



Annual Report

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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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Finance Director	Garry House 16 Kiama Place Blackmans Bay TAS 7052
Competition Director	Peter McConnon (resigned 16/03/2012) 5 Nyora Court Devonport TAS 7310
Technical Director	Roger Hosie 26 River Street Bellerive TAS 7018
Development Director	Peter Weldon 13 Holland Court Howrah TAS 7018
Education Director	Kaylene Knee Unit 6 / 75 Victoria Street Young Town TAS 7249
<i>Staff</i>	
Administration Officer	Mathew Hey 32 Gormanston Road Moonah TAS 7009



Affiliated Centres & Clubs

Burnie Little Athletics Centre

PO Box 345
Burnie TAS 73201

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

706 Oceana Drive
Tranmere TAS 7018

Deloraine Little Athletics Centre

PO Box 303
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

PO Box 201
Longford TAS 7301

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

North East Little Athletics Centre

22 Arthur Street
Scottsdale TAS 7260

North Launceston White City Little Athletics Centre

6 Adams Street
Mowbray TAS 7248

*Mowbray Club
Rocherlea Club
George Town Club*

Queenborough Little Athletics Centre

46 Woodcutters Road
Tolmans Hill TAS 7007

St. Helens Little Athletics Centre

PO Box 99
St. Helens TAS 7216

South East Districts Little Athletics Centre

6 Perry Court
Lewisham TAS 7173

South Launceston Little Athletics Centre

PO Box 811
Kings Meadows TAS 7250

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



2011/2012 Sponsors

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



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Funding the Development & Growth of
Little Athletics in Tasmania



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Major Sponsor of Little Athletics Tasmania
Naming Right Sponsor of the TLAA Coaching Camp
Naming Right Sponsor of TLAA Regional Meetings
TLAA Award Scheme Sponsor



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Tasmanian Independent Retailers (IGA)

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Naming Right Sponsor of TLAA & Athletics Tasmania
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Centre Support Sponsor



2011/2012 Sponsors



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MedalMania

PB Award Badge Sponsor
TLAA State Relay Incentive Award Sponsor



Honour Roll

Life Members

Helen Moir	1993	Michael Stubbs	1997
Garry House	1999	Ross Burrridge	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 Burrridge	1996	Cliff Marsh	1997
Rhonda O'Sign	2000	Paul Street	2002
Brian Bannister	2005	Kaylene Knee	2010
Anne House	2010		

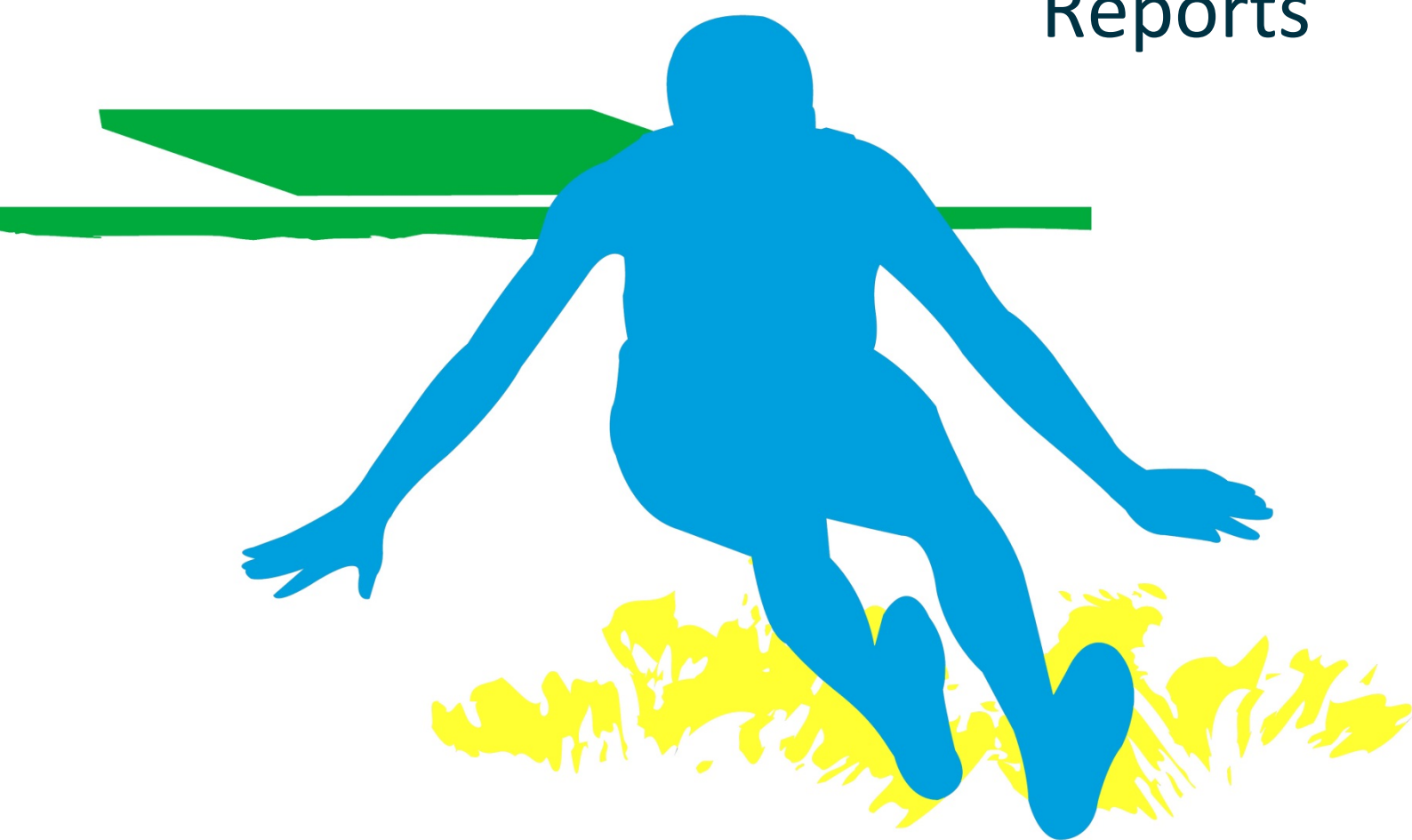


State Service Award Recipients

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
Brian James	2012	Michael Walker	2012	Michael Phillips	2012

Board of Management

Reports





President's Report

Rhonda O'Sign

I am pleased to present my report for the 2011/2012 Season, and reflect on the past 12 months, recognising the efforts and dedication of so many in our Organisation.

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, although it is recognised that more work is required with this area;
- continuation of the ever increasingly popular under 12/13 Coaching Camp;
- successful Cross Country competition and 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.

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 member involved in these areas, and those involved with the running of their Centre, are to be congratulated for their commitment to Little Athletics.

We recognise the need to revitalise the regional committees, and will be looking at more structured and frequent meetings than were held during the 2011/2012 season. These forums present the opportunity for Centres to discuss any areas of concerns in a less formal atmosphere than State Conference, and importantly network and liaise with members from other Centres.

Last year I reported that the TLAA and LANSW were investigating online Officials Exams and online Registrations. New South Wales have progressed in this area with a view of going live this coming season. Matt Hey has viewed the demonstration of this, and we believe that ultimately this will be the path we will go down with respect to our officials exams, albeit realistically we will be looking at season 2013/2014.

With respect to online registrations, progress has been made and we are negotiating with IMG with respect to the implementation of their system for the 2012/2013 season. If we proceed with this, families will have the option of registering online and paying with their credit card, or paying at their local Centre. The system will also allow Centres (or individuals) to register for State Conducted events and Championships.

I thank the members of the Board, our Administration Officer Matt Hey 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.

This year we saw the resignation of our Competition Director Peter McConnon who resigned due to work commitments. Peter was a valued member of the Board and contributed much in the way of his computer expertise and attention to detail. We welcomed to the Board Kendra Hey, former President of East Derwent Centre. Kendra will bring a vast knowledge of little athletics to the Board, and I am sure will be very proactive in her new role as Competition Director.



It was with deep sadness that we were advised in February of the passing of long serving Board Member, Paul Street. Paul was an invaluable member of the TLAA Board of Management from 1996 – 2011 fulfilling the roles of Education Officer then Development Director. He gave much to the sport of Little Athletics, and will be missed not only by the Little Athletics community, but the many friendships he made in the schools he visited through the school visit program.

To honour the legacy of Paul the Under 15 State Multi-Event Championship hereon be known as the *Paul Street Under 15 State Multi-Event Championship*. This event was selected due to Paul's close tie to the Under 15 State Team.

Australian Little Athletics (ALA)

Throughout the season I have attended a number of Australian Little Athletics (ALA) Board Meetings, two conferences and the Annual General Meeting. I am also one of three Little Athletics representatives who are a part of the Joint Venture committee, along with representatives from Athletics Australia. This committee was formed following the successful application to the Australian Sports Commission for participating funding to grow the sport of athletics nationally.

Areas of focus by ALA Board of Management over the past twelve months include:

- Revision of standard rules for competition – now complete.
- The Joint Venture with Athletics Australia
- The planning and subsequent confirmation of an Under 14 Coaching Camp which will be held in Canberra in October.
- A review of the LAA Governance Policy.

LAA appointed a Little Athletics Ambassador in February, John Steffensen. As a part of this role, John was available to attend two States, and we were fortunate to have John attend our State Individual Championships. He was certainly a great hit with the athletes and parents alike.

Australian Little Athletics Championships - Hobart

The ALAC's was a great success and I would like to thank everyone involved for contributing to that success. It was exciting to see our Tasmanian team win 4 medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver and a Bronze), and to bring home the Dick Healy Trophy.

Congratulations to the team and the ever professional team management - Kaylene Knee, Peter Weldon, Wim Vaessen and Deb Jankata. This year we were fortunate to have former little athlete Sam Morey come on board as mentor and assistant to the coaches. Sam accompanied the team to Melbourne for their coaching weekend and was a very welcome edition.

From an organisational point of view, we were particularly pleased that the enormous amount of behind the scenes work that goes into hosting the event, paid off, and the Championships and all associated activities were extremely successful. In addition to the championships, the ALAC committee is responsible for organising the national conference and dinner, Civic Reception, assisting State with their accommodation and excursion enquiries. The organising of the official opening alone involves much organisation and detail to timing, and we were extremely pleased with the end result.

Particular thanks must be extended to the ALAC committee – Garry House, Shirley Kelly, Roger Hosie, Kim Nankervis and Peter Weldon. To the many volunteers who assisted in one of the many roles required to run these championships, I thank you for your dedication and support.

Sponsorship

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

- Aurora Energy
- McDonald's
- IGA Tasmania
- Department of Sport and Recreation
- MedalMania
- Zone 3 Laser Games
- 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.

Again this season, we saw Centres undertake fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House, and I sincerely thank those Centres who participated by holding a relay-a-thon or other activity. A total of \$8,000 was raised for the RMH, and I know that this is so very well received and welcomed by those involved in running this great charity. Penney Richardson, CEO of RMH attended State Individual Championships to be presented with the cheque, and again issued an invitation to members to visit the house and see where this fundraising money goes, and the benefit it gives to those unfortunate enough to require accommodation.

This year as part of their sponsorship, McDonald's were offering three athletes the opportunity to attend a coaching session with John Steffenson. John and Ronald McDonald drew the three lucky winners, and we congratulate Emma Summers, Ashlee Hey and Declan Kearns. The athletes (and a parent) will be travelling to Sydney in October.



We welcomed new sponsor in Zone 3 Laser Games, and we sincerely thank Brett Johnson for supporting Little Athletics. Zone 3 sponsored the athlete registration bags, welcome back badge, and donated Zone 3 vouchers to Centres which I am sure were well appreciated.

Centres and Registrations

This year registrations remained fairly stable with a slight decrease from 2418 to 2402; a decrease of 16.

Due to the hardworking efforts of Deb Jankata and Jo Lockley, Claremont Centre successfully reopened their Centre. Whilst numbers were low at 27, the Centre continues to look at way of increasing their membership.

Last season at conference I presented a Centre Audit and Retention Strategy, and I am very interested to hear from Centres who have implemented any of the strategies in the report. I do not expect to see vast improvements in retention for at least 2 years. For those Centres who have not undertaken the Audit, I do encourage them to review the documents and put some of the strategies in place for the coming season.

I visited six Centres last season, and as always was made to feel very welcome. I enjoy the Centre Visits and looking at the various initiatives and processes which some Centres use. It is also very beneficial in identifying any issue which Centres may be experiencing, and to work through these with the Centre.

IGA Cross Country

Cross Country continues to be run very successfully by Paul Mommers in the South, and Christine Schenk in the North, and the TLAA thank both Paul and Christine, along with their committees in organising the cross country season.



Community

Little Athletics Australia in conjunction with state associations has this year, been involved with the launch of Clean-up Australia Day with athletes encouraged to 'be a good sport' and look after their local environment. The Tasmanian launch was held at John Turnbull Oval (Hobart Districts) on Tuesday, 31st January with the Premier, Lara Giddings and a large media contingent. Special thanks to Brett Johnstone and members from Hobart Districts for their assistance.



A further promotion was held in Launceston and we thank South Launceston and Launceston Centres for assisting with this.



Hawks Grant Birchall and Clinton Young with Samantha Chilcott, of McDonald's, Riverside Little athletes Caleb Beament, Alissia Pearson and Gabi Beament, South Launceston Little athletes Charlotte Roney, Olivia Roney, Max Roney and Liam Markham, and Teresa Fialho and Olivia French, both of McDonald's.

Picture: PHILLIP BIGGS

Hawks pitch in to clean up Aurora

HAWTHORN players Grant Birchall and Clinton Young are pitching in to help support today's Clean Up Australia day.

The pair played their part at Launceston's Aurora Stadium on Friday ahead of their NAB

Cup match against Greater Western Sydney at the same venue yesterday afternoon.

"It's important to keep the environment clean and I'd urge all people to jump on board and help out," said Birchall, originally of Devonport.

I pass on the Board's congratulations to Ross Burrige on being awarded with an Australian Little Athletics Life Membership. This is a very deserving award and was presented to Ross in recognition of his many years of dedicated service and contribution, at both National and State level. Ross is in his sixth year as President of Little Athletics Australia, and will step down from this role in October 2012.

I remain proud to be a part of this great sporting organisation and I thank my fellow board members and Matt Hey in the office for their support and input over the past twelve months. I also thank all members of the Centres for the support of both myself and the Board.

It is with regret that the Association will lose Matt Hey in August when he takes the next step in what I am sure will be a very successful career. Matt will be moving to the Gold Coast, and we wish him all the very best for the future.



Finance Director's Report

Garry House

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.

Outstanding State Team Expenses, LAA Conference, Balance of Hobart ALAC Expenses, State Conference, Board Conference, Registration Materials, LAA 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 \$88000, of which \$44000 came from the Government grant \$9000 for the Ronald McDonald House relay-a-thon, \$5000 refund by McDonalds for reimbursement of prize money and \$10000 received from LAA for office equipment.

Expenses were over Budget by \$50000 mainly due to State Team expenses \$21000 paid early, Hobart ALAC expenses \$12000, Capital \$9000 and \$8000 for the Relay-a-thon payment and the McDonalds trip prize.

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 ALA 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.

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 Canberra and the 2012 Conference in Hobart.

I wish to sincerely thank those people who were involved in the very successful Australian Championships in Hobart. It was hard work for the Convening Committee over a period of about 18 months to get everything together before the event, and for this I thank you. To the Officials on the day, what a great effort, I hope that everyone involved will treasure the memories, as for some, it is a once in a life time opportunity to be involved in such an event. To my fellow co convenor Rhonda, thanks for your patience and support in ensuring that this event was a huge success. This was our second go at this, and I think you would agree that it wasn't any easier than 2005. To Matt, your dedication to tasks allocated to you, to say the least, was outstanding. Your efforts over and above your normal office duties is appreciated and certainly contributed to the success of the event. To the Centre helpers, whether you were helping as State liaison, supplying equipment, erecting/dismantling tents etc, my sincere thanks for your contribution.

To those that may not be aware, to host this event, meant that we had to have at least \$50000 available to cover the costs, yes we will be reimbursed for most of it, but we had to pay up front for all costs.

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.

Financial Reports

Auditors Report to Members

**Statement by President and
Finance Director**

List of Office Bearers

Financial Accounts

TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION INC.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

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 2012 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

9th May 2012

TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION INC.

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2012

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 2012 AND THE RESULTS FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED.

DATED THIS 1st DAY OF MAY 2012



**RHONDA O'SIGN
PRESIDENT**



**GARRY HOUSE MIPA
FINANCE DIRECTOR**

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TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
INCOME		
Interest Received	7,972	7,345
Sponsorship and Donations	96,418	78,397
Sundry Income	10,525	1,301
Affiliations	1,440	1,400
Championships	28,789	24,115
Education and Development	18,474	21,845
Registrations	117,215	110,344
Teams - ALAC	44,168	50,795
Conferences	5,770	7,515
	<hr/> 330,771	<hr/> 303,057
EXPENDITURE		
Administration Costs	6,636	6,077
Advertising	4,841	4,485
Audit & Filing Fees	1,349	1,928
Bank Charges	104	78
Championships	14,059	13,859
Conferences & Meetings	22,076	24,972
Depreciation	7,122	6,778
Donations	7,909	6,000
Education & Development	26,947	26,033
Insurance	18,098	20,258
Memberships	24,814	26,864
Postage & Telephone	7,552	8,325
Printing & Stationery	5,041	5,756
Rent	11,520	14,400
Technical Requirements	9,876	13,246
Teams - ALAC	58,777	43,133
Salaries & On Costs	27,962	27,846
Sundry Expenses	926	-
Travel and Accommodation	30,675	32,995
	<hr/> 286,284	<hr/> 283,033
NET PROFIT	<hr/> \$44,487	<hr/> \$20,024

TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2012**

	2012 \$	2011 \$	Increase \$	(Decrease) %
INCOME				
Interest Received	7,972	7,345	627	8.54
Sponsorship and Donations	96,418	78,397	18,021	22.99
Sundry Income	10,525	1,301	9,224	708.99
Affiliations	1,440	1,400	40	2.86
Championships	28,789	24,115	4,674	19.38
Education and Development	18,474	21,845	(3,371)	(15.43)
Registrations	117,215	110,344	6,871	6.23
Teams - ALAC	44,168	50,795	(6,627)	(13.05)
Conferences	5,770	7,515	(1,745)	(23.22)
	<u>330,771</u>	<u>303,057</u>	<u>27,714</u>	<u>9.14</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Administration Costs	6,636	6,077	559	9.20
Advertising	4,841	4,485	356	7.94
Audit & Filing Fees	1,349	1,928	(579)	(30.03)
Bank Charges	104	78	26	33.33
Championships	14,059	13,859	200	1.44
Conferences & Meetings	22,076	24,972	(2,896)	(11.60)
Depreciation	7,122	6,778	344	5.08
Donations	7,909	6,000	1,909	31.82
Education & Development	26,947	26,033	914	3.51
Insurance	18,098	20,258	(2,160)	(10.66)
Memberships	24,814	26,864	(2,050)	(7.63)
Postage & Telephone	7,552	8,325	(773)	(9.29)
Printing & Stationery	5,041	5,756	(715)	(12.42)
Rent	11,520	14,400	(2,880)	(20.00)
Technical Requirements	9,876	13,246	(3,370)	(25.44)
Teams - ALAC	58,777	43,133	15,644	36.27
Salaries & On Costs	27,962	27,846	116	0.42
Sundry Expenses	926	-	926	-
Travel and Accommodation	30,675	32,995	(2,320)	(7.03)
	<u>286,284</u>	<u>283,033</u>	<u>3,251</u>	<u>1.15</u>
NET PROFIT	<u>\$44,487</u>	<u>\$20,024</u>	<u>\$24,463</u>	<u>122.17</u>

TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

SUPPORTING SCHEDULES TO THE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$	Increase \$	(Decrease) %
Interest Received				
Commonwealth Bank	787	802	(15)	(1.87)
Macquarie CMT	1,169	6,543	(5,374)	(82.13)
CBA Term Deposit	6,016	-	6,016	-
	<u>\$7,972</u>	<u>\$7,345</u>	<u>\$627</u>	<u>8.54</u>
Sponsorship and Donations				
Aurora Energy	15,000	15,000	-	-
McDonalds	27,100	12,909	14,191	109.93
Athletes Foots	-	1,488	(1,488)	(100.00)
State Government	40,000	40,000	-	-
Jaymac	540	1,000	(460)	(46.00)
Robbies Confectionery	1,000	1,500	(500)	(33.33)
IGA	6,000	6,000	-	-
IGA Dockets	2,863	-	2,863	-
Carbine Club	2,824	-	2,824	-
Medalmania	1,000	-	1,000	-
Other	91	500	(409)	(81.80)
	<u>\$96,418</u>	<u>\$78,397</u>	<u>\$18,021</u>	<u>22.99</u>
Sundry Income				
Sundry Income	1,802	1,301	501	38.51
Grants	8,723	-	8,723	-
	<u>\$10,525</u>	<u>\$1,301</u>	<u>\$9,224</u>	<u>708.99</u>
Championships				
Individual & Relay Entries	28,362	23,670	4,692	19.82
Canteen Hire	427	445	(18)	(4.04)
	<u>\$28,789</u>	<u>\$24,115</u>	<u>\$4,674</u>	<u>19.38</u>
Education and Development				
Camp Fees - Under 12 & 13	18,474	17,287	1,187	6.87
Jump Start / LAPS	-	4,558	(4,558)	(100.00)
	<u>\$18,474</u>	<u>\$21,845</u>	<u>(\$3,371)</u>	<u>(15.43)</u>
Teams - ALAC				
ALAC Current	42,800	47,552	(4,752)	(9.99)
ALAC Previous	1,368	3,243	(1,875)	(57.82)
	<u>\$44,168</u>	<u>\$50,795</u>	<u>(\$6,627)</u>	<u>(13.05)</u>

TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

SUPPORTING SCHEDULES TO THE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$	Increase \$	(Decrease) %
Conferences				
State	5,770	7,515	(1,745)	(23.22)
Administration Costs				
ALA Affiliation and Registration Fee	6,636	6,077	559	9.20
Championships				
Medals & Ribbons	8,261	7,874	387	4.91
Paperwork	486	1,744	(1,258)	(72.13)
Venue	5,312	4,241	1,071	25.25
	\$14,059	\$13,859	\$200	1.44
Conferences & Meetings				
State	9,986	13,370	(3,384)	(25.31)
National (ALA)	12,090	11,602	488	4.21
	\$22,076	\$24,972	(\$2,896)	(11.60)
Education & Development				
Camps & Coaching	24,966	19,477	5,489	28.18
Jump start	-	8,214	(8,214)	(100.00)
Movement in Stock	1,981	(1,658)	3,639	219.48
	\$26,947	\$26,033	\$914	3.51
Memberships				
Kits	21,696	20,172	1,524	7.56
Merit Awards	3,118	6,692	(3,574)	(53.41)
	\$24,814	\$26,864	(\$2,050)	(7.63)
Technical Requirements				
Equipment	5,793	8,636	(2,843)	(32.92)
Vehicle Expenses	4,083	3,417	666	19.49
Paperwork	-	1,193	(1,193)	(100.00)
	\$9,876	\$13,246	(\$3,370)	(25.44)

TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

SUPPORTING SCHEDULES TO THE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$	Increase \$	(Decrease) %
Teams - ALAC				
Current	34,541	29,311	5,230	17.84
ALAC 2012 Hobart	11,342	-	11,342	-
Previous	12,894	13,822	(928)	(6.71)
	<u>\$58,777</u>	<u>\$43,133</u>	<u>\$15,644</u>	36.27

TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	15,395	17,156
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth	185,103	195,857
Cash at Bank - Macquarie	-	146,924
Stock on Hand	3,823	5,804
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	204,321	365,741
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant & Equipment	40,921	32,258
Less: Provision for Depreciation	28,786	25,110
	12,135	7,148
Motor Vehicles	32,274	32,274
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	16,630	13,184
	15,644	19,090
Term Deposits	206,016	-
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	233,795	26,238
TOTAL ASSETS	438,116	391,979
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Australian Tax Office (BAS)	(66)	(1,716)
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	(66)	(1,716)
NET ASSETS	\$438,182	\$393,695
SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Unappropriated Profit	438,182	393,695

TASMANIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION
SUPPORTING SCHEDULES TO THE BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Term Deposits		
CBA	206,016	-
	<u>206,016</u>	<u>-</u>



Cash Flow Estimate

1st April 2012 – 20th October 2012

\$000's

Bank Balance 31st March	191
Debtor Recovery	17
Government Grant Balance	-45
	<u>163</u>
Expenses	
State Conference (net)	-6
Hobart ALAC	-10
ALA Conferences	-11
Office Expenses	-18
Board Expenses	-15
State Team	-20
ALA Insurance/Fees	-21
Board Conference	-3
Registration Materials	-12
Teq Req (incl Storage Shed Hire)	-7
Publicity	-4
Laps Program/Development	-3
Sundry	-8
	<u>-138</u>
Balance of Cash	<u>25</u>



Budget Comparison 2011 - 2012

CASH BASIS (incl GST)

	Budget \$	Actual \$
INCOME		
Sponsorship/Donations	40850	48160
Camp Subsidy McDonalds	3960	3960
ALA Equipment Grant	0	9570
Mc Donalds Prize trip	0	5084
Affiliations	1540	1584
Championships/Spec Meetings	17420	22694
Education/Development	18000	20321
Executive/Finance	500	787
ALAC Team	39140	42550
Membership	125795	128937
IGA Docket Competition	8800	8800
ALA Laps	3000	0
Sundries	3000	4642
State Conference	6100	6347
Government Grant	0	44000
Ronald McDonald House	0	8590
Total Income	268105	356026
EXPENSES		
Administration	8500	8784
Conferences	14500	13299
Depreciation	8000	7122 non cash
Executive	48000	46530
Insurance	23000	19908
Championships/Spec Meetings	17000	15465
Education/Development	26000	26683
Publicity/Public Relations	5500	4691
Membership	30000	27296
ALAC Team	31000	52177
Technical Requirements	8000	10863
State Conference	8800	9267
Hobart ALAC	0	12477
Capital	2000	11870
Sundry	2500	3388
Mc Donalds Prize Trip	0	5084
Donations	200	0
Ronald McDonald House	0	8700
State Conf Delegate Rebate	900	900
Centre Incentive	300	300
Employee / Office costs	38000	38010
IGA Docket Competition	8800	8850
Total Expenses	281000	331664
GST Payable	24373	33891
GST Claimable	18127	26565
Surplus/(Deficit)	-6246	-7326
Overall Surplus/(Deficit)	-19141	24158



Development Director's Report

Peter Weldon

I have found my first year as a Board member interesting and rewarding. I am the first to admit that I have a very limited skills set as an athlete, my strengths are not running, jumping or coaching.

Part of my brief includes assisting Centres to further develop strategies to retain and grow membership. The strategy adopted this year was to respond to identified centre concerns. One of the issues that had been identified was that some Centres wanted more capacity to provide coaching to their athletes and more parents need to qualify as officials.

Centres need to continue to develop strategies that will see knowledge is transferred and handed over as new people join and the experienced ones leave.

In addition to the three September coaching clinic held in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie, local and targeted sessions were held at St Helens and Burnie. Following the coaching sessions, parents were encouraged to complete exams, thereby maximising the use of resources visiting centres.

At Burnie the feedback from attending parents on the day confirmed that there are people out there willing to go that extra step, and sometimes they only need a little bit of encouragement and support. Sometimes they just need to be asked too! Thanks to Roger Hosie for doing the hands on sessions.

It was pleasing this season to see the Claremont Centre continue to operate for the full season. I wish to acknowledge effort of Debbie Jankata and her team at Claremont. I would also like to recognise the assistance that other Centres provided to Claremont in running their meetings as well as the support of visiting parents and athletes. One of my ongoing tasks will be to continue discussions with the Claremont committee to determine how to achieve the best outcome for their members.

I wish to acknowledge the contribution that Wim Vaessen has made this season to the Little Athletics Program for Schools (LAPS). With LAPS now being presented through Centre contacts, Wim undertook to provide familiarisation for the new LAPS presenters, thank you Wim, just one of a number of activities you assist with Little Athletics in Tasmania. Thanks of appreciation must also go to those presenting the LAPS sessions, thank you.

I would be failing in my report if I did not mention the ALAC's held In Hobart at the end of the season. To all those involved in making the event a great success, a big thank you on behalf of the competing athletes. For many of the competing athletes it is their first time at a National event representing their state and the atmosphere created does not go unnoticed by the competitors or team personnel.

I would like to thank the other Board members for their support and encouragement. I must thank Kay Knee for her guidance in who to contact when I need resources. Our roles have similar outcomes and objectives and Kay always makes it easy for me. To Matt in the office it has always a pleasure working with you, nothing is too hard for you and you will be missed.



Technical Director's Report

Roger Hosie

2011/12 has been a fantastic year to be involved with the running of Tasmanian Little Athletics with the ALAC's held in Hobart in April. The event was a tremendous success, and featured some junior athletics of the highest quality. Several new ABP's were set on our soil, which suggests that Hobart's fickle weather actually behaved for once! 116 officials from around the State did a super job and we have not heard any negative feedback about the officials at the event. Well done Tassie!

With ALAC's in mind, we updated and replaced various competition equipment, in particular our 750g & 1kg discus, 3kg shot puts, a 400g javelin, official's flags, relay batons and new starting blocks. Along with this, we have also additional shade tents for state events, all of which we have McDonalds to thank for. I am sure our athletes (& officials) will enjoy the new gear next season!

During the year, I held 2 training sessions for officials at Clarence & St Helens. The St Helens session in particular was very well attended, with about a dozen parents completing exams. Along with Peter Weldon, we held a special throws & jumps clinic in Burnie, the day before Coaching camp, and we also assisted Glamorgan Spring Bay with their track marking.

Several centres contacted TLAA through the season in respect of technical issues, questions 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 underweight 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, and gave a good spread for the ALAC's championships. ABC radio also interviewed Rhonda post ALAC's and gave Little Athletics a fantastic wrap. Special thanks to Kay Knee who has once again looked after the Northern media contacts this year.

After a year off for events changes, we once again will see some significant change in season 2012/13. These changes are as a result of new Standard Events from LAA, which will apply from this season.

New or changed events / specifications are:

- Under 10 boys and girls – New Event – 1500m
- Under 14 & 15 Girls – New Javelin specifications – 500g (previously 600g)
- Under 14 Boys – New Shot Put specification – 3kg (previously 4kg)
- Under 15 boys – New Javelin specification – 700g (previously 600g)

As a result of these changes, new equipment in the form of 500g & 700g javelins will be needed by centres & TLAA. At the time of writing, we are gathering together orders for a bulk purchase of new & replacement javelins direct from China – which should save us all significant amounts of money. I have undertaken a "trial" purchase which has arrived on schedule, and the javelin concerned is first class.



A reminder that all Centre Records for the old specifications should be archived and opened up as vacant for the new weights. Usual procedure is to wait until the mid year break before awarding new records for new events. At that stage the best performance to date would be awarded the inaugural centre record.

So now we look forward to the new season in 2012/13, an Olympic Year. Thank you to the Board of Management for their support this year, the wonderful volunteers and supporters from Athletics South, Northern Branch and Athletics Tasmania who helped make the ALAC's a success, and also to the Centres on a fantastic 2012/13 year. It remains a great privilege to serve such a fantastic family inclusive sporting body.



Education Director's Report

Kaylene Knee

Exams

In total 86 people completed exams this past season. In total 170 exams were completed.

Summary of centres as per below:

BNE -	8 people completed 22 exams
CMT -	1 person completed 1 exam
CLA -	4 people completed 4 exams
DEL -	17 people completed 51 exams
ED -	9 people completed 17 exams
HD -	1 person completed 2 exams
HV -	6 people completed 6 exams
KGB -	6 people completed 11 exams
LTN -	15 people completed 22 exams
LFD -	2 people completed 3 exams
NLWC -	6 people completed 12 exams
SH -	11 people completed 19 exams

A great effort this year and well done to these Centres. At the moment I am reviewing and amending the Officials Exams so they comply with the new throwing implements (weight changes) that will be introduced at the beginning of the 2012/2013 season.

Clinics

Little Athletics and Athletics Tasmania Coaching Clinics – were held in the South, North West and North in September 2011. I would like to thank all the people that have been involved with offering their time and knowledge for the sessions that were on offer. Thanks to Simon and Matt for their time working together paying off with 350+ people attending these events. Maverick Weller (Gold Coast SUNS Player) spoke and interacted great with all the athletes and parents and opened up a lot of media exposure for both associations. The clinics were offered in the 3 regions with great attendance from all age groups especially younger ones with numbers well up on the previous year. These will be going ahead again in September 2012.

Official Sessions

Wim Vaessen conducted multiple 2 hour Officials Sessions in Launceston this season with representation from several centres across the northern and north-east region. Wim physically went through how to do simple warm up drills for each site and different techniques and judging standards, this was great and many questions were asked. Hopefully we can work on this next season to develop through all centres.

Coaches Courses

Coaches Courses have been offered around the State through Athletics Tasmania both in the North and South of the State this season which has been a success and good participation from Little Athletic members, gaining Level 1 beginner qualifications.

Thank you to everyone that has given their support and time to the 2011/2012 season. It takes many Parents, Family, Officials and Volunteers donating their help and skills in many areas to make this a success.

Also thank you to all other Board Members for your time, assistance and help throughout the season

Membership

2011/2012





Membership Report

Numerical Statistics

	Girls	Boys	Total 2011/2012 Registrations	% Change from 2010/2011	Total 2010/2011 Registrations	North	South
BNE	69	68	137	4%	132	137	
CH	37	27	64	3%	62	64	
CLA	108	88	196	-20%	245		196
CMT	10	17	27	108%	13		27
DEL	27	22	49	2%	48	49	
DPT	56	67	123	-24%	161	123	
ED	94	114	208	15%	181		208
GSB	4	10	14	0%	14		14
HD	84	110	194	10%	177		194
HV	31	46	77	-13%	89		77
KGB	97	112	209	8%	193		209
LFD	83	75	158	25%	126	158	
LTN	98	83	181	-4%	189	181	
NE	43	33	76	0%	76	76	
NLWC	48	44	92	-15%	108	92	
QBG	64	67	131	13%	116		131
SED	57	55	112	-10%	124		112
SH	21	24	45	-20%	56	45	
SL	153	156	309	0%	308	309	
STATE	1184	1218	2402	-0.6617%	2418	1234	1168



Retention & Growth

	Total 2010/2011 Registrations	Possible Re- Registrations	Actual Re- Registrations	Retention from 2010/2011	New Registrations U6 - U15 2011/2012	Growth Rate 2011/2012	Total 2011/2012 Registrations	Tiny Tots	Under 6 – Under 15
BNE	132	116	86	74.14%	49	37.12%	137	0	137
CH	62	54	34	62.96%	26	41.94%	64	5	59
CLA	245	226	149	65.93%	47	19.18%	196	4	192
CMT	13	12	10	83.33%	17	130.77%	27	0	27
DEL	48	46	26	56.52%	23	47.92%	49	0	49
DPT	161	138	70	50.72%	43	26.71%	123	10	113
ED	181	150	125	83.33%	62	34.25%	208	21	187
GSB	14	14	4	28.57%	6	42.86%	14	4	10
HD	177	167	126	75.45%	53	29.94%	194	8	186
HV	89	80	47	58.75%	25	28.09%	77	5	72
KGB	193	176	137	77.84%	56	29.02%	209	16	193
LFD	126	109	85	77.98%	55	43.65%	158	18	140
LTN	189	178	121	67.98%	56	29.63%	181	4	177
NE	76	74	48	64.86%	27	35.53%	76	1	75
NL-WC	108	102	63	61.76%	21	19.44%	92	8	84
QBG	116	116	52	44.83%	74	63.79%	131	5	126
SED	124	118	62	52.54%	37	29.84%	112	13	99
SH	56	56	29	51.79%	16	28.57%	45	0	45
SL	308	270	198	73.33%	89	28.90%	309	22	287
STATE	2418	2202	1472	66.85%	782	32.34%	2402	144	2258

Notes:

Possible Re-Registrations does not include Tiny Tots who were registered in the 2010/2011 season

Retention Rates do not include Tiny Tots who were registered in the 2010/2011 season.

Growth Rates include all new Athletes between U6 & U15.

Total Registrations includes all Tiny Tots & Athletes from Under 6 to Under 15.



Top 5 Performing Centres

Rank	Total Membership		Retention		Growth	
1 st	309	South Launceston	83.33%	East Derwent	130.77%	Claremont
2 nd	209	Kingborough	83.33%	Claremont	63.79%	Queenborough
3 rd	208	East Derwent	77.98%	Longford Districts	47.92%	Deloraine
4 th	196	Clarence	77.84%	Kingborough	43.65%	Longford Districts
5 th	194	Hobart Districts	75.45%	Hobart Districts	42.86%	Glamorgan Spring Bay

Family Participation Statistics

	1 Child Family	2 Child Family	3 Child Family	4 Child Family	5 Child Family	6 Child Family	Total Registrations
BNE	58	29	7				137
CH	8	19	6				64
CLA	56	46	16				196
CMT	16	4	1				27
DEL	20	13	1				49
DPT	46	25	5	3			123
ED	48	53	15	1	1		208
GSB	7	2	1				14
HD	63	51	7	2			194
HV	24	17	2	2	1		77
KGB	52	50	15	3			209
LFD	36	38	14	1			158
LTN	60	48	7	1			181
NE	20	16	8				76
NL-WC	22	19	8	2			92
QBG	43	38	4				131
SED	42	27	4	1			112
SH	14	8	5				45
SL	81	77	22	2			309
STATE	1464 Families						2402



Gender / Age Group Statistics

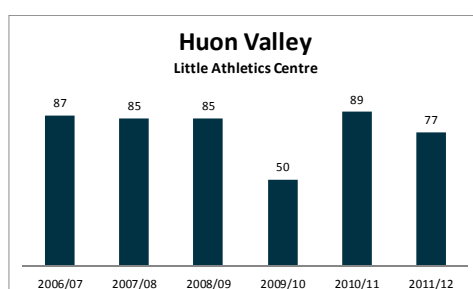
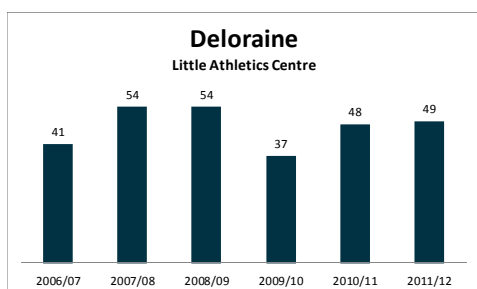
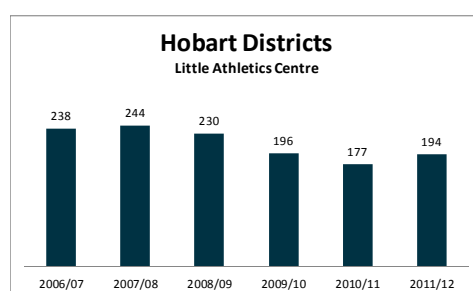
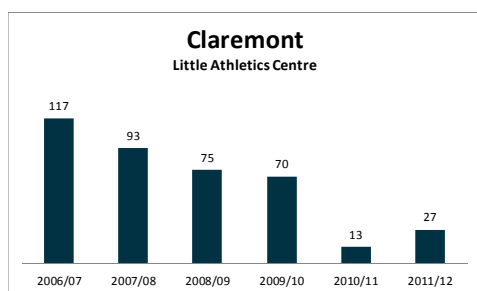
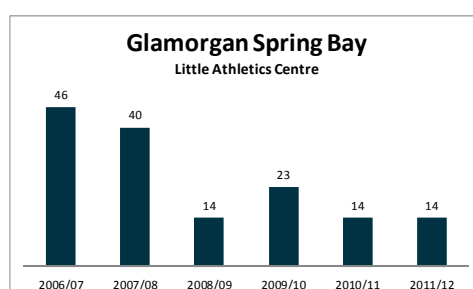
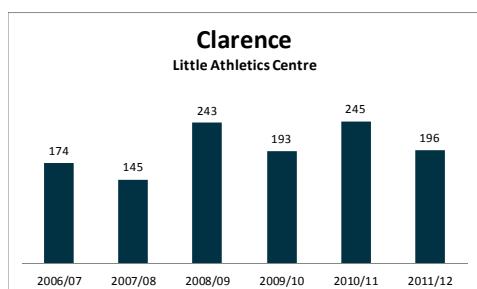
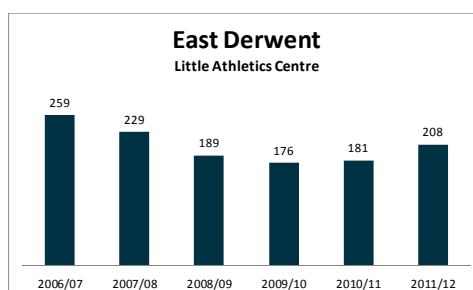
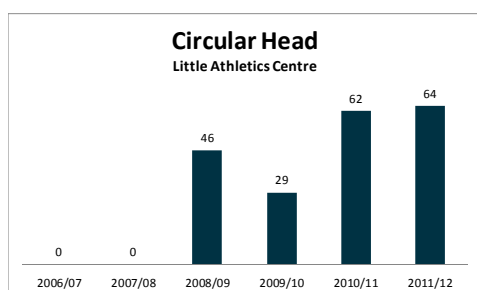
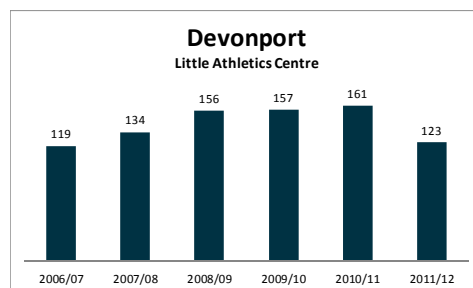
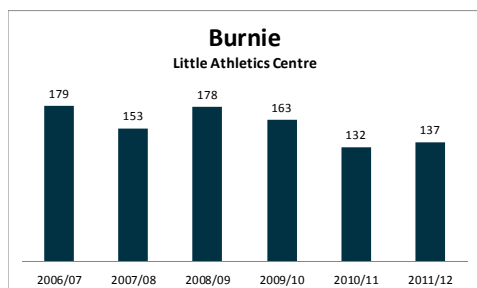
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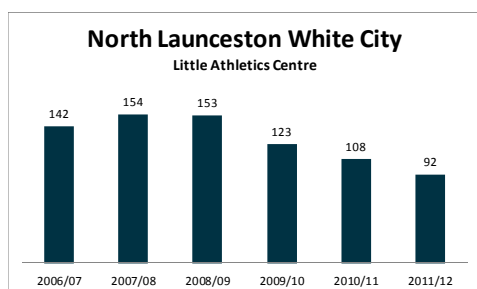
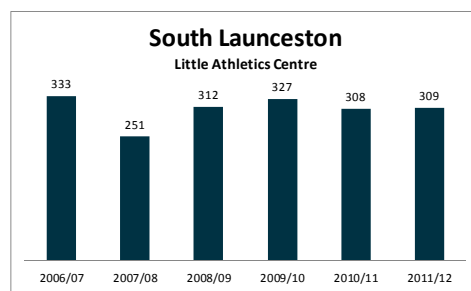
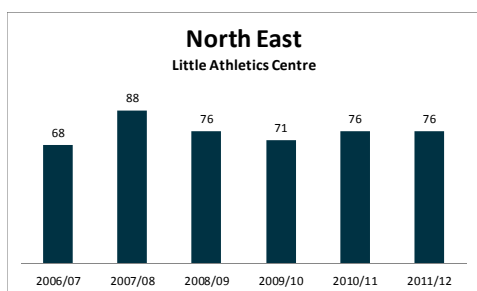
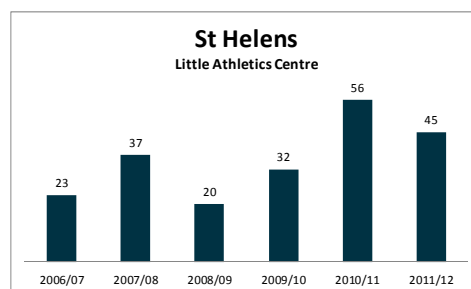
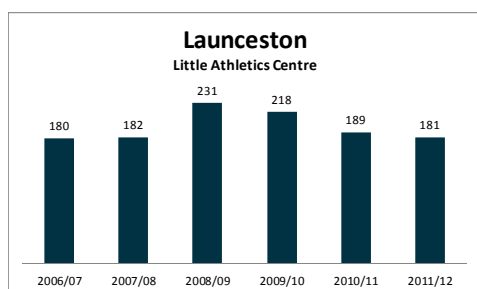
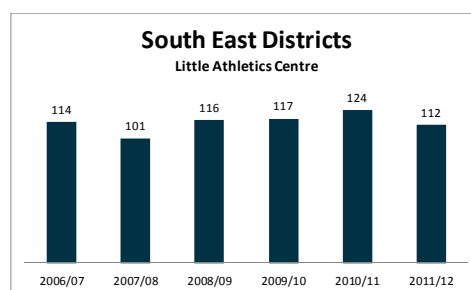
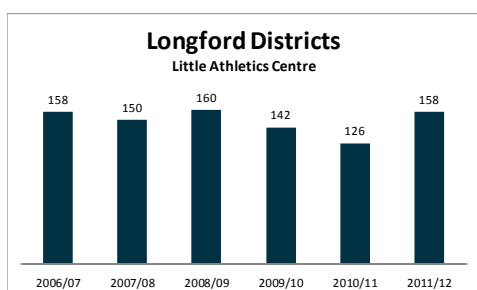
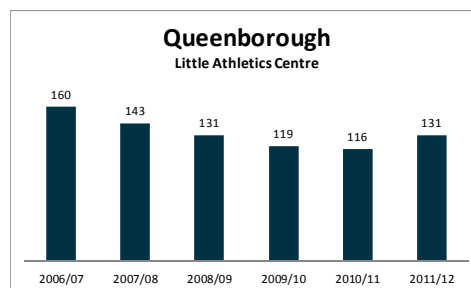
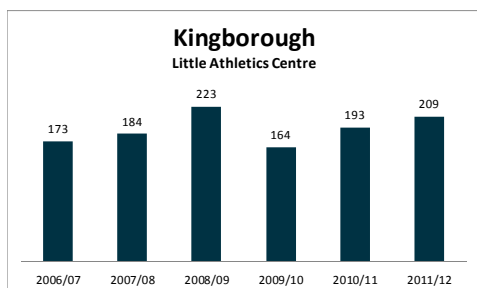
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Centre Registration Graphs





Coaching Camp





McDonald's Under 12 & 13 Coaching Camp

The 2012 McDonalds Coaching Camp for U12 and U13 Athletes was once again held at Camp Banksia at Port Sorell from the 8th January to the 12th January.

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

78 athletes participated in the program.

Weather over the Camp was a big improvement over last year, the small amount of rain did not hamper the program.

Athletes participated in 4 key coaching events of their choice, together with warm-ups twice a day, sprint drills, competition events, 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: Peter Weldon, Paul Mommers, Roger Hosie, Paula Brown, Brian James, Jenny Duffy, Peter Kearney, Craig Phillips, Sam Robertson, Paul McShane, Debbie Pulford, Lisa Cashion, Amanda Robertson, Carolyn Cox, Sally Stuart, Angela Bransden, Brett Johnstone, Catherine Imlach, Matt Hey, Wim Vaessen and Wayne Hall.

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.

A special thanks to the 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 2013 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)

Last but not least, thanks to Matt Hey for the design of the new Camp T Shirts, which were greatly appreciated by the Athletes.

Garry House

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Centre President Reports





Burnie Little Athletics Centre

Glenn Overed

The season has seemingly passed so quickly. Our committee worked well together and it was once again pleasing to see many new Under 6 athletes and their parents. A number of parents also put their hand up and completed their chief official exams, successfully, which helped enormously in running our program each week. We also had an increase in Athletes over last year. Our track program ran smoothly with the introduction of our new finishing gates. This took the pressure off having many parents sit at the finishing line and timing athletes. Thank you to Lyn Saint John for taking charge of the finishing gates and its timing. These also made our times for our athletes more accurate and enable us to run our centre championships at the end of the season without having to spend extra money on timing equipment from other sources. We again ran a very profitable BBQ at the Burnie 321 GO carnival and I would like to thank all those parents that helped out on the day this is our major fundraiser to support the centre during the season.

Our canteen was improved with the introduction of running water to our canteen building. This was a financial cost to the centre but it made a great improvement to the canteen as we did not have to carry water to the canteen from the main building. I thank Sonya for all her work in organising the canteen this season she has put a lot of her own extra time in buying items and keeping the canteen sparkling clean and also to the parents that helped in the canteen and on the BBQ without these people we would not be able to have extra funds to put back into the club.

At the start of the year we had around 30 athletes compete in the Burnie New Years Day Carnival participating in the 90m and 120m handicap events we also had a few athletes compete in the 1600m event as well.

It was also pleasing to see that we had 20 athletes make their way to the Northern All State in Launceston, even though it was cancelled due to the inclement weather. We also had 30 athletes (around 22% of our registrations) attend the State Championships in Hobart. Thank you to the parents that attended and helped out in support of our centre, we are very thankful of your help and the support of your children. Congratulations to Brayden Viney (U14s) for breaking the High Jump record (1.72m) and all athletes that participated at the Championships.

We also congratulated Jessica Sheridan for winning the TLAA newsletter competition. We again farewelled our Under 15 athletes and wish them and their parents the best for the future.

In closing I again would like to thank and our dedicated committee for their co-operation and the help of all those parents that do whatever is asked of them during competition meets. Also I would especially like to thank Charlie Trevvarthen for his work during the season.



Circular Head Little Athletics Centre

Stephanie Johnson

The 2011/2012 Season commenced with a great start, there was an increase in the number of participants, a full committee, parents and helpers each week. It was also a pleasure to welcome athletes and parents from other centres at various times throughout the season.

The season commenced with a come and try day which seen nearly 100 children show for the day. Following on, we had over 60 athletes register at the start of the season, many from the previous seasons.

There was an increase in participants for the “older age” groups, which for Circular Head it is promising. It shows the athletes that have been involved in previous seasons thrive on their individual achievements by encouraging their friend to come along.

Throughout the year the dedication shown by athletes and the parents was highlighted with the majority of athletes attending 75% of the meets, centre records broken, and a number of athletes achieving qualifying times.

Due to personal reasons, a number of committee members and qualified coaches had to depart the Centre early mid-season, which placed a lot of pressure on the remaining committee. Without the dedicated assistance from the athletes, parents and helpers each week the centre may not have seen the season out.

We hope in the coming season we would be able to get some interested people complete the required coaching courses. A number of grant assistance programs are currently been applied for, along with gaining assistance from the youth in our Community.

To assist with the costs involved for the purchase of additional equipment and maintain our current assets, along with the weekly barbeque, a number of fundraising events are being discussed. This will enable athletes to improve their personal standards and expand their athletic achievements.

Seeing the eagerness of the athletes awaiting the next season to start, highlights the enthusiasm and dedication shown by everyone involved, we know that we will have a success year in the up and coming season.



Claremont Little Athletics Centre

Jo Lockley

As another season comes to an end it is amazing how far we've come in the last 12 months. At the end of the 2010/2011 we had 1 definite committee member (Debbie Jankata) and only about 4 athletes returning the following season and had just spent the season competing with Hobart Districts on their ground due to issues with our own ground and lack of committee support.

Over the next 6 months Debbie and I worked on ways to bring back athletes to the Claremont Centre and to get our centre back up and running on our home ground of Abbotsfield Park. (I was doing this with the outlook of getting the centre up and running and then taking a season off). After some consultation with TLAA and the other sporting clubs we share our ground with we decided to trial Friday night competitions as a way of trying to attract new members, which has received very positive feedback from our parents and the wider community.

Our 2011/2012 season started well with many families coming along to our "come and try" night and showing interest in joining and although there were families who decided it wasn't for them we ended up with 27 registered athletes by the end of the season. The season also saw our committee number rise considerably when we had 2 new parents join our committee and 1 parent who had been involved with Claremont for many years also chose to take on a committee position, I also decided (after a lot of convincing from my daughter who wanted to continue with little athletics) to remain on the committee for the season, giving us a total of 5 committee members.

So now we look to the future, with my son starting little athletics in the 2012/2013 season and with some very motivated and supportive committee members by my side I have decided to take on the Presidents role at Claremont and look forward to trying to increase our athlete numbers this year, with an initial target of 50 athletes for the season. As a committee we are also looking at ways to make the centre run more efficiently, fundraising, and generally making the Claremont centre a fun and inviting centre to help us retain our athletes and expand our numbers.

In closing I would like to say a big thank you to Debbie Jankata for all she has done for the Claremont Centre during her time there, she will be sadly missed. Thank you to all the parents and athletes for being patient during the first few weeks while we worked out our teething problems. To Jo Vanson for coming in and taking on the Records and Ranking role, which involved learning a whole new system that hadn't been used at our centre before. To Michelle Claydon for taking on the Secretary's role and also looking after the canteen each Friday night. To Linda Franklin who took on a General Committee role, but most importantly became our timing machine operator, and was always there to help out wherever she was needed.

And finally a thank you to all those parents and athletes that came to visit us (and help out) at our meets, it was always great to see some new faces, and competition, at our meets, and a special thanks to Brett and Tracy who helped us out more than once when we were down a committee member or 2.



Clarence Little Athletics Centre

Shane McCarthy

Continuing the decorated successful history of the Clarence Little Athletics Club certainly occurred in season 2011/12, a State record, State Representation, Individual Gold at State Championships and winning the State Relay Champions shield. With a membership of in excess of 200 athletes one disappointing aspect of our Club is the continued lack of parent representation on our Committee, with our Club being run by a Committee of less than ten parents. Thank you to all Committee members, to those parents that help out every weekend, however, we need more volunteers! A focus for the off season is to recruit Committee members.

Sponsorship

Home Finance Centre continued its valuable sponsorship of our Club with most correspondence and associated paperwork carrying their logo and details. Their contribution goes a long way to assisting us to provide the best available equipment and surroundings to enable our athletes to be their best.

Grant

During the year we were successful with an application for a Community Support Grant from the Clarence City Council. This grant was used to upgrade some of our equipment to ensure it continues to comply with national standards and provide a safer environment for our athletes.

Further to this, in line with our extremely good and close relationship with the Clarence Council they have sought our feedback on the redevelopment of our ground at Kangaroo Bay. Part of this has included the erection of a new sign near Eastland's highlighting Kangaroo Bay as being the home of the Clarence Little Athletic Centre. We look forward to a continued good relationship with Clarence Council.

Athlete Performance

From these registered athletes we had 40 new Centre records set and 58 outside records set or broken, including a State record in long jump to Zac Buick - what an outstanding effort.

In addition to this we had Matthew Hosie and Zac Buick represent Tasmania at the Under 14 Hunter Track Classic in Newcastle. Continuing on with State representation news we had Caitlin Stalker represent Tasmania at the Australian Little Athletics Championships in the U15 girls' multi event.

At the 2012 Aurora State Individual Championships, not only did our athletes shine bright but so too did the sun off the haul of medals we collected. All up, a haul of 54 medals including 20 gold and 17 new or equalled outside records.

Furthermore, two of our athletes, Jane Hickey and Angus Murrell were selected to represent Tasmania at the School Sport Australia Track and Field exchange championships.



The Season

Over the first few weeks of the season we had to do a bit of juggling around some of our distance events due to the Council doing drainage work, this only involved minimal disruption and after the first couple of months we were back on track - literally. Unfortunately this and weather disruptions meant that our canteen sales were down from budget and we were never really able to catch-up resulting in the canteen barely breaking even. To alleviate this decrease in revenue we did conduct a number of fundraising activities.

During the mid-season break we experienced a rare Willy Willy at our ground. This resulted in our extremely heavy sand pit cover being lifted off the ground and dumped onto our equipment shed. Unfortunately the damage was unrepairable and our sandpit now requires extra TLC to ensure it is fit for use and free from foreign objects.

After a couple of year's absence we re-introduced the end-of-season pool night which was a huge success and a great way to finish off a good season.

Summary

Learning's from my first year as President meant that my second year went a little bit smoother (hopefully our members agree and I'm not being completely delusional).

On a sad note I say farewell to Roger Hosie from our Committee. Thankyou Roger for all those tireless hours you have spent making Clarence Little Aths the powerhouse Club it currently is. Luckily he is not leaving us altogether and will still be available as a parent helper.



Deloraine Little Athletics Centre

Robyn Bailey

2011/2012 was a fantastic season for Deloraine Little Athletics Centre!

We had 55 Registrations, a big improvement from the previous year. With these new athletes came a great bunch of enthusiastic parents who were all more than willing to lend a hand. We had more than a dozen people complete their Officials Papers, which made our weekly programs run much more smoothly.

Northern Centre Challenge was a big day for our Centre! With 37 athletes travelling into St Leonards, we had 75% of our Centre there. All the athletes did exceptionally well – not just on the track but off it as well. It was so nice to have people from other Centres comment on how well behaved Deloraine Athletes were, as well as to see everyone cheering for each other in between their own events. Deloraine was rewarded with their fantastic effort, winning the Northern Centre Challenge – and the kids were super excited!

We also had a third of our athletes participate in the State Walks and Multi Events as well as State Individual Championships. These kids all did really well with Bowen Wagenknecht winning the State U14 boys 1500m Walk, Jared Kettle coming home with a Bronze in the U14 boys Javelin and Samuel Alderson winning himself a bagful of medals! Samuel's outstanding performances gave him selection in the State U15 Multi Event Team which competed in Hobart. Samuel did an amazing job, bringing home a silver medal – Tasmania's first ever Multi Event medal!!

The winner of our end of season Handicap Event was Tumai Bennett, while Trista Aylett and Jared Kettle won our PB Trophies for the season. All three athletes were in their first seasons with the Centre, so well done!

Deloraine had two nominations for the U13 Sportsmanship Award this year, Oliver and Mia. Both were tremendous leaders for our Centre and great role models for our younger athletes.

This season was the last for our Arena Manager, Annette Bean. Annette has been with the Centre for many years and will be hard to replace! She has been a fantastic worker for Deloraine, both at Centre level and at TLAA Meets. We wish her all the best!

We had some great fundraising this season; a BBQ at the Craft Fair and at Becks, as well as a Christmas Raffle. All the money raised from these events will be going towards updating out timing equipment for next season. We also ran a Lolly Jar Guessing Competition, which raised \$300 for the Ronald McDonald House.

Deloraine was saddened with the passing of TLAA Board Member, Paul Street. Paul was an inspiration to Little Athletics. The work he did for our sport and the time he put in to making Tasmanian Little Athletics the best it could be will always be remembered.

I hope the coming season will be as successful as the last. I will not be continuing on as President but wish the future committee all the best.



Devonport Little Athletics Centre

Paula Brown

It has once again been another successful year for Devonport Little Athletics. I have again been lucky enough to have a strong and committed committee helping me through my last season with Little Athletics.

Our starting gates have proved to be a great asset for the club, helping our meets run more efficient. We have been lucky in receiving another grant and have updated a lot of our field equipment.

We had 14 athletes travel to St Leonards for the McDonald's TLAA Life Members Northern Centre Challenge. We had many new athletes travel up for the day, were we came third just missing out on second by 16 points.

For a second year 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 we handed out lollies and information about Little Athletics.

We held our Ronald McDonald House Relay-a-thon at the Devonport Athletics Club Christmas Carnival on Day 1. We had 29 athletes, 13 parents and 1 grandparent help run 100km. It was another successful night. We also had two athletes participate in a shot put demonstration.

On day 2 of the Christmas Carnival we were once again asked to put on a high jump demonstration. We also held our 100m handicap event with 42 athletes participating.

On Australia Day we held a 70m handicap race at the Henley on Mersey. We had four races, then semi-finals and then a final. We also held a vortex and turbo jav throwing competition and some three-legged races.

DLAC also had many athletes compete at Southern All State, State Multi and Walks Championships and State Individual Championships.

To finish of the season myself and my two children were lucky enough to help at the Australian Little Athletics Championships in Hobart. It was a terrific weekend and a great way to finish my time the Little Athletics.

Finally a big thank you to all of DLAC's committee members, parents, grandparents, aunt's, uncle's and everyone else who has helped out this season at Devonport.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the centre and I will greatly miss having to get up early Saturday mornings (maybe not) and all the athletes that I have helped along the way.



East Derwent Little Athletics Centre

Kendra Hey

The focus at East Derwent during the 2011/2012 season was to have fun and celebrate our 30th birthday year. Several birthday events were organised, which were run in addition to the normal special events we conduct each year.

During the pre-season four members of the centre became accredited 'Active After School' providers and then delivered athletics activities in three local schools.

The season started on a high with a registration night that attracted nearly 100 athletes. The two new mascots, 'Eddie and 'Dotti,' arrived in time to join us at the Southern Centre Challenge to cheer along our athletes. That day culminated in East Derwent finally winning the Life Members Shield for a third time.

The first of the major birthday events was organised for the 19th of November. Athletes participated in a mixture of normal track events and novelty field events and the 100m handicap race. We had everything you would normally expect to find at a child's birthday party and more. There was face painting, a jumping castle, games with prizes, races, birthday cake, food, balloons, hand printing, lots and lots of bubbles and presents for every child in attendance. We covered all expenses through money raised during the off season.

On the last day before the Christmas break we celebrated with the normal visit from Santa and a disco in the evening. Our final birthday celebration was a dinner at the Brighton Civic Centre on the 4th of February 2012. Over 120 guests, including the founding member, enjoyed a trip down memory lane with a presentation on the history of the centre. We enjoyed good food and Daryl Peebles entertained both children and adults with his humour and songs. Three people were inducted in as Life Members, Linda McKenzie, Mathew Hey and Kendra Hey and then people danced the night away. The two mascots were a hit on the dance floor and provided many photo opportunities.

The centre for the third year in a row conducted a Relay-a-thon which was run in conjunction with Australia Day. Although numbers were down a little everyone attending had a great time and got into the spirit of the day. Children ran laps of the oval throughout the meet and sought sponsors to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. We continue to raise the stakes every year. This season a total of 1141 laps was completed and \$3719.30 raised. Four amazing families raised over \$250 each. These results demonstrate the sense of community and generosity of the wonderful families that attend the centre.

Centre Champs were disrupted again this season with extreme weather conditions. Day one was washed out. On day two we had to contend with 30+ heat. Somehow we managed to get through the entire program over two days. Forty athletes attended the State Individuals Championships with another 7 competing in the Walks Championships and 22 in the State Multi Championships. Maddison Graham was selected in the State under 13 Team.



Many East Derwent parents and athletes were then involved in the spectacle of the ALACS on the 21st of April an event many will remember for some time.

The Centre would like to extend a special thanks to Peter McConnon for his assistance over the past few seasons, especially for his development of SLAM which the centre now uses. Apart from the timing gates it has proven to be one of the most valuable tools developed and now utilised by members at the Centre and we commend Peter for his initiative and commitment to the project. It is invaluable, cutting down the time required to complete many tasks undertaken by several committee people.

East Derwent will have a new look committee for season 2012/2013, but the same passion to provide a fun filled family environment for the benefit of all children will continue.



Glamorgan Spring Bay Little Athletics Centre

Cherie Hill

This season we had 15 children registered, consisting of 11 families. It was encouraging to see many younger children participate and hopefully they will continue on for many years to come. We were fortunate to receive a boost to our numbers in the first half of the season with the Price family from the UK registering their three children.

The weather was much kinder this year allowing us to hold most meets through the season. After a two week break for Christmas, we held three twilight meets in January which were popular with athletes from other clubs around the State. With the holiday season, we had lower numbers at this time, but this it to be expected with athletes enjoying the beautiful east coast weather with friends and family.

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. Thank you also to the Swansea Football Club for their contribution of paint for the line marking. Thank you to all of the parents who helped with transporting equipment at the beginning and end of season, many hands make light work. I would also like to thank Roger Hosie, the TLAA technical director for assisting with the set-up of our track & field event line marking at the start of the season together with Jeremy Jamson and other helpers on the day.

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.

We were lucky enough this season to be provided with a free pass to attend Zone 3 Laser Games so on the 24th March we took 12 children to Hobart. The children participated in three games of laser tag with chips, lollies and drinks enjoyed in the breaks. Thank you to parents for your help with transport and also to Zone 3 for this generous initiative.

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.



Huon Valley Little Athletics Centre

James O'Connor

Huon Valley Little Athletics has had a fantastic year, by far the best season since I have been involved with the club. We have a fantastic and hard working committee and there just seemed to be such a good vibe across the board which has seen plenty of smiles and many positive comments.

We have achieved so much this season with the purchase of timing gates, having the gates has allowed us to have our programs wrapped up by approximately 11am each week and we are not constantly wasting time calling for judges and time keepers, I strongly recommend that any centre considering getting gates to do so.

We also have a new 15 x 15m high jump area with a synthetic grass surface, the athletes love the new surface which is much safer and more professional.

We are fortunate enough to have the support from our major sponsor Tassal to enable us to achieve what we have.

Over the coming years we plan on having a permanent discus cage put up as well as the possibility of a new equipment shed.

The Local council stopped us marking our track with round up this year, instead they wanted the track marked with paint, after a long process council are marking our track each week with paint themselves at their cost, I am very concerned about losing the lines during the off season as well as a future user fee on the ground that may well arise due to councils large cost of doing this.

I believe Huon Valley Little Athletics Centre is one of the smallest Athletics centre's in the state and I am very proud of what direction the club is heading and just so much we have achieved.



Kingborough Little Athletics Centre

Andrew Willcox

Well once again what a season!!!! We had our usual complaint from Gormley Park that it wasn't ready for our little feet so we started again away from home at Kingston Beach Oval. It was still a fantastic start with a top surface and a different feel to little aths.

Our off season had us updating the internals of the clubrooms at Gormley Park with copious lashes of paint, new curtains and polished floors. It came up a million dollars. Not to mention our NEW JUMP PITS.....we certainly bled for them with our fundraising, raffles and quiz night. Thanks to all our unsung heroes...you know who you are....

Big farewells to Adam, Lisa and Rob, these guys have had big roles to jump into and they have done great jobs. I will miss Rob on our walks around the ground on event days doing the odd bit of creative line marking and just making sure everything was running well....Thanks Mate!!!

The 2011-12 season saw a record number of registered athletes at the Kingborough Centre with 209 athletes registering. This is an increase of 11 athletes compared to the 198 athletes registered in the 2010-11 season.

Most age groups saw an increase in registered athletes this season especially the Under 15 boys who had 3 athletes last year and increased to 8 athletes this season. This is despite numbers normally dropping off by the time athletes reach this age group. The most exciting thing was not only the increase in our older age groups but also their performances along the way.

We had huge excitement just watching them, and then being able to cheer some of those "guys" along with their own development, it was great. We are leading into an Olympics year which normally has an increase in our numbers.....could that be possible after our growth and retention this season.

This year the committee decided to introduce eftpos to the club, which was welcomed by both parents and our treasurer alike. We have found the eftpos facility both beneficial on pre-registration night and also for State Champ Competitions.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment for the season was with the Centre having to deal with bullying and behavior issues. These were hard times but we did not have repeat offences.

ALAC's certainly topped the year off and what a spectacular event that was to see and be a part of. Special mention to the KLACALAC Jump Pit Crew who, like our athletes, performed exceptionally well and looked great!!

We are looking healthy, strong and dare I say ready for a new season. Our motto for the coming season should be "to look at the old with new eyes". So often we miss the basics or even totally overlook them. We should be coming to our weekly meets with the eyes of our new Under 6 athletes.....excited, keen and ready to take anything on.

Thank you to everyone especially our EXCEPTIONAL COMMITTEE, ONCE AGAIN...



Launceston Little Athletics Centre

Daniel Finnigan

Another year and another successful Little Athletics season has concluded for the Launceston Centre. We welcomed back many of our last season's athletes, but were fortunate to gain new families to our little athletics family. Our 2011-2012 registrations totalled 178, which remained relatively steady from the previous year.

Congratulations must go to a couple of our athletes this year, for winning prestige awards in the Little Athletics calendar year. To our centre nominees for the Under 13 Sportsmanship Award, Ellie Sydes and Lachlan Robertson; and from that, Lachlan Robertson winning the overall Under 13 Sportsmanship Award for the boys, and gaining a place in the state team. Congratulations must also go to Emma Summers for winning the "Experience of a Lifetime" prize. A coaching session with Olympian John Steffensen in Sydney.

Well done to all athletes who have achieved their Personal Best during the season and congratulations also to the many athletes who have broken new centre records. These records give the next generation of athletes a goal to strive for.

We were successful this year in gaining a grant from Sport and Recreation for over \$2500.00, and these funds will go towards updating our high jump mates. Also, we gained a grant from the West Tamar Council to upgrade our long jump pits. As for every year, a huge thank you this year must go to Jodie, Peta and Sue for maintaining and running the canteen for another year. Without the success of the canteen, we as a centre would not have the ability to upgrade any of our equipment.

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 volunteered and 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.

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.

I would like to say thank you to the committee of Launceston Little Athletics for their time and commitment to Little Athletes and to the running of the centre. As my daughter was in under 15 this year, this will be my final report as president. I step aside, after six years of involvement in Little Athletics. I wish the new President all the best in guiding the Launceston Little Athletics Centre to an even bigger and better 2012-2013 season of little athletics. Thank you so much for everything over many years, I have had a fantastic time and made many great friends. I wish you all the very best.



Longford Districts Little Athletics Centre

Wayne Hall

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 like to thank our many volunteers (there is a lot of work that is done behind the scenes) whether it be track markers, canteen coordinators, officials or on site helpers, your services do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Sonya and Dave Maloney for their commitment to the new position of Canteen Co-ordinator. Profits are up, which allow the Centre to expand on our stock of equipment, ensuring our athletes have every opportunity to continue to have and do the best they can.

To those who assisted on the Ground Preparation roster - thank you for the time and effort you put in.

2011/12 saw a further increase in the number of officials through our training and education program with 12 new officials completing their exams. Centre training became a structured and regular event with access to senior coaches. Attendance at our weekly sessions was overwhelming and those who attended regularly saw marked improvement over the season.

This season saw the introduction of a memorial day (Pink Day) in memory of Diane Whiteley, who was a valued and dedicated member of our Centre for in excess of 20 years, she held various Centre committee positions and was our Announcer for many years. Pink day was a huge success in raising funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation in memory. Everyone is to be congratulated on their effort, we raised just over \$600.

The Centre again supported the Ronald McDonald House, this year in place of a relay-a-thon we donated the proceeds of a twilight bbq, plus donations from the tin that was based in the canteen all season. The Centre rounded the donation up to \$500.

Over the past season we were successful in obtaining grants which assisted with purchase of a portable pa system, starting blocks and hurdles.

During the 11/12 season LDLAC was well represented at all Regional and State meetings - congratulations to all who participated in these events. I would like to extend my congratulations to the following:

- All athletes who set new best performances at Centre and State level
- PB Award recipients
- All athletes who qualified and competed at State Championship events – Walks, Multi-event, Relay and Individual.
- Joshua Hall for receiving runner-up for the TLAA U13 Sportsmanship Award
- Georgia Hill for her selection in the U13 State Team

We also say goodbye and good luck for their future endeavours to our U15 athletes and Joshua Hall (U13) and their families, some who have been with our Centre for a long time and take with them many years of service and experience: Lauren Hall, Maddison Hill & Ashley Gibson.

As it is my final season at LDLAC I would like to extend my thanks to everyone for their support and assistance over the years. I have learnt a lot and enjoyed the experience of being involved in little athletics and look forward to using the skills that I have acquired in my future endeavours.



North East Little Athletics Centre

Shane Wagner

Our 2011-2012 season was another successful one for our club, we had 61 athletes participate on our first day of competition, which also included 12 new families. The day ran smoothly considering many of our committee having new roles to learn.

Firstly I would like to thank my hardworking committee Amanda, Catherine, Fiona, Sasha, Lynda, Karen, Raelene and Melissa for all their hand work which enables the North East Little Athletics club to run so smoothly throughout the season, and I would also like to thank parents who volunteer their help on competition days to help on sites, write tickets, set up and pack up competition equipment.

One of our committees two main focuses for the season was to raise enough funds so our club could purchase some new timing equipment for the 2012-2013 season, fundraising activities to achieve this included barbeques at Becks hardware shop and local supermarket, Barbeque and food stall at the Scottsdale Christmas parade and a Christmas parade float which our athletes had a lot of fun decorating with our black and white Christmas theme truck, and our most important contribution was from our revamped canteen, which increased its income from the previous seasons.

Our other aim was to get the SLAM system up and running for the commencement of the 2012-2013 season. Good progress from Amanda Mundy has been achieved on this in conjunction with Peter McConnon.

Two athletes from our centre attended U12-U13 coaching camp, Shannae Heazlewood and Talisha Woolley which provided them both with valuable experience.

Our club also had athletes participate at Northern Challenge Day, State Multi event and Walks Championships, and we also had 11 athletes attend state individual Championships in Hobart. Congratulations to them all as many of the athletes had PB's or placing's in their chosen events, Gemma James was successful at Individual Championships winning a gold medal and two silver medal in her events.

St Helens Gold Medal Day is an event our athletes enjoy competing at each year, with 31 making the trip this year and many achieving PB's and winning gold medals in their events.

North East Little Athletics Centre was fortunate to have Wim Vaessen attend our meet on January 7th to offer some coaching tips and advice to parents, athletes and committee, on basic rules and officiating on sites. This was a huge benefit for our club as we struggle to get qualified coaches to come to the North East Little Athletics Centre.

For the first time our club ran a Life Member Multi fun day, which included a handicap sprint which was won by one of our U13 Athletes Rebecca Irwin, with less than a metre separating the six finalists this provided an exciting finish, also we had gumboot throwing and a parent little athlete relay which was great fun, except for parents who had more than one little athlete competing and had to run more than once.

Our season concluded with a presentation morning tea at North East Park, with three athletes awarded continuous participation awards : Rebecca Irwin from U6-U13, Bradley Whish-Wilson from U6-U15 and Damon Whish-Wilson from U6-U15.



The other highlight was a Life Membership being awarded to Catherine Irwin for her many years' service to North East Little Athletics which included 8 years as President, team manager at State run events, attended U12-U13 coaching camps and is the centres current treasurer and canteen operator.

Finally I would like to thank the committee, parents and all our athletes for making this season successful and I look forward to seeing everybody again for another successful season in 2012-2013.



North Launceston White City Little Athletics Centre

Kate Barnard

It is with pleasure that I provide the Presidents Report for the 2011-2012 season. Our committee continued to work through the off season to ensure we were well prepared, with the hard work and dedication paying off as we had a season free from the issues that had plagued us in previous years. Our committee were again united in our approach to the season, its rules and our previous commitments and worked well together to help rebuild the reputation and professional standard of our Centre amongst our families.

Unfortunately we were unable to proceed with our scheduled "Have A Go Day" in September due to clashes with other ground users. This was such a shame as we found this to be a very successful tool in reinvigorating past athletes and their families for the season ahead and more importantly it gave potential new families the opportunity to come and try our sport.

Early on we were forced to cancel some of our meets due to rain, with our contingency plan being to offer additional meets in the form of make-up twilights, however this resulted in the later part of October and all of November full of twilights, often in conjunction with state meets and normal Saturday meets – this was something that didn't rate highly with our families.. The issue of make-up meets will need to be addressed before the coming season.

On a positive note, all positions on the Committee were filled, with only 2 people doubling up with positions – a decrease in previous seasons. We saw 6 people attend the Beginners Coaches course at St Leonards and with 2 scheduled parent information sessions we gained 5 new officials.

We obtained our own Centre PB with our Ronald McDonald Relayathon Day, raising more money and doing more laps. We were very proud to nominate our 2 u13 Sportsmanship candidates and were thrilled that Katie Broad of Mowbray won the overall award for the girls. We also had 2 athletes represent us in the u14 state team!

We worked toward developing relations with senior athletics and also provide additional coaching tips. We were very fortunate to have the expertise of Tyler, Tim and Michelle Heron at our Centre. Their visits proved extremely popular amongst both athletes and parents and we hope to have them back in the next season. Our athletes watched in amazement at Tyler performed the triple jump off an 11 mat and their looks were priceless!

Our presence at State Meets was not as high the previous season however we feel that our own Centre's start with all the additional twilights and make up meets, parents were loathe to commit to additional meets and unfortunately it is always difficult to commit to relays in the South, just before Christmas, particularly with age groups where we could not field a full team and have to rely on composite team creation on the day.



We had 3 of our Committee members' children injured and were not able to compete each week but they still fulfilled the duties of their role which was a testament to their commitment. We also said goodbye to Jodie Singline, as her son finished as an u15 athlete. Jodie filled many positions during her time at NLWC and in her final season was our Education Officer and Champs Officer. Jodie made significant progress with our Tiny Tots and ASAP by creating lesson plans and overseeing them each week and led the parent information sessions to obtain 5 new officials.

This pre-season we hope to capitalise on the Olympic year and increase the numbers at our centre – overall we were down 10 athletes from the season before. We hope to build on our new identity of North Launceston White City Little Athletics Centre with some promotional activities. We also wish to continue using the SLAM season and sincerely hope that Peter McConnon stays available to facilitate this for us.

Upon reflection, it became apparent that by investing in our athletes by providing better coaching opportunities, additional officials to our Centre, a fantastic ground, the professional, helpful and united committee we were able to achieve something we never set out to – a real sense of comradery and respect for our Centre – our athletes and their families are proud to belong to our Centre. Evidence of this was apparent in our own end of season anonymous survey and at a time when the majority are “over it” and glad the season is at an end, we could have run for another 6 months on the positive energy!

Parent help was at an all-time high and even our first timers were taking on jobs that our seasoned parents had avoided for years but were now keen to take on. The level of comradery and respect both athletes and parents had for our rules, our centre and each other is phenomenal. Normally clubs hold their own end of season BBQs and trophy presentations however this season we held a joint BBQ with all clubs present and at the end of that BBQ we received 9 nominations for the 11 vacant positions on the NLWCLAC Committee for the 2012-2013 season and then each club filled all vacancies on their own Committees.

We are all excited about what the 2012-2013 season will bring for NLWCLAC.



Queenborough Little Athletics Centre

Scott Boucher

This season started with a targeted effort to make sure we could start at our ground, and on time. Negotiations with the council and soccer club proved successful, and for the first time in quite a few years, we started the season at our ground and on time.

With membership numbers falling each year for the past 3 years, we decided it was important to not only start on time, but to try and reach out to our local community and let people know the dates and some information about Little Athletics. With the promotional material provided by Little Athletics and some special offers of our own, we targeted all the primary schools in our area.

Early membership take up was good, and we attribute this to us offering a bike as a raffle prize to anyone who joined within the first 3 weeks. The numbers joining early were good, and we were confident of turning around our slide, which, in the end, we did nicely. The challenge after increasing numbers is to hold onto members and work to increase again the following year. It is important to listen to members, ask for their thoughts and continue to work and tweak our setup each season. To this end, our end of season survey provided valuable feedback from over half our membership.

The season ran very well, only a few meets were disturbed by rain. We had good numbers each week, and better than average entries into state meets. We still have the problem of retaining older athletes,

with only 1 this year in u14 and above, no u13 boys, no regular u13 girls and only 5 regular u12s. These numbers give those competing in the u12 levels at our centre little encouragement to continue with Little Athletics, and from conversations, I would expect to lose most of last season u12's .

This year being an Olympic year, and with a newly forming partnership between ourselves and Sandy Bay Harriers, our local senior club, we hope to take the next step forward, giving our athletes the opportunity to train and be coached by experts, and to show younger athletes the pathway to enjoying their athletics past their time in Little Athletics.

As most committee members understand, as we look forward to the next season of not seeing our own kids compete due to being busy elsewhere, the task at hand to get everything running smooth is large, and the help available is generally small, but the reward of seeing it all go to plan are massive.

Thanks to everyone who helps week in, week out and I will end with a quote of my own posted on our Facebook page, "...it's the time you give your kids, not time you take from yourself..."



St Helens Little Athletics Centre

Anita Haley

We have had a wonderful season this year again showing an improvement in numbers both on the ground and within our small committee. We had a total of 27 families enrolled this year and a regular core of about 25 parents attending each week. Our twilight sessions continue to be regularly attended and this has been a fabulous idea to help keep our numbers up and not compete with other sporting opportunities that arise on the east coast over the summer.

Our Annual Gold Medal Day continues to be a great success and an event we will continue next year. We would like to thank the other visiting clubs for making this a wonderful day, especially for the support as marshals and event managers. We are simply not big enough to run this event any more without this continued support.

We have spent a lot of time this year working on delegating jobs and responsibilities among our parents and this has created a sense of ownership and harmony that is essential for our club to grow. It is also lightens the load on the core committee members within our club.

Several of our families visited other clubs over the year and competed at TLAA events such as the Centre Competition Day in November, Walk Championships and Multi Event day in February and TLLA Championships in March. We hope to see our centre attending these events as a club, rather than individual competitors, in the 2012/13 Season.

Our biggest achievement this term has been our connection with the North East Little Athletics Centre. This involved both centres competing at our venues over the summer. This was well attended by both clubs and influential in developing connections between both communities but helping our club grow in terms of our committee structures and practices.

Our aim is to send 2 delegates to the TLAA conference in June and hope to use this opportunity to help build our club and familiarise ourselves with the workings of the TLLA. Through making connections with other clubs and sharing the way they run their clubs we hope to come away with a growing bank of ideas.

We had over 8 records broken this year and have some great athletic potential which makes it essential that our small club continue to grow and thrive. Our community is small, but also very committed in keeping our kids active and healthy in a world of growing obesity and inactivity. We would like to thank the TLAA for the continued support and patience with our club and look forward to an exciting and momentous 2012/13 Season.



South East Districts Little Athletics Centre

Mark Scott

Season 2011-12 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.

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.

Once again we were represented in the State Under 13 team, this year by Jemma Smith. Jemma, along with Sophie Scott, was also awarded a Continuous Participation certificate and it was great to see her persistence and hard work pay off.

Off the track we continue to build a sound foundation for our future, and the outstanding work of our committee and the support of our members and sponsors is to be commended.

With some help from Sorell Council we were finally able to install synthetic matting on our long jump runways and their ongoing support has been greatly appreciated by our members.

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 what has been my final year as President I would like to sincerely thank the TLAA and our Committee, Age Group Managers, parents and volunteers who have supported me over the past four years.



South Launceston Little Athletics Centre

Mick Halaby

In my first year as president, I would like to thank all members of the executive, board members, officers of the centre and club presidents /officials for their support in making this another successful year for our centre. It has been invaluable having last year's President, Dean Wadley, on the Executive to bounce ideas with using his extensive experience. My philosophy has been about moving the centre forward and always striving to improve on what is already a strong base. You will see from the following report that this aim has been realised in many ways but we must also acknowledge where there is room for improvement.

Our registration numbers remained high with over 300 registered athletes. In terms of numbers, there were three larger clubs and three smaller clubs. As a centre we need to work with those clubs to ensure there are plans in place to attract new members and thus increase the resource base for club duties. It was particularly pleasing to see a large group of U14/U15 athletes continue with us and great to see many of them helping our younger athletes and contributing to the centre. The concept of the Athletes Mentoring Athletes Program (AMAP) generated a great deal of interest initially but was difficult to schedule and therefore didn't fulfil expectations. This should be an area of focus for next season to mutually benefit our senior athletes and the U6-8 age groups they will be mentoring. The registration process was managed so well by our Registration Officer, Annette Hibbs, especially bearing in mind double data entry into two systems.

SLLAC has also introduced Sponsorship Packages for the first time this season with benefits offered depending on the level of sponsorship provided. There are three packages available for sponsors - Gold, Silver and Bronze. Thanks must go to our first Gold Sponsor – JJ Construction and also to Freestyle Fx for providing the sponsors banners. Rio Tinto (Bell Bay Aluminium) were a Silver Sponsor focusing their input for our multi event and providing a laptop for our ticket tent set up. There was interest from other local businesses and it is anticipated that more will come on board next season although this will be difficult in view of the current economic climate.

We were fortunate with the weather and only had to reschedule one of our 18 normal meets. In addition to those meets, we successfully completed our Centre Walks and Multi Event Championship, Australia Day at St Leonards and our three championship programs. All meets were professionally run with prescheduled programs which allowed athletes and parents to have an idea of when events are due to be held. This also allowed clubs to pre-allocate duties to individual parents. We introduced a new system for allocating some of the larger duties called the Centre Duty Pool System whereby pools of 10 people (allocated proportionally to club size) volunteered to take on either Finish Line, Ticket Tent or Distance Crew for the season. This ensured a small number of knowledgeable and experienced people were always available to run these aspects of the program. This worked particularly well and it is clear that this level of organisation and detailed planning is essential for a centre of our size.



Our weekly numbers were fairly consistent attracting an average of 240 athletes (excluding tiny tots) up to Christmas but then a reduction in the holiday period leading up to Centre Championships of approximately 180-200. Although the numbers returned to 250 for Centre Championships, we should look at ways of maintaining numbers during January and February with the possibility of meets on different days during this time. We also had a good representation at TLAA meets with over 100 athletes participating in the Regional Challenge and Southern All State. Unfortunately, the Northern All State was cancelled but we had similar numbers entered. SLLAC won the award for the highest number of athletes participating in the State Multi Event and Walks Championships which I believe is a reflection on the introduction of our own Centre Multi Event Championships introduced a couple of seasons ago. A disappointing aspect of participation at State meets was the numbers of relay teams we were able to enter. Although the event was in Hobart, it would be the expectation that we could field at least one team in each age group. This should be another focus area for us going into next season.

In addition to our own centre meets, we continued to offer the Australia Day Little Athletics meet which was well supported by over 100 local athletes. It was great to see a real sense of cooperation between parents from South and other centres enabling the athletes to have a great time in celebrating this occasion. We are also really proud to have introduced a Relayathon in Support of Ronald McDonald Charity House this season. The event was really well supported by many athletes and parents completing laps and was well organized by Nadine Coleman and Kellie Newman. Sponsorship from this event and the entry fee from the Australia Day meet meant that we were able to

donate nearly \$1,000 dollars to support this worthy cause.

Our centre was well represented at the State Championships with our athletes frequently climbing the podium. It is equally important that they did this with sportsmanship like qualities representing their centre with style. The high quality of athletes at SLLAC is recognised by the selection of 11 athletes in the State U13 team, two athletes in the State U15 Multi Event team in addition to a further three athletes in the U14 Australia Cup Team. Much of the credit for this should go to the clubs who have provided coaching and support for many of these athletes for a number of years. We are also proud that Sarah Stuart was selected as Captain of the girls' team, a job she performed with great talent.

Another new initiative this season was the highly successful Health Expo which received some good media coverage. Representatives from the Cancer Council, Tasmanian Podiatrist Association, Sports Medicine Australia and the Heart Foundation were on hand to discuss health issues related to competing in our sport. Local producers and retailers donated apples which enabled us to give an apple to each competing athlete as a symbol to reinforce healthy lifestyles.

Off the field there have been some additional highlights. The introduction of our documented by-laws has assisted the committee in knowing what to do as rules and procedures are documented in one place rather than relying on the knowledge of serving committee members to try and recall what was set in place a number of years ago. This is still work in progress as can be seen by the number of new or amended bylaws during the season.



We have again been successful in securing a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund. This grant was used to provide additional discus facilities on the back straight including a safety cage and also an additional 24 hurdles. The grant was made on the grounds of increasing participation due to greater safety and less waiting time between events due to additional resources. We are indebted to the continued support of the Tasmanian Community Fund.

On the fundraising front we had another successful year due to the canteen and our social function. Karen Markham did an amazing job in the canteen which included BBQs and canteen at Northern State meets. In total profits in excess of \$12,000 were made which has helped our centre tremendously. Our fundraiser was masterminded and coordinated by Michael Harris and Dean Wadley. This event consisted of a funny money night hosted by Life Member Terry Byrne combined with a last man standing draw. The total raised from this was \$4,600 but more importantly it was a great night enjoyed by all attendees. It is a pity that after the effort that goes into such a night, more people from the centre don't support these functions, especially those with athletes likely to benefit from some of the funds raised.

The financial position of our centre is very strong due to many of the factors detailed in this report. This has been extremely well managed by our treasurer Natalie Mayne who presents meticulous accounts every month in an easy to understand format. Natalie has determined that a pathway forward would be to manage our finances using MYOB as this will considerably reduce the time spent every week and month when producing reports.

Last season, we introduced a barcoding system which worked well once all athletes were allocated a barcode and was well suited to our needs at the time. However, there were a number of issues that meant that the barcodes and data base weren't the best solution for a Tasmanian Centre. Using this system caused a small number of people a considerable amount of time in terms of data handling and therefore the decision was made to solely use the SLAM system. The transition was fairly smooth and the time saved for Records and Ranking, Registrar and myself, together with the added functionality for Championships, made the switch a great move.

We have had some excellent publicity during the season, both in the local newspaper and also via our website. Brett Gillow has looked after these areas very efficiently and the update of the website has been fantastic. We also introduced Twitter which has been successfully used to alert members to important events. An area of opportunity for the coming season is to explore further electronic social communication media to ensure we keep in tune with changes in society.

It was with great pleasure that we inducted a new Life Member of SLLAC this season. Michael Walker has been so giving of his time for athletes at South over many years. Kaye Knee and Sue-Ellen Pinner were presented with Centre Service Awards recognising their contribution over the years and both are thoroughly deserving of this special award. Nicholas Mayne was the winner of the Chad Douglas Award for U9s and our U13 Sportsmanship Awards were won by Desh Rathore and Brooke Hibbs. Congratulations to all these athletes who exemplify the true spirit of these awards.

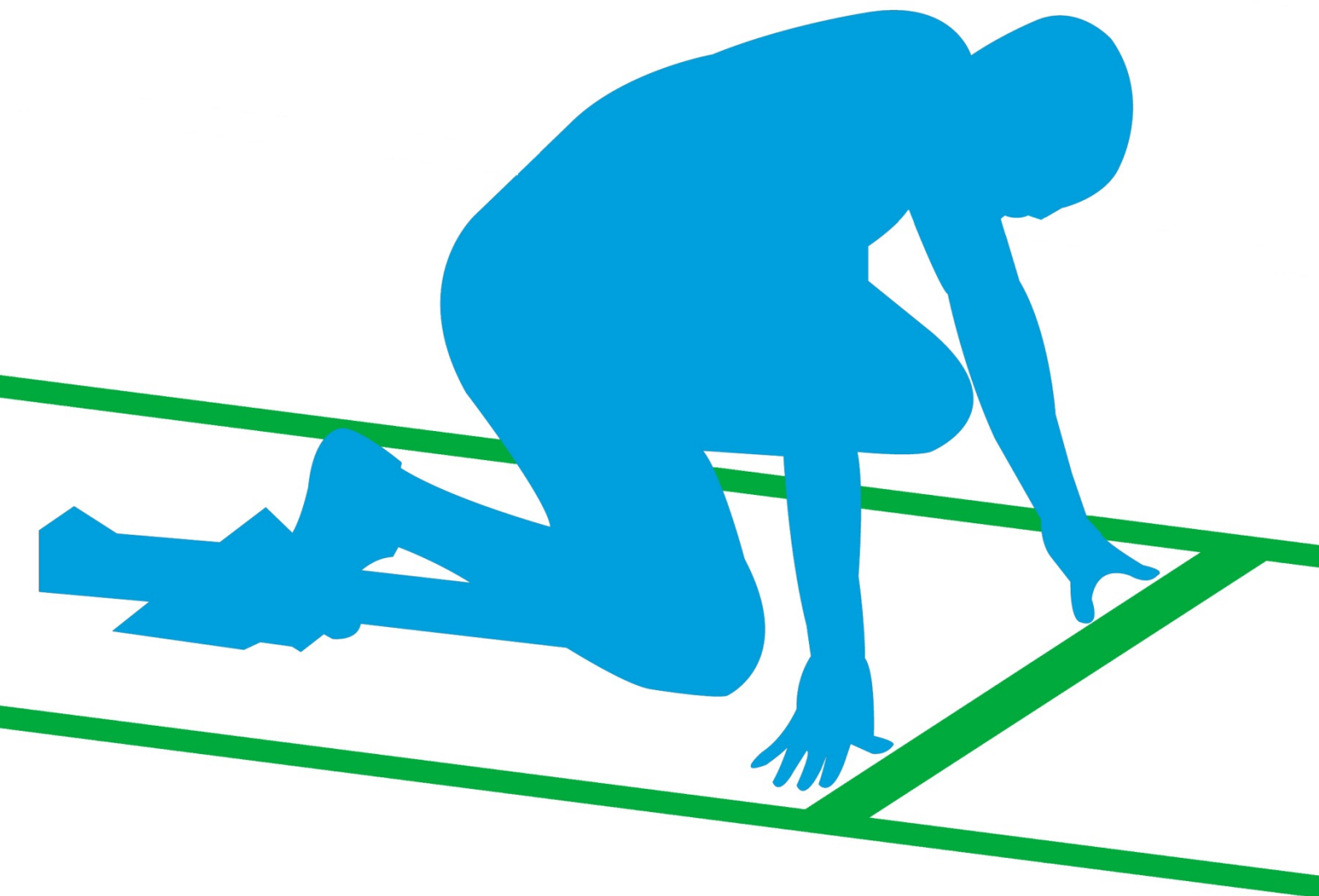


Off the field there have been some distractions which have taken time away from ongoing maintenance and improvement initiatives. A number of these involved 'Code of Behavior' issues and resulted in some penalties being imposed. In a centre with over 300 athletes and 170 families, there are always going to be situations where people disagree but we have to ensure that disagreement is handled appropriately and constructively. By taking the actions we have during the season, we have demonstrated as an executive that we will endeavor to ensure that all athletes, parents, coaches, officials and administrators are treated with respect and feel safe and welcome while participating at our centre. Moving forward we need to ensure that clubs take a greater responsibility in nipping any undesirable behavior in the bud before it escalates into significant issues requiring action at Centre level.

Having read through this report, there is no doubt that the Centre has moved forward during the year. It is essential if we are to flourish in a world where all sports are competing for members that we continue to look for ways to improve the product that we offer as we continue on the improvement journey.

Lastly, thanks to all the athletes – seeing you all try your hardest with smiles on your faces and friends nearby makes all the effort worthwhile.

Cross Country Reports





Southern Cross Country Report

Paul Mommers

Our season started with a run along Bellerive Beach. It was well attended with 31 athletes registering and 29 competing. One is new to little athletics. We currently have 36 registered athletes with at least 2 more, that we are aware of, still to register.

Thank you to Rhonda O'Sign for the pre-season Survey. It brought us to the attention of parents more so than other forms of advertising has in previous years. It also highlighted the diverse needs of those who showed interest in the cross country.

This season it was decided to charge an upfront fee of \$15.00 with no other registration fees charged throughout the season. This has allowed for quicker starts in the mornings and a smoother start to the competition. There have been no complaints to the cost. It has provided us with funds at the beginning of the season rather than waiting each week to build up the bank balance and has allowed us to purchase much needed equipment now. New equipment has meant less setting up time required allowing us to start earlier in the mornings that in turn has meant greater participation levels. We still rely heavily on borrowing equipment from Huon Valley Little Athletics Centre and thank them for their assistance. We estimate that we still need to spend at least \$700.00 on equipment before we can become self-reliant.

The Asics banners have been helpful to parents who are not familiar with our locations, making us easy to find but unfortunately are not wind friendly. They also provide us with a sense of professionalism. This is my 5th year with the cross country and one that I am enjoying the most so far. We have parents volunteering to assist with setting up which really hasn't happened before and there are plenty of parents helping to pack up and assist at the start/finish line.

We look forward to competing with Northern Cross Country at the State Championships and thank the Office for placing the results on the TLAA website.



Northern Cross Country Report

Christine Schenk

Our 2011 season concluded with 50 athletes competing on championship day. Our championship day aims to make every athlete feel like a winner. We recognise each athlete by having the usual 1st, 2nd & 3rd Medals, followed by place ribbons to 8th & competitor ribbons to all other competing athletes. We have Consistency, Encouragement, Sportsmanship & Presidents awards. Each eligible athlete receives a certificate with all their times printed and a group photo. With BBQ & drinks provided the day is very busy but also enjoyable with parents, guardians & extended family coming along to provide plenty of support.

Last season saw the inclusion of meets at Trevallyn Reserve & Mount George (George Town), these two meets have proven to be popular inclusions to our programme. It has been a focus this season to try and build on our committee, to ensure that we all have positive inputs to make sure that Cross country constantly improves.

This season we have sixty athletes registered so far, I feel these families will become our “constants” and remain for the entire season. Our new families are very keen showing great support for Cross country. At this stage we have 28 athletes who have done all four meets.

INDEPENDENTS: Last season we had thirteen who registered with us. Out of this thirteen, six have registered with a club and returned again this season, two were under 15's so could not return, one has returned but not yet registered, leaving only four who have not yet returned. However this season we have four new independent families who have already registered.

We have athletes competing from South Launceston, Launceston, North East & North Launceston- White City centres.

Our season started earlier so we could avoid the end of August. Last season a lot of eligible athletes could not make championship day due to Grand finals & other commitments. Hopefully having Championship Day on August 12th this season will allow all athletes to be able to compete.

It will also be an aim to have as many Northern athletes as possible competing at the State Championship Day at Campbell Town.