I would also like to thank Andrew Hill for doing all of our line marking through the season; I know this is a big job. Thank you also to the Swansea Football Club for their contribution to the cost of paint for the line marking and also thank you to Rodney Breadmore for the use of his truck to transport the equipment at the beginning and end of season and all of the helpers, many hands makes light work.

It was great to see nearly all of our registered athletes and their families attend our final meet in February, followed by a fish and chip lunch at Jubilee Beach to finish the season. We were lucky enough to have a beautiful sunny day and the fish and chips, from the Horny Cray, were enjoyed by all. Congratulation to those athletes who were awarded with medals on the day, for breaking records at the Club this season.

Finally, thank you to all the children for their participation this season and I hope that Little Athletics will continue into the future for the children of our Community.

Cherie Hill
President



Hobart Districts Little Athletics Centre

Last season a very wet start to the season resulted in relocation to the Domain for the first 3 meets but this year the new sprinkler system install at John Turnbull Oval was the problem. Again it was difficult however we managed but the effect on registration numbers was compounded on last season. We ended the season on less than 180 registrations which was even lower than last season. And as with last season we had many enquiries very late in the season from parents about having their child join little athletics. This was disappointing and raised concerns for the upcoming seasons.

Perhaps the most pleasing thing about this season was how we were able to assist the Claremont centre. The assistance the small group of athletes and parents provided was first rate. It was a real pleasure to have them around. They shared our ground and facilities and their athletes even won our handicap finals!

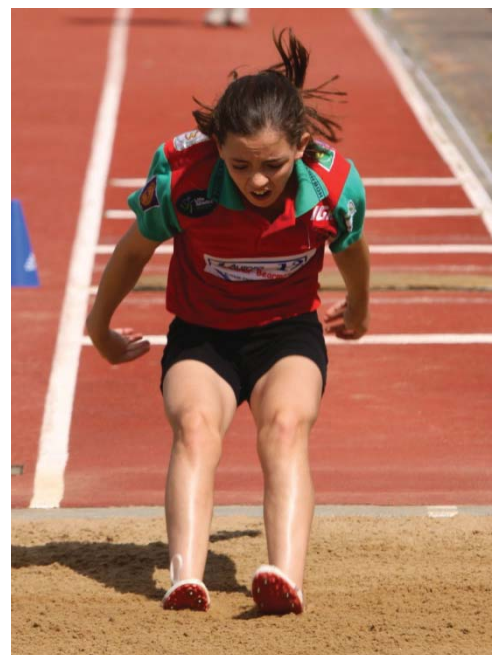
Hobart was well represented in the various state and regional competitions and some great results were achieved. Also another fun time was had at the St. Helens Gold Medal Day by Hobart athletes and parents. We had only one athlete in the U13 state team this year in Tahila Hunt but Claremont's Kes Jakanta was also in the team which was great to see.

With the lower numbers we suffered in gaining enough assistance with officials and key committee personnel. As is always the case the centre lost experienced parents and struggled to get new parents to gain the confidence to step into these roles. It was fun to see a few ex-presidents back however.

We had our High Jump bags repaired and hoped to have them stored close to the all weather area in their own container but this proved a difficult task to achieve with the council and community groups. Given the success of the timing gates with other centres this season we will be following suit for next season.

We did not secure any major grants during the season but were able to fund raise to leave the club in a strong financial position. Overall another fun season but a few questions remain about the future as the junior athletics landscape evolves and changes.

Andrew Shepherd
President



Huon Valley Little Athletics Centre



This season has had its high and lows but looking back now I feel we needed to have a couple of low moments to achieve so many highs.

A lot of changes and upgrades have been made this season. I believe these changes have been a success and it's great to see the centre growing and going forward. The biggest highlight for the centre this season was to have Tassal join us as a major sponsor. Tassal kicked off their sponsorship by donating a large sum of money to help upgrade and extend the existing run-ups to the jump pit. Then we decided to recognise Tassal by changing our Centre tops to Tassal colours and to display the Tassal Logo on the sleeve of the top. These tops were also partially sponsored by Tassal. The change of our Centre's uniform was a huge success with many positive comments from our own centre, other centres and the TLAA board members.

We covered our pit with a colour bond lockable cover during the off season. The funds came from a grant from the Huon Valley Council and the cover was made by Cawthorn Welding. A lot of hard work from the committee and other members of the public went into making the jump pit area a more modern and safer area for athletes, officials and parents. I would like to thank everybody involved with both these projects. It's a great result for the Huon Valley Little Athletics Centre.

This season also saw the introduction of a centre logo (also displayed on our Centre uniform) and we now have a huge advertising sign at the main entrance to the ground with our contact information prominently displayed.

Small items of equipment have been purchased as required over the course of the year.

After many years of trying to keep the clubs going it was decided to put all clubs into recess and build on the centre. I believe this is a huge step forward for the future of the centre.

Michael Phillips is well under-way researching the history of Athletics in the Huon, this is a huge job. I would like to thank Michael for his hard work and dedication. Once completed, this will be displayed on the wall in our club room for everyone to see. It will be great to have this ready in preparation for the 30th anniversary of athletics in the Huon Valley.

I would like to congratulate Paul Mommers for taking on the role as state team coach this is a huge responsibility and I wish him all the best.

This season saw an increase in registered athletes. Hopefully that number will continue to grow in years to come.

Huon Valley was well represented at all state meets this season and there were some great achievements across the board. I would like to congratulate all athletes on their achievements both at centre and state level this season. We have some talented athletes with many records broken at centre level.

Last but not least I would really like to thank our hard working committee. I can't believe what we have achieved this season for our small centre. So many hours have been put into making numerous improvements to our arena, we hope to see many more next season, so well done everybody.

My role as president at times has been very challenging but has also been very rewarding. I look forward to working with the new committee over the next 12 months. We already have a couple of major projects in the pipe line and if successful I feel that the 2011/2012 season will be just as successful as this one.

James O'Connor
President

Kingborough Little Athletics Centre

Well what a season. This year I have compiled both my thoughts and those of many of our committee. With the loss of 3 much loved past and present members of our little athletics family, the past year has been one that our club will never forget and never wants repeated. Whilst we mourn their loss, we would like to just take this moment to acknowledge the great contribution that Sam, Helen and Rowan made to our club over many years. They all served on the committee at one point or another and all were very actively involved on sites each Saturday. We have all said "it won't be the same" and it won't, but this has a positive aspect also because these sad losses also give us inspiration for change and reflection backwards and forwards!!!

Now on a much brighter note, our registrations this year have been fantastic and have risen considerably from last year from approximately 164 to 198. Our retention rate is also huge with the U11 girls age growing to again be the biggest age group in the Centre. Considering when these girls were U6 there were only 4 registered athletes, this is a very pleasing trend. All age groups grew in numbers from tiny tots through to U11. It is also nice to see that we retained a lot of our older athletes as this is often the age when numbers start to drop.

Our efforts before and during the season were incredible not only with the athlete numbers but also with fundraising and grants. Our new team of "canteen and fundraising wonders" can only be given praise, praise and even more praise. The canteen is running the absolute best it ever has, with a refined food list and our core crew of happy smiley faces. We have also been able to offer healthy food and excellent variety, hats off to Maree Clements.

These same people have been instrumental in over \$5000 of fundraising efforts. The Keygan, Cements, Vavoulas and Roberts families have worked hard in both the community and our own Centre members to raise funds for our new long jump runways, especially Mandy Keygan in the community. Our Records and Rankings lady, Cathy McKeown, also worked tirelessly to secure a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund and this has cemented our funds to finish and open new runways prior to next season.

We saw Andrew Tomes, an ex-parent and Centre coach, return as our coach for the season and he was awarded a Life Membership to the Centre. His ongoing help to our athletes even though he hasn't had children in the Centre for several years now has been fantastic. Andrew has been still involved and is a much loved and integral part of our successes.

The State U13 Sportsmanship award to Justine McKeown was also fantastic and could not have been presented to a more deserving lovely young lady. Our older athletes, despite their smaller numbers, are a great bunch of young adults. Our use of SLAM must be noted and was excellent with some improvements noted and also some hidden fantastic features also unearthed.

Finally to be involved with our House Handicap day was the cream on the cake. Our young winner, Amber Rothe, was just beautiful when she crossed the line first and was presented her trophy. This moment epitomised our year with joy, tears and a lot of heart. Thank you to everyone especially our EXCEPTIONAL COMMITTEE...

Andrew Willcox
President



Longford Districts Little Athletics Centre



2010/11 saw another successful season at Longford with;

- all of our committee positions being filled at the AGM
- 11 new officials
- introduction of the SLAM database
- we maintained a solid financial position, and
- had a positive response to the IGA docket competition

With thanks to the Northern Midlands Council and our dedicated Committee, we welcomed the season with a new discus and high jump area. We now only have to use the shared ground for our track events and this ensures that we have it well and truly cleared for cricket at 12pm, maintaining a harmony between the user groups.

Records tumbled on both the track and field and a huge tally of PB's were achieved with all of our athletes showing great sportsmanship in their endeavours to achieve their best performances. LDLAC had great participation levels at TLAA run events. Relay Day was also a highlight with our teams being extremely competitive with some winning medals and State records being broken by the U12 girls (4x200m) and U14 girls (4x100m).

It was extremely encouraging to see the number of our athletes who travelled south to compete in the State Individual Championships, I would like to congratulate them as they all did very well with many placing in their events and coming away with medals and/or ribbons.

Over the past few years LDLAC has had representation in State Teams, with this year being no exception, on behalf of the Centre I would like to congratulate Lauren Hall and Ashley Gibson on their selection in the State U14 Team and Maddison Campbell for her selection in the State U15 Team. LDLAC is proud of the ongoing commitment our athletes show towards Little Athletics.

I would like to thank our dedicated Centre Committee for their invaluable support on and off the track as without these people our Centre would cease to exist. I would also like to thank our many volunteers whether it is track markers, canteen coordinators, officials or on site helpers, your services do not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you all in 2011/12 for another successful season.

In closing I would like to recognise the services that the Becker and Weedon families have contributed to our Centre over many years, and I would also like to thank Paul Street for the time and support that he has given to both myself and the Centre in his time with the TLAA.

Wayne Hall
President



Launceston Little Athletics Centre

Another year and another successful Little Athletics season has concluded. Due to 2010 being a Commonwealth Games year, we as a centre were hoping for a greater number of registrations this year than the previous season, but for some unknown reason we fell short of the 218 registrations we received last year. Our 2010-2011 registrations totaled 189, which is still a good result.

In 2010 the Launceston Centre inducted two worthy people to life member status, Steve Harvey and John Turmine. Steve has a long-standing involvement with LLAC, his commitment and dedication to a range of roles, as well as his involvement at the Committee level, including being President for 4 years. John's commitment, enthusiasm, and dedication to LLAC, particularly in his outstanding service in various positions, including Technical Requirements. We are privileged in having these two gentlemen as our life members.

As for all Little Athletic Centres, parental involvement is crucial in running of any athletic program and this year was no exception as we had some new parents taking on official tasks and gaining their qualifications, not only for the field events but also for the track. I thank all parents who have contributed week in and week out to the setting and packing up of every meet and actively participating in the running of the weekly programs.

In 2009-2010 season, we introduced the use of timing gates, and I must say, these gates are still commented by everyone on how they have reduced the time parents and athletes need to spend every week doing a program, but also on how the gates have simply increased the accuracy of results. With the ability of a new timing system accompanied with the gates, we as a centre really do need to be able to record all races to two decimal places, and I hope that with other centres buying gates that the TLAA will allow them to do so.

Our three clubs within our centre, West Tamar, Riverside and Trevallyn, have worked tirelessly throughout the year in gaining new and maintaining old athletes to their clubs. Thanks must go out to the three presidents and their committee members in producing athletes who have been shown not only how to throw or jump, but also the learning of new skills in improving confidence, learning about and displaying good sportsmanship.

Last year we saw some committee members leave just before the start of the season due to family reasons and I would like to say thank you to those members for their commitment to Little Athletics and to the running of the centre. With members leaving it allows others to take their place, and I thank Erica and Fiona for taking on the roles of Secretary and Vice President. Thanks must go to all other committee members who volunteer their time and expertise in making the Launceston Little Athletics Centre a centre that all families, parents and athletes, can be proud of.

Daniel Finnigan
President



North East Little Athletics Centre



At the conclusion of yet another successful year at our centre it is time to reflect on the past twelve months. I was away for the first couple of days holidaying in Western Australia and the committee got the season off and running fairly smoothly. We welcomed back many of last season's athletes and were fortunate to introduce a few new families to Little Athletics. Prior to the commencement of the season Paul Street ran a LAPS program in some of our feeder schools which was fantastic.

With the introduction of a couple of new events such as the 200m hurdles the competition ran fairly smoothly all year. As time went on people became more familiar with how each program runs and we were able to finish more quickly as the season progressed. A few timely reminders to people also meant that packing up at the end of the day was less onerous as well.

As with any organisation, the club is only as successful as its members and committee. Our Centre is very fortunate in this area. We have a great committee who get in and do what needs doing without much fuss, so thank you to all those people, especially Amanda Mundy and Melissa Stagoll. Amanda and Melissa are the key organisers in our club and keep me organised as well. Thank you to all the other members because we make a great team working together to keep our club running as smoothly as it does.

To those parents who volunteer each week to help on sites, write tickets out or help in the canteen Thank You also as without your help it would be a marathon every week just to complete the competition. This year we have seen more parents keen to help and give support to the athletes, which has been great also.

We were successful in receiving a grant for around eight hundred dollars this year from the Dorset Council which we spent on some new equipment. We have also applied for a grant from Gunns and if we are successful will put the funds toward purchasing some new timing equipment as we are told at each service that the gear we have got will not hold out for much longer.

Three of our athletes went to Camp at Ulverstone and had a rewarding trip despite the weather issues. I also went as a camp parent for the second time and learnt a lot, made some new friends and also have a great time. There were a couple of memorable moment's thanks mainly to Michael Walker's snake charming ability. Paul Mommers coaching at the hurdle site is amazing and worth going to camp just to benefit from his knowledge.

Our club went to every Northern and State events held at St. Leonards and all participants enjoyed the competition and many made significant improvements in their own events. St. Helens Gold medal day is also a highlight for us and we congratulate the St. Helens Club on the running of another successful day. As a club we took home a number of medals and lots of PB's. At the state multi and walks championships we were thrilled that Tamru Midson received a medal for his efforts and we believe this is the first walks medal anyone from North East has ever won. At State championships in Hobart a large group of athletes competed and many received medals and nearly all came away with at least one PB from the two days.

Our own championships were plagued with poor weather conditions and we had to combine three days into two which was a little hectic but achievable. We concluded the season with a presentation morning at North East Park where we began at 10.00 with presentations followed by a morning tea. This format proved successful and was initiated because Scottsdale had a gala sports day as a fundraiser for the flood victims on the mainland which involved a number of our families. The positive comments from members will probably lead to a similar format next season. Our local newspaper 'The Advertiser' was present and we had a whole page colour spread from the presentations in the paper a couple of weeks later which was fantastic. Throughout the year we also get quite a bit of media coverage through the paper which is really appreciated.

We say goodbye to Madeline Calder who finishes this year as an under fifteen, Madeline has been a great member of our club and always participated enthusiastically and was encouraging to younger athletes. To finish I would like to once again thank the committee, parents and all our athletes for making this season so successful.

Catherine Irwin
President

Queenborough Little Athletics Centre

This season has been my first as President, following on from 3 years behind the scenes running the website. Having now been at the helm for the best part of 12 months, it's quite staggering to see and be involved in the weekly running of our centre.

Some may think that Little Athletics just happens every Saturday morning, packs up and happens again next Saturday, this is far from the truth. There is a small dedicated band of parents who make sure that each week, everything is ready to go. The selfless people who come together to form our committee are the backbone of our centre. Without the help of a good working committee we are nothing.

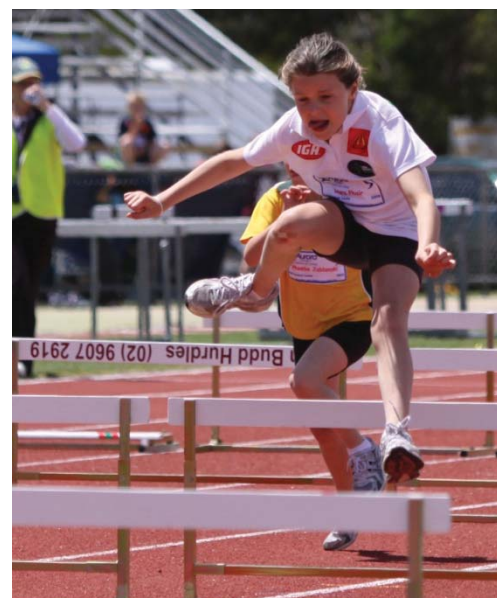
This year has been a season of innovation and change at Queenborough. As a committee we made a decision to invest a large sum of our own funds into securing a grant to upgrade our facilities and equipment. To this end we were lucky enough to secure \$22000 from the Tasmanian Community Fund, and along with \$6000 of our own funds we purchased a set of timing gates and installed a synthetic turf area for High Jump. These additions to our centre have given our athletes the ability to compete in a safe and fun environment. The timing gates have improved our meets by streamlining the timing process and freeing up parent help for use at other sites. As I write this report we are awaiting the outcome of a further grant to purchase a new PA system to replace our now well worn original setup.

Equipment alone won't get kids to the track, we have worked this year to enhance the actual content of the program. For many years we have run a straight program, no centre championships or events of any significance. I for one have never understood this, and believe it leads to stagnation of the membership. It's my opinion that right at this moment, this season, we are seeing the result of many years of not offering any form of special event at the centre. The numbers in our athletes above under 10 are drastically low, and while this is not the only reason behind this, its certainly one reason.

To this end, I raised the idea of a Multi-Event competition for our program this year. Something special for the kids, a change from the normal weekly program. With the help of some dedicated committee members, we pulled off what I think was a great event, medals for kids were well received (thanks Medal Mania) and the general chatter amongst members was all positive. I have no doubt the Multi-Event will remain part of our calendar ongoing. I am hoping this type of event will be part of a longer term strategy to keep our athletes at the centre.

Along with exciting events, recognition of achievement is a feature long missing from our centre. Sure, we parade our medal winners at the final meet, but there are so many other achievements big and small we could recognise. This year, along with many other things, a change has been made, at our end of season meet, we recognised for the first time, our "Club Champion". I'm proud to say our inaugural "Club Champion" for season 2010/11 is Alice Cox. Alice had a fantastic season, winning the State Multi-Event, 5 Gold and a Silver at the State Championships and breaking numerous State and Centre records along the way, a very deserving winner. And like Alice, there would have been many deserving winners before her, it's a shame they were never recognised.

Along with Alice, we also recognised our most improved athletes, and it was fantastic to see Declan Gilmour and Rebecca Flinn named. Rebecca showed just why she was deserving of this award by bringing back a medal from her first State Championships. Speaking of State Championships, Queenborough again topped the Gold count in the South and only came behind Tasmania's biggest club, South Launceston overall. We can thank a dedicated bunch of kids, who, attend most years, North or South and continue to put in stellar performances.

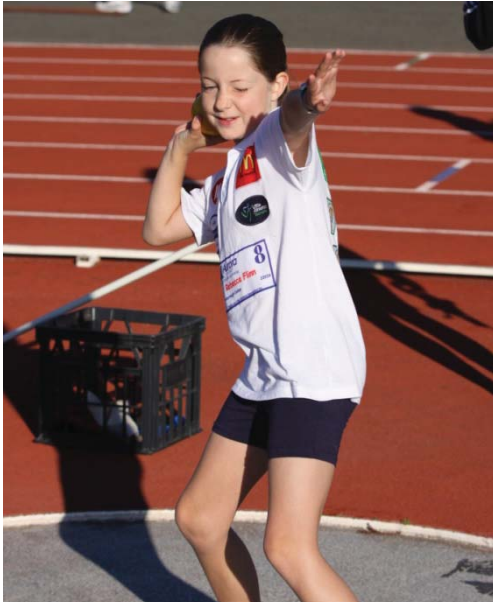


Queenborough Little Athletics Centre



Ben Robinson, Alice Cox, Lochie Boucher, Oscar Chau, Taine Sookee continue to bring home the Gold Medals, year in, year out. Add now to that list Patrick Egurup-Root and Torin Jones and you can see why we continue to do so well. Amongst our results, 13 new club records were set.

As usual, we awarded our under 13 sportsmanship awards, Olivia Young and William Boon were recognised. Sadly it may have been Williams last year. William has had many fine years at the club including representing Tasmania in the Primary School team at the Australian Championships. If William does move on, we wish him well and look forward to another Boon wearing the baggy green in the future.



This year, we became one of the many clubs to switch to the SLAM system, and we love it. The backup service provided by Peter McConnon is second to none, the ability of SLAM to evolve further is exciting. The integration with our timing gate system is our main task at the moment, and it's coming along nicely. Congratulations should go to Peter for providing centres a simple no fuss way to manage multiple tasks and minimise paperwork, and for free! And saying free, it would definitely be worth paying for, that is the quality of the program.

Being the official photographer for the TLAA this year has been a good gig. Rhonda and her board should be congratulated for their continued efforts to improve the running of these events, something this year I think was clearly evident. A fact that must be remembered is, like myself, and all other Presidents/committee members, we are all volunteers, giving up our time to provide kids with a fun, safe and exciting sport.

Speaking of committee, we need you! If you are reading this and think you may be interested, put your hand up now. We are losing quite a few of our core members this year, and if we are to continue smoothly they must be replaced.



As we move towards the 2011/12 season there are a few pressing matters, our ground being destroyed by soccer over the winter is a major problem. Our start date has been delayed over the past two years, leading to us having to open our season at the Domain, and generally sharing with other clubs. As far as I am concerned, this is not acceptable, it clearly costs us members, and cost the sport of Little Athletics good will. In a time when we are in competition with Tennis, Sailing, Cricket etc. We need to present as professional and organised from day one. Dragging the day out for our smallest members at their first meet is guaranteed to lose us membership. It must be remembered, our first weeks are basically come along and try events, this is the time we must put on our best face.

The other matter involves a lack of interest by many local schools to promote not only our club and brand, but fail to see any sport outside of a soccer ball. The TLAA provides excellent school visit programs and I think we should be trying to take advantage of these and look to having them run at as many of our area schools as we can. We are surrounded by many schools, and to only have 50-100 kids turn up each week is not a good result.

I would like 2011/12 to be a year where we as a centre become more social, let's try and involve more parents, let's try some new and interesting fund raising ideas, Quiz nights etc. are great ways for parents to come together in a social environment and meet other parents, raise a few dollars and have a good time. We need to build a culture of more than just the 3 hours on Saturday mornings. Who knows, we may even enjoy it!

Scott Boucher
President

South East Districts Little Athletics Centre

Season 2010-11 proved to be a very successful one for South East Districts Little Athletics Centre, both on and off the track.

Our membership remained steady (in excess of 100 members) with the younger age groups again proving very popular.

For the second consecutive year there were more than 50 centre records broken which clearly demonstrates the increased standard of performance at South East Districts. This is a credit to the athletes themselves and the parents and age group managers who continue to nurture our members.

It was once again pleasing to see a large number of visitors at our centre, particularly from our closest neighbour, Clarence, and their presence really does add to the atmosphere that we are trying to create.

For the first time we had more than one member selected in the State Under 13 team, with both Ned Absolom and Fiona Smith competing at the national championships. Both have been members at our centre for several years and it was great to see their persistence and hard work pay off.

Off the track we managed to keep our registration fees at an affordable level whilst still building a sound foundation for our future, and the outstanding work of our committee and the support of our members is to be commended.

With some help from our sponsors and various government organisations we were able to finally replace our high jump mats as well as invest in starting blocks and other essential equipment.

A new storage facility was finally completed, thanks to the Sorell Council, and it has already proved to be a great asset for our centre.

The future looks sound for our centre but we realise that we need to continually strive to improve if we are to satisfy the needs of a growing membership base. Each season there seems to be more and more competition from other sports and recreational activities and we all need to ensure that Little Athletics remains an affordable and attractive option for families throughout our various communities.

In closing I would like to sincerely thank the TLAA and our Committee, Age Group Managers, parents and volunteers who assisted with various duties throughout the year.

Mark Scott
President



St. Helens Little Athletics Centre

The 2010-2011 Season began brilliantly. Our early registration numbers were better than at the start of the previous season. We had some fantastic in-kind support from the Break O'Day Council who agreed to take over the mowing and marking of our wonderful ground. The money we raised from last season's twilight barbeques meant we were able to purchase some new equipment. To assist our athletes with their uniforms, our centre also purchased a supply of shorts to on sell at cost. Previously we had only stocked our athletics tops. Our registrations grew to over 50 for the first time in many years.

We continued alternating between Saturday mornings and Thursday evening twilight meetings, as this had been a positive change introduced last season. With a couple of records being challenged in the early weeks, our small but dedicated committee were feeling very proud and positive about the direction in which our club was moving. Then came, what has since been called, the summer of extreme weather.

The amount of rain on the east coast hit unprecedented levels. Many of our meetings had to be cancelled. Even our rain days were washed out! Unfortunately our season then became very disjointed which was disappointing for athletes and organisers.

Thankfully, the skies were clear for our Annual St Helens Little Athletics Gold Medal day. Our club is most appreciative of the other athletes that travel and join us on this day. Watching athletes of either gender, any age or ability compete against each other in series of 100m heats, handicapped based on their best time, is indeed a pleasure to watch. The day was again a great success with over 130 athletes competing. Being such a small club we value the chance to compete against athletes from other areas and intend to build more opportunities to do so into our 2011-2012 season.

Anita Haley
President

South Launceston Little Athletics Centre

Well another season has come and gone. South Launceston had a slight decrease in registrations for 2010/2011 with 305 from 327 athletes.

During the off season South Launceston was a successful recipient of two grants which provided a complete upgrade to our timing system and athlete data recording system. We would like to acknowledge the support of the Department of Sport and Recreation and also Tasmanian Community Fund which enabled us to proceed with our ambitious project. I would like to thank the sub-committee who worked tireless hours which helped speed up heats, more accurate timing, greater opportunities to share workload via a networked system, and also allows for bar code scanning of athletes at the conclusion of each track heat. Like many other centres we purchased a set of timing gates and electronic timing system. Our ten lane system allows us to use six lanes for sprint events while using the inside lanes for distance events simultaneously, thus maximising use of the track.

This seasons "Chad Douglas Award" went to Cameron Illingworth of Sacred Heart Club, a worthy recipient. Congratulations to our Centre nominees for the U13 Sportsmanship Award, Jasmine Turner and Lachlan Edmunds. Also a special congratulations to our U13 State Representatives Deanna Wadley(Girls Captain), Jasmine Turner, Alexandra Wrigley, Lachlan Edmunds(Boys Vice Captain) Callum Walker, Stuart Lade, Curtis Murfett, and U15 Natasha Panton. Also representing the State for the U14 Hunters Classic were Morgan Pinner, Shelby Miller, and Cody Leary. I would like to acknowledge Brian James, for being awarded our 2010/2011 Life Membership Award and I Dean Wadley was presented the Centre Service Award for 2010/2011.

On January 26th we celebrated Australia Day, having 87 registered athletes. All athletes got into the spirit of the day wearing the Australia Day hats and flags. It was a great day by all, with a good turnout based on the fact that it was the first time in a number of years Little Athletics had run the program for this particular event. All money raised from the gate entry and raffle was donated to the Ronald McDonald House. A big thank you goes out to all officials and volunteers that helped on the day, and look forward to a bigger and better Australia Day in 2012.

Well done to all athletes who achieved their Personal Best during the season and congratulations to the athletes who were successful in breaking a new Centre record, which in total were 89 for the season.

We continued with great results in our ASAP program with our athletes developing more skills and co-ordination each week. Thank you to Natalie Visser for coordinating this seasons Tiny Tots, with the fun activities each week that helps their confidence leading up to their U6 age group.

Our major fundraisers for the season were two successful events. Prior to the season we held a BBQ at Bunnings Warehouse, and later in the season our other fundraiser was our Funny Money Night which was a very enthusiastic and enjoyable evening. I wish to extend my many thanks to the committee members who helped organise this event. All money raised goes back into the centre for new equipment and the funding for our athletes to provide them with the best facilities.

I would also like to acknowledge our six clubs and their committees for their hard work throughout the season; if it wasn't for all their continuous volunteer commitment we wouldn't be able to run our program to schedule.

In conclusion I would like to without urging thank the TLAA Board, Parents, Friends, and Athletes, for their invaluable work throughout the season, not to mention our executive, canteen assistance, officials, clubs for early morning set ups and for those at the end of the day helping pack up and to reassure everything is above board. I would like to thank the other centres for their help and support and look forward to another enjoyable season of competition and Family Fun and Fitness in 2011/2012.

Dean Wadley
President



White City Little Athletics Centre



This serves as my first report as President of White City and what a proud President I am with lots of good news stories from the 2010 – 2011 Season.

After losing direction in the 2009 – 2010 Season by operating without a President and the Committee stretched to its limits, the White City Committee decided to get back to basics and do well at things we hadn't been so successful with in the past and to make improvements where necessary. As a Committee we made decisions on issues that had been dwelled on over the years and made a commitment to then stick by our decisions. Areas identified for improvement were communication, fair and equitable rostering and education.

Prior to the 2010-2011 season commencing the White City Committee undertook a lot of hard work to ensure that we could get our house in order so that as a Centre we were being proactive rather than reactive and could get on with having a successful season. During the off season we achieved several important milestones that really set the foundation for our fantastic season, including holding a very successful Have A Go Day at Rocherlea; attracting some 90 participants, installing a new Record and Rankings program, a new notice board, the construction of a hurdle trailer, the creation of a White City Handbook, a brand new Website, a fair and equitable parent help roster and also securing via donation from TEMCO; a new laptop. The website, noticeboard and handbook have all been extremely useful tools in communicating with our families this season and have been instrumental in our overall operating success but I am sure that we can continue to make improvements in this area.



Filling the Committee positions this season proved effortless with the majority of positions filled – again the only tasks not filled were Technical Requirements, ASAP and Championships Officer. Technical Requirements main duty is the responsibility of marking the lines at our Centre and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find someone with hours to spare during a weekday afternoon. Thinking outside the square the Committee approached 17 different Lions/Probus and Rotary Clubs in our area seeking assistance with the line marking but to no avail, however a donation was provided by the Lions Club of Launceston. The line marking was completed by Anthony Digney, who had resigned from this position the previous season, and his trusty apprentice Tom Bell – without your hard work we wouldn't be able to compete each week, the Centre is truly grateful for your efforts.



Previously White City had not conducted an official, structured ASAP program for many seasons – this season we adopted a proper format, added it to our Roster so that Clubs were required to supply helpers and then utilised the volunteer assistance from our U13 athletes. This combination worked extremely well as our U13 athletes, male and female were keen to help in the education of our future athletes, and as a result saw them develop stronger interpersonal skills, self confidence and enabled them to interact in a non competitive environment. It also assisted the Committee in learning more about our athletes and helped them demonstrate a service to the centre, which became useful in selecting our U13 Sportsmanship Award Participants – a huge congratulations to our nominees Cara Digney and Jason Holmberg – Jason went onto to be the State winner and Cara was selected in the State Representative Team, as was Logan Reynolds and we couldn't be prouder of you all.

White City were certainly out and about this season having representation and successes at all of the State Meets. We were surprised winners of the Northern Centre Challenge Day and even more surprised in our win at the State Relay Championships. Of the 105 athletes we had registered at our Centre, 72 participated in the Relay Day – an outstanding effort! Several families journeyed south for the Southern All State and a large percentage participated in the Northern All State. We had representation at the State Multi Event and State Individuals. I would like to thank the athletes and their families for the commitment shown this season in participating in these events – the personal bests achieved by the participants and the chance to wear the Red and Black were fantastic rewards.

White City Little Athletics Centre

White City also staged our first Ronald McDonald Relayathon Day – the Committee devised a format of events similar to that of Centre Challenge Day – where athletes had 1 attempt at each of their 3 throws, 1 long jump attempt, a 70m and 100m. The events concluded and we then launched in the Relayathon, which saw athletes move through a variety of activities including, 2 jumping castles, egg and spoon races, sack races and walking laps around the oval with a baton. 65 children participated and completed 219 laps of our oval. From the returned sponsorship forms and 100% profit from our BBQ, Drinks and Snacks we raised \$996.00 and the positive feedback on such a well organised, family orientated and fun day was a testament that the Committee was heading in the right direction.

The issues the Centre faced this season included decrease in numbers, lack of parent education regarding rules and regulations at events and the wash out of day one of Centre Champs. It seemed apparent that numbers appeared down at most centres this season and White City did manage to stay in the top 5 for retention statistics. A proposed name change for our Centre this coming season should be aligned with intense advertising promotion to encourage new members, including another Have A Go Day. Parent Education is always going to be an ongoing issue at our centre and hopefully our various communication methods and the introduction of Parent Info Sessions will assist with this. The wash out on our first day of champs was certainly a big issue for our Centre. We had not been able to secure any rain dates so we were forced to consider running our entire Champs over 2 days – definitely not something we would have ever considered. However the Centre banded together, sought advice from the TLAA and with a few modifications on how we would normally conduct our champs – e.g. no heats, we adopted a format almost identical to the Northern and Southern All States and although the days proved long and tiring the result and feedback was phenomenal. It really was a pivotal moment where the parents came together and made the best of a bad situation and got in and got the jobs done – this certainly was a proud moment.

The canteen continued to achieve good results, which is important as we did not receive any funding or grants and the canteen continues to be our main source of income. A huge thanks to everyone that served on the Committee this season, you should be very proud of our achievements. The Committee this year have worked extremely hard and have achieved a lot of milestones but more importantly they have worked together. Feedback from families and visitors to our Centre is exceptional – we are a professional, well organised Centre that is definitely heading in the right direction.

I look forward to the challenges the 2011 - 2012 season will bring – we are ready!

Kate Barnard
President

