

2015 / 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION INC.



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Mission Statement

‘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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Health Partners

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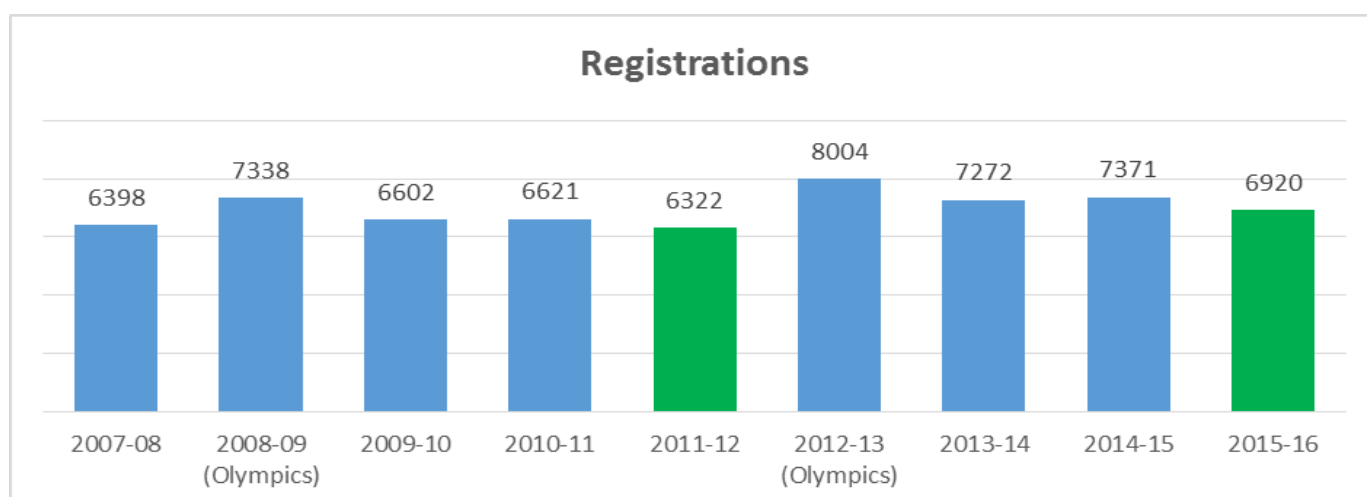
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I've been around Little Athletics for fourteen seasons now, the last four as a member of the Board of LASA. The last two years has seen massive change in our organisation. We've gone from manual registrations and paying everything by cash or cheque to fully online and electronic payments. A huge leap for any organisation let alone one that consists almost exclusively of volunteers!

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. The relationship between LASA and Athletics SA has gone from virtually non-existent to one of intense collaboration. This season has seen more joint athletic meets, the convergence to a single group of Officials, the continued success of the Athletics Academy and historic joint meetings of the two Boards. Thanks to Adam Bishop, Joe Stevens and both Boards for supporting these initiatives.

And watch this space. We now have Little Athletics and seniors clubs talking mergers and making the One Club model come to fruition. One Sport is not just some esoteric vision; it's really starting to happen out there. Athletics Australia has developed a fresh and vital vision for the sport for the next 10 years that will see even more exciting changes as it is implemented. I predict a great future for Athletics, if the fragmentation and mistrust that existed in the past can finally be put to bed and everyone works together for the betterment of the sport. I firmly believe that can happen.



Registrations tend to follow a 4 year cycle in line with the Olympics and Commonwealth Games. As is the trend, registrations were down 6% this year. This drop is in line with the same period in 2011-12. However numbers are still up 9% on that equivalent period. 2016-17 should see a large increase, particularly as the Olympics will be held immediately before our season begins.

This season has been the first operating under the new constitution. It has been refreshing to be able to focus more on strategy rather than operational issues. This year we also welcomed three new members, Nadia Blake, Andrew Gosling and Peter Gayen. Along with existing members Stephen Camilleri, David Baker and Greg Peterson, I would like to thank the Board for a very positive and productive season. I would also like to thank Life Member and Little Aths stalwart, Wendy Beiseigel for taking the minutes for us at each Board Meeting (plus providing all the other support to Sue and the team throughout the year).



PRESIDENTS REPORT - IAIN CARLIN

The Board has recently developed and approved a new Strategic Plan. Unlike the wordy plans of the past, it is concise and to the point, laying out our vision, values and key pillars for the next 4 years. It's refreshing and modern and I would encourage Centres to review the plan and develop their own strategic visions to align with that endorsed by the Board.

From an operational perspective, Little Athletics has seen some great initiatives in the past season including new events such as the State Challenge and Whole Kids State Carnivals. Our development team delivered the LAPS program to over 40,000 primary school children. Our marketing program has been extremely successful, selling out of product before the campaign was due to be completed and will be continuing that next season. There are also plans to focus on the 'family' aspect of Little Athletics in our promotional materials.

This year it was SALAA's turn to host the Australian Little Athletics Championships. Thankfully ALACs only comes around every 7 years because the effort involved in planning and running the event, whilst rewarding, is also exhausting. A big thank you to Trevor Orman, the organising committee, the officials and other volunteers for putting on what was a stunning day of competition (helped immensely by the fabulous weather!). We raised the bar and received many compliments on how spectacular the stadium looked and how smoothly things ran. And to cap it off we took home the Alan Triscott Trophy for only the second time! It will remain a highlight of my time on the Board - well done to all involved.

We couldn't deliver these events and programs without staff. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the extremely hard working office team, ably led by Sue Bowman. To Steven, Brittany, Stephanie, Meg and Daniel, a huge thank you for all those hours in the office, but also outside and on weekends to make the season such a success.

Leading every great team is a great leader. I'm proud to say that I was on the panel that interviewed and selected Sue Bowman for the role of CEO. At the time I said that Sue was the best candidate, and that she would challenge us both as a Board and an organisation. Sue has been the driver behind taking SALAA into the 21st century and opening us up to new and exciting opportunities. Yes, it has sometimes been challenging, but we needed a good shake up! On behalf of everyone in the Little Athletics family, thank you Sue for your passion and belief in this organisation.

Thank you to our sponsors and partners. This year we welcomed two brand new major sponsors that are extremely compatible with the Little Athletics brand. The relationship with Health Partners has been very positive for both organisations and we hope to maintain that for many years to come. Whole Kids also came on board as the age group sponsor, but have elected not to renew for the coming season. Thanks also to Blackchrome as a valued supporter and preferred supplier of apparel. Please show your support for our state sponsors and take advantage of the benefits they offer.

I would also like to thank the national sponsors in Jetstar Australia, Asics and V Insurance for their continued support of Little Athletics.



PRESIDENTS REPORT - IAIN CARLIN

The South Australian Government provides valuable funding to Little Athletics through the Office of Recreation and Sport. ORS provides grants such as Active Club to Centres as well as project based assistance at a stage level. We are very grateful for their ongoing assistance with the Pathways program as well as new funding we were successful in obtaining for Risk Management, Volunteers and Tiny Tots initiatives next season.

Lastly, thank you to the officials, coaches, parents and athletes that are the foundation of Little Athletics. Your passion and contribution to this sport often goes un-rewarded, but it is not un-noticed. The Board cannot thank you enough for everything you do.

When I joined the Board, I had in my mind three goals that I wanted to achieve. To have sponsors that are compatible with the ethos of the sport; to see surplus funds be reinvested in the sport before raising fees; and that there be an understanding of what constitutes a reasonable level of retained funds (and why). While I didn't personally drive that agenda, it's good to see that those things have come to fruition.

So we've come a long way, and there's still a lot to do. I find myself at a personal cross roads. I am over-committed to so many roles, not just Little Athletics, to the point that I'm rarely ever home. You can only do that for so long before you have to take stock and ask what is most important to you. After much reflection and discussion I have decided to step down from the Board. It's been a great experience. I've learned a lot, had a lot of fun and worked with some great people in this organisation. I will watch from the sidelines with interest as the next chapters unfold in the Little Athletics story (ok, I might occasionally pick up a rake or tape and help).

It would take pages for me to thank everyone I have met on this journey; however I want to make a special mention. Greg Peterson was one of the very first people I met in Little Aths. Greg is the Guru! So many times he has been a great source of knowledge and advice. He has the patience of a saint, the knowledge of an encyclopaedia and an immense passion for Athletics. The hours he puts in and sacrifices he makes for this sport are simply astounding and we have a lot to thank Greg for. I am personally very much indebted to you Greg. Thank you.

On that note, that's a wrap. I've enjoyed my time on the Board and I wish you all every success in the future. See you out on the track.

As always, my final message is this – remember, at the end of the day, it's all about the kids!



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT - SUE BOWMAN

It has been a very busy year for us here in the office. The roll out of new programs, welcoming two new sponsors and working closely with our external stakeholders has kept us very much on our toes.

We have also had quite a challenging time with the IMG database which has caused frustration for all concerned on the operational side, whether it has been here in our office or at centre level. After much discussion and collaboration with various Centres, our Board has endorsed us to work with a new provider to tailor a suitable database for use here in SA. It is our intention to roll this new database out slowly and methodically over the coming months with a goal of being transitioned over by early next year.

During the season, SALAA also completed extensive research on members through the Membership Survey, and Centres through the Health Checks. This research will be vital in creating a new strategic vision for next year, as we look to build our membership and retention rates of athletes, coaches and officials.

Our work with ASA and the Office of Recreation and Sport in respect to the new focus of a one sport model has been very exciting and challenging at the same time. I am very pleased with the progress that has been achieved in such a short space of time. Much of the hard work has been led by Bridget Senyszyn, joint Pathways Coordinator. We are very fortunate to have Bridget working in this space. We would not have achieved the results we have today without her enthusiasm and drive to make change. I can assure the Little Athletics Community that we are very much working with the best interest of the Athletes going forward. We will be methodical and transparent in our approach and have every intention of working closely with each Centre as we progress.

I have to once again say that I am extremely blessed with an amazing team of staff. The energy and commitment that is put in from these individuals is second to none.

To top this off I have to say to my Board, "Thank you" you are one of the most passionate and proactive Boards I have ever had the privilege to serve. I have never seen a harder working and more committed group of people in my working life. It is very reassuring that we have this level of commitment at the helm of our organisation. Finally to Iain Carlin, I will personally miss you very much. You have been a dynamic, yet humble President and amazing support to me and the rest of the Board over the past year. You will go down in history as one of the best Presidents this Association has ever seen. Thank you for steering us in a great new direction.

There has been some great new initiatives and continuation of current programs throughout the year. We look forward to a very bright future in the sport of Little Athletics.

The Program & Events team for the 2015/2016 season consisted of Steven Marotti (Program & Events Manager), Brittany Winter (Events Coordinator) and Greg Peterson (Competition Director). This season was by far one of the busiest seasons to date, but the team were certainly proud of what they were able to achieve! There was the creation of new programs such as the SA Athletics Academy, Tiny Tots Program and a September-October School Holiday Clinic, and there was also the inclusion of 3 new events to the season calendar to provide greater state competition opportunities for athletes of all ages. The organisation also had the privilege of hosting the Australian Little Athletics Championships (ALAC) in Adelaide on Sunday, April 24th 2016. It was fantastic for everyone to be involved in delivering a national event that is only held in Adelaide every 7 years.



PROGRAMS

LITTLE ATHLETICS PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS (LAPS)

The LAPS program is one of the organisations major marketing campaigns to promote and introduce Little Athletics to children from primary schools and kindergartens/preschools. In 2015, Little Athletics SA set a target of seeing 40,000 children throughout the year, after achieving 23,518 children in 2014. Through the wonderful efforts of our Development Officers, they successfully achieved the set target by seeing a total of 42,481 children. This included visits to 142 primary schools and 58 kindergartens throughout South Australia.

SA ATHLETICS ACADEMY

The Academy consolidated the Little Athletics Squad LA and Star Squads, and the Athletics SA Youth Academy into a single development stream, consisting of the Bronze, Silver, Gold and the Target Talent Program (TTP) squads. A total of 103 athletes were registered with the Bronze, Silver or Gold Squads, as well as 35 athletes within the TTP squad. The program ran monthly for 9 months.

Athletics SA and Little Athletics SA were fortunate to receive a \$3,300 grant from the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS), to financially and professionally support four young and developing coaches, to be mentored and assist the key coaches within the Academy.

The SA Athletics Academy has received significant assistance and encouragement from the ORS and the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI), who supported the pilot with staff members and equipment for the initial fitness testing sessions, as well as psychology, nutrition and physiotherapy presenters for the theory sessions.

Many thanks are extended to the Academy coaches, as well as the athletes within the Academy for a successful pilot year. In 2016, the Academy will be reviewed and expanded, with new implementations to ensure both organisations are continually supporting the development of junior athletes within South Australia.

TINY TOTS PROGRAM

The Tiny Tots Program was a newly established program in 2015. It was a 7-week introductory and developmental program for 3-5 year old children, which was conducted in the lead up to the start of the 2015/2016 track and field season. The primary aim of the program was to develop the children's fundamental movement skills (i.e. running, jumping, and throwing), whilst showcasing the sport of Little Athletics.

A total of 83 children participated in the program at 9 different sessions and locations around metropolitan Adelaide. Of the 83 children, 70 had never participated in Little Athletics before. The feedback received from parents was very positive and by the conclusion of the program, almost 50% of the Tiny Tots Program participants registered with a Little Athletics centre for the 2015/2016 season. Even though the program had the potential to grow further, we are directing this focus into a new Tiny Tots coaching resource for Centres.

HOLIDAY CLINICS

For the first time, Little Athletics SA had a holiday clinic in the September-October school holidays break. Our Holiday Fun Clinic was all about the participants experiencing the wonderful track and field events that Little Athletics offers through fun game-based activities. We had two sessions offered – one for U6-U8's and another for U9-U13's. Overall, we had 113 children participate in the clinics.

The yearly Little Athletics SA January clinic was combined with Athletics SA for 2016. The Dream. Believe. Achieve. Development Clinic was provided for U6-U8's and U9-U18's, with coaching delivered by some of South Australia's best up and coming coaches. The athletes were even fortunate enough to have a guest appearance from young South Australian Pole Vault sensation, Kurtis Marschall, who give up his own time to discuss his experiences from Little Athletics to Senior Athletics, and his aim to qualify for the 2016 Rio or 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Overall, we had 148 athletes participate in the clinics.



EVENTS

MCDONALDS CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country season consisted of eleven Centres each volunteering to host a weekly meet throughout the months of May to July. Numbers were consistently high at each meet, which contributed to an increased number of athletes who competed at the Championship Event – hosted by Hills Little Athletics Centre at Heathfield High School Oval. We congratulate Tea Tree Gully Little Athletics Centre who won both the boys and girls Champion Centre shields.

COUNTRY GAMES (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS THE REGIONAL GAMES)

Prior to the start of the season, Little Athletics SA announced that Country Centres would be determined as those that are more than 75km from Adelaide. So following this revised structure and name change, it was released that only the four Country regions would participate in this structured interclub event, allowing for athletes to compete locally, against other athletes in their region.

JETSTAR SA STATE CLASSIC (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS PERSONAL BEST DAY)

This event provides all athletes with an opportunity to compete and achieve personal best results at SA Athletics Stadium in their favourite events. It was one of the Associations most successful events of the season with a great number of athletes involved from all age groups. Thank you to all the Centre volunteers who assisted our officials in ensuring the athletic events ran smoothly and on time throughout the day.

WHOLE KIDS STATE CARNIVAL

The State Carnivals for Tiny Tots to Under 8's and Under 9 to Under 12's were two of our newly established events. These events catered for athletes in the younger age groups so they could be introduced to the track in a relaxed environment. They also were able to enjoy the carnival activities with face painting and a bouncy castle after they finished their athletic events. The TT to U8 carnival, held in December, gave the young athletes a chance to participate in a rotation of events, with more of a coaching focus, as opposed to performance based. The second carnival held in February for U9 to U12 athletes, allowed them to compete at the stadium in a range of track and field events in preparation for the upcoming State Individual Championships.

STATE MULTI-EVENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

To further strengthen our relationship with Athletics SA, it was agreed that the Multi-Event Championships were to be conducted over two days in mid-January and become our first ever joint Championship event held at the SA Athletics Stadium. Although there were challenges internally with differences in age groups and technical rules and specifications for the athletes within the joint age groups, to the general public, the event seemed seamless! A total of 652 athletes between the Under 9 to Under 18 age group completed in the joint Multi Event Championships over the two days in January 2016.

Some examples of the positive feedback from the Championship Event so far have been around how great the event looked, with so many extra participants involved. It was also great to see many of the younger athletes watching the older athletes compete.



HEALTH PARTNERS STATE RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

As this team based event continues to create Centre camaraderie, athletes worked together to achieve and support their respective Centre. This season 31 Centres were represented, with a total of 560 teams entered in the Championships. Henley Districts won both the Pam Sard Champion Centre Trophy and the Lou Moyes most Improved Centre Trophy, whilst the March Past Trophy was won by Mid Coast. Thank you to Health Partners for their wonderful involvement on the day and we look forward to their continued involvement in this event for the next couple of years.

STATE CHALLENGE

A new State event, open to athletes in the Under 9 to Under 15 age groups, provided 232 athletes, competing in a total of 843 events, with a chance to compete in a State event at SA Athletics Stadium. The event received great feedback from all involved following its first year, and we certainly look forward to building on the event for next season.

STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The event commenced a day earlier on the Friday night to allow the Walk events to be the sole focus, with the rest of the athletic events occurring on the Saturday and Sunday. This pinnacle Championship event saw 846 athletes qualify and participate in 2,553 events over the weekend. We congratulate both Male and Female Athletes of the Meet, Jadyn Elsworthy (Hills) and Zoe Palmer (Golden Grove) on their performances.

Throughout the season, we continued to build our relationship with SAPSASA and assist them in providing officials for the SAPSASA Cross Country Championships and State Track & Field Championships. SAPSASA have been an excellent support of Little Athletics SA and we will continue to work with them closely.

Little Athletics SA events rely on the support of officials and volunteers to ensure events run smoothly so the athletes can have an enjoyable experience. Thank you to all those who gave up their time to assist at our events as without you, the events can't run! Also, we wish to acknowledge the athletes and their families, coaches, club administrators, and all other stakeholders for their support.

OFFICIATING AND COACHING DEVELOPMENT

OFFICIALS

During the year, the Australian Athletics Officials' Education Scheme developed by both Athletics Australia and Little Athletics Australia was released, and adopted by both South Australian state organisations. The scheme provides one seamless and transparent pathway for all athletics officials, regardless of their affiliation with either Little Athletics SA or Athletics SA, from Tiny Tots right through to the international level.

An inaugural joint officials meeting was held during the year, to discuss how both organisations can successfully support our officials into the new scheme. Since the rollout of the new joint scheme, two Level 1 practical officials' seminars and a Walks seminar were held for 32 participants.

In the coming year, both organisations will continue to work together to support officials, as they adapt and progress into the new joint scheme, as well as encouraging more athletes and volunteers to undertake officiating education and accreditation. This will be a significant area of focus in 2016 for the pathways area.

The coming season will bring new and unique challenges to the area of Pathways, as well as maintaining the enthusiasm and impetus already underway. Above all, the main focus will be to encourage participation and competition, ensuring we are able to satisfy an ever-increasing demand for volunteers and officials, to ensure our athletes continue to enjoy athletics... *'in a fun and inclusive environment, for life'*.

COACHING

The past 12 months have been a rather progressive year for Coaching within Little Athletics SA, with exactly 100 participants completing the new Introduction to Coaching Course (ITCC). 7 courses were held within this period; 5 in metropolitan Adelaide, and 3 in the regional areas of Port Augusta, Port Lincoln and Naracoorte. 27 Little Athletics Centres were represented in these courses.

There is still significant growth possible with the ITCC in the coming year, as well as the pathway for participants to continue on their coaching with the Athletics Australia framework. Feedback from the ITCC has been extremely positive, with many wanting to now further their coaching accreditation and development.

South Australian Little Athletics Association INC.

2015 / 16 REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED

METRO CENTRES	GIRLS	BOYS	2015 / 16	2014 / 15
Adelaide Eagles	103	100	203	227
Barossa Valley	57	68	125	156
Campbelltown	67	48	115	87
Eastern Districts	144	168	312	287
Elizabeth	37	32	69	63
Enfield	61	79	140	176
Flinders	38	59	97	133
Gawler	45	58	103	122
Golden Grove	104	125	229	221
Hallett Cove	83	107	190	202
Henley Districts	156	162	318	359
Hills	112	126	238	273
Ingle Farm	34	29	63	97
Lyndoch & Districts	56	68	124	135
Magill	93	104	197	188
Mid Coast	85	85	170	188
Mt Barker	78	83	161	191
Munno Para	39	50	89	83
Noarlunga	56	62	118	129
Plympton	65	86	151	175
Reynella East	47	71	118	174
Salisbury	28	40	68	77
Salisbury East	48	79	127	165
South Coast	68	85	153	184
Southern Districts	125	132	257	254
Southern Hills	103	114	217	191
Strathalbyn & Districts	20	30	50	-
Tea Tree Gully	112	103	215	264
Torrens Valley	31	44	75	88
West Lakes	154	171	325	318
Woodville	75	104	179	199
METRO TOTAL	2,324	2,672	4,996	4342

2015 / 16 REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED

COUNTRY CENTRES	GIRLS	BOYS	2015 / 16	2014 / 15
Adelaide Plains	6	5	11	14
Bordertown	37	34	71	42
Broken Hill	19	19	38	-
Central Eyre - Wudinna	22	17	39	50
CYP Maitland	32	16	48	50
Far West - Ceduna	36	47	83	82
Limestone Coast	19	30	49	53
Mannum	11	14	25	40
Mid North - Clare	40	43	83	75
Mildura & Districts	86	115	201	186
Millicent	31	27	58	72
Mount Gambier	103	113	216	200
Murray Bridge	30	31	61	80
Naracoorte	52	65	117	114
NYP Kadina	52	71	123	153
Penola	59	61	120	110
Port Augusta	61	66	127	142
Port Lincoln	33	35	68	48
Roxby Downs	36	45	81	-
Riverland - Barmera	20	34	54	82
- Loxton	40	13	53	57
SYP Minlaton	33	23	56	65
Tennant Creek	11	10	21	57
Waikerie	26	31	57	52
Whyalla	32	32	64	82
Country Total	927	997	1,924	1,994

On Sunday the 24th of April 2016 the South Australian Little Athletics Association participated in the ASICS Australian Little Athletics Championships which were held at SA Athletics Stadium in Adelaide.

The team that was selected to represent our state comprised of 26 under 13 athletes & 6 under 15 athletes that were chosen from a performance based criteria which would give South Australia the best possible chance in converting performances into points.

2016 State Team representatives consisted of:

UNDER 13 STATE TEAM

TJ Afungia (HD), Sophie Barr (TTG), Ernie Brown (P), Max Coorey (HD), Joe Cross (ED), Lucy Doney (ED), Sam Dukalskis (MtG), Molly Farmer (HD), Claire Ferguson (TTG), Jack Gibbins (G), Noah Goldie (ED), Kurt Gonzales (MB), James Hackett (SH), Olivia Hastings (SD), Tate Manning (BV), Tamsyn Murdoch (GG), Lexi Panagiotidis (HD), Madeline Roos (En), Aidan Ross (F), Olivia Sandery (ED), Hailey Siebert (WL), Jarman Sigal (SD), Talisha Skein (GG), Jesse Temme (ED), Kane Viska (SD) and Jade Walas (SE)

UNDER 15 MULTI-EVENT TEAM

Lachlan Burrows (F), Quillen Economou (Wv), Lucy Elsworthy (BV), Drae Hopkins (NYP), Noah Miles (M) and Ruby Sulicich (SD)

On behalf of the State Team personnel, we extend our appreciation to the SALAA Board of Directors for the opportunity to be part of a successful 2016 South Australian Track & Field State Team.

Cathy Lambert and Bruce Smith

STATE TEAM COACHES

Jane Sternagel and Daniel Mikic

STATE TEAM MANAGERS

Brittany Winter

STATE TEAM ADMINISTRATOR

In the lead up to the ASICS Australian Little Athletics Championships, athletes were expected to attend compulsory training sessions and participate in a range of activities, developed to assist them individually but help them work together as a team. It was wonderful to see that by the final team training session on Sunday 17th April, everyone was focused and excited for the challenge ahead.

On Thursday 21st of April, the team arrived at SA Athletics Stadium for a light training session before travelling directly to the hotel, where athletes were assigned rooms and got changed for dinner at Glenelg. The next day, athletes were divided into four groups, led by a State Team Coach or Manager, as they competed in the 'Amazing race around Adelaide', exploring the central markets, participating in a range of challenges and locating various landmarks.

After a busy day Saturday, the athletes spent the morning at the movies followed by lunch at a nearby café. The team then travelled to SA Athletics Stadium for Facilities and Track familiarisation scheduled to commence at 3.15pm. From the track, athletes got ready for a team meal at Fasta Pasta, where they fuelled up, before arriving back at the hotel for one final team meeting.

An early start to the morning of competition, had the team eating breakfast at 6.00am, before travelling by bus to the track for the Opening Ceremony of the 2016 ASICS Australian Athletics Championship. The day went extremely well with all management fulfilling their duties and athletes achieving fantastic results, while also making sure to support their fellow teammates when they could. The championships concluded with a wonderful closing ceremony, followed by an after competition function for athletes and their families, to celebrate the successes of the day.

Completing another successful ASICS Australian Little Athletics Championships with a total of eight medals (1 Gold, 4 Silver, and 3 Bronze) and many Personal Best performances achieved, we could not be prouder of each athlete and how they conducted themselves.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WONDERFUL TEAM ON BRINGING HOME THE ALAN TRISCOTT HANDICAP TROPHY FOR THE SECOND TIME IN HISTORY!



The South Australian Little Athletics Association presents its financial report for the 2015/16 season.

This season marks the culmination of a three year strategy to utilise Association resources to invest in the future of little athletics in South Australia. The goal of this strategy was to increase participation numbers which was achieved this season with a 10% growth in athlete numbers over a four year comparison period.

The revamped state events also resulted in an increase in competitors at SA Athletics Stadium.

Improvements in the delivery of athlete development initiatives also resulted in increased participation in development clinics and the launch of the Coaching Athletics Program for Primary Schools (CAPPS) in South Australia.

The introduction of our first fundraising program has offset some of the costs of the current year which will allow for future investment in an inclusion program for para-athletes to even further drive participation numbers and we are grateful to those that have supported this cause.

This growth could not have been achieved without incurring costs to professionally run the association to support the fantastic work of our volunteers.

This season also saw the Association contribute to the successful hosting of the Australian Little Athletics Championships in South Australia.

We look forward to the 2016/17 season which will build on the achievements of this season and see further improvements in athlete development programs, state competitions and member support balanced with financial responsibility to secure the financial future of the Association.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
INCOME			
ADMINISTRATION			
Affiliation Fees		3,564	3,109
Conference Levies		6,286	5,527
Donations		14,935	68
Equipment Hire Services		2,691	2,500
Interest		9,258	22,294
Other Income		4,288	-
Registration Fees		300,909	284,080
Grants		50,000	30,000
Grants - Temporary Change Room		16,002	17,540
LAA Funding		32,000	19,195
Sponsorship		60,500	46,579
		500,433	430,892
MARKETING			
Commission		11,421	17,993
Fundraising		305,503	-
LAA Funding		30,795	-
Sponsorship		-	7,500
		347,719	25,493
COMPETITION & TECHNICAL			
Achievement Award Sales		-	3,081
ALAC Program Book Sales		455	-
ALAC Uniform Subsidy		3,277	-
Canteen Proceeds		4,486	8,300
Nomination Fees		58,599	30,273
Merchandise Sales		1,886	1,318
State Team Levies		23,273	31,432
Grants		-	50,000
LAA Funding		46,644	-
Sponsorship		-	15,000
		138,620	139,404
DEVELOPMENT			
AIS Camp		-	10,350
Athletics Academy Fees		11,730	4,472
Holiday Development Clinic Fee		14,369	9,759
Introduction to Coaching Fees		4,209	-
Officials Course Fees		786	-
Paid Coaching Fees		4,605	-
LAPS Programme Services		50,975	30,576
Tiny Tots Program Fees		5,627	-
Grants		3,000	-
LAA Funding		25,000	25,000
Sponsorship		1,500	7,500
		121,802	87,657
TOTAL INCOME		1,108,574	683,446

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2016 cont.

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
EXPENDITURE			
ADMINISTRATION			
Age Group Tags & LAA Tickets		3,720	2,605
Audit Fees		4,000	7,450
Bank Charges & Merchant Fees		494	357
Board & General Office Exp		7,153	6,777
Centre Awards & Travel Grants		6,242	954
Computer Software & Maintenance		5,178	2,251
Conference		12,779	21,630
Depreciation		21,834	24,553
Electricity		2,028	1,977
Fringe Benefits Tax		1,668	1,955
Human Resource Expense		2,841	2,452
Insurance & Levies - LAA		83,628	87,373
Legal Costs		1,500	-
Memberships & Subscriptions		300	3,223
Minor Equipment		960	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses		1,693	670
Online Registration Fees		13,417	12,058
Photocopier Maintenance		-	2,558
Postage & Freight		2,675	2,467
Registration & Result Books		6,183	7,131
Registration Numbers		6,375	6,350
Rental of Office		12,003	9,891
Repairs, Maint. & Cleaning		2,844	1,038
Research & Consultants		14,231	30,000
Stationery & Printing		6,415	3,673
Sundry		1,121	651
Telephone & Internet		6,870	5,564
Temporary Change Room Costs		16,002	17,540
Travel & Accommodation		14,230	5,599
Uniforms		1,211	1,058
Salaries & Wages		314,734	162,096
Superannuation		28,664	15,349
Staff Training		3,272	4,098
Staff Leave		15,317	8,299
Workcover		2,170	1,207
Work, Health & Safety		1,800	-
		625,552	460,854
MARKETING			
Advertising		25,707	29,013
Fundraising		249,915	-
Promotional		1,304	2,612
Sponsor Proposal & Recognition		61	85
Stationary & Printing		660	-
Sundry		77	-
Research & Consultants		3,035	-
Salaries & Wages		9,779	-
Superannuation		866	-
WorkCover		66	-
		291,470	31,710

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2016 cont.

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
EXPENDITURE			
COMPETITION & TECHNICAL			
Bus Hire		-	2,091
ALA Championships		51,989	71
Achievement Award Scheme		-	2,916
Centre Awards & Travel Grants		-	2,400
Catering		5,649	-
Certificates		2,627	2,684
First Aid		2,338	1,798
Medals, Badges & Trophies		10,961	13,146
Minor Equipment		1,397	287
Photographs / Photo finish		1,375	-
Repairs & Consumables		633	-
Stationary & Printing		1,878	1,065
Security Services		378	4,158
Stadium Hire		25,483	27,355
State Team		23,657	3,653
Sundry		6,339	9,996
Travel & Accommodation		396	27,742
Uniforms		1,358	5,339
Wages & Salaries		2,938	-
Superannuation		462	-
Staff Training		81	320
WorkCover		349	-
		140,288	105,021
DEVELOPMENT			
AIS Camp		-	10,350
Athletics Academy		9,632	4,661
Centre Awards & Travel Grants		-	500
Holiday Development Clinic		3,856	3,404
Introduction to Coaching		4,550	3,145
Officials Costs		3,099	789
Tiny Tots Program		5,692	-
Minor Equipment		1,197	485
Motor Vehicle Allowance		6,234	3,300
Motor Vehicle Expenses		3,779	3,859
Sundry		164	-
Travel & Accommodation		3,416	4,189
Uniforms		262	-
Wages & Salaries		59,332	81,878
Superannuation		6,160	7,843
Staff Training		919	2,957
Workcover		868	771
		109,160	128,131
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,166,470	725,716
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(57,896)	(42,270)
Retained surplus at the beginning of the financial year		557,120	599,390
Retained Surplus at the end of the financial year		499,224	557,120

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 APRIL 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	518,893	622,755
Receivables		52,964	1,267
Inventories	3	23,412	1,369
Other		589	3,306
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		595,858	628,697
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and Equipment	4	100,044	104,764
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		100,044	104,764
TOTAL ASSETS		695,902	733,461
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	5	68,157	19,279
Grants Received in Advance	6	15,490	17,540
Fees Received in Advance	7	22,144	-
Provisions	8	29,086	13,768
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		134,877	50,587
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Grants Received in Advance	6	61,801	125,754
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		61,801	125,754
TOTAL LIABILITIES		196,678	176,341
NET ASSETS		499,224	557,120
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Retained Surplus		499,224	557,120
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		499,224	557,120

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2016

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and Regulations* of South Australia. The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes.

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

a. Income Tax

The association is a sporting body for taxation purposes and has been granted an exemption from income tax by the Commissioner of Taxation under Division 50 of the ITAA 1997.

b. Revenue and Other Income

Revenue from fees and levies are recognised when the registration, affiliation or entry is received.

Revenue from sponsorships is recognised when the association obtains control over the right to receive cash or other assets under the terms of the sponsorship agreement.

Revenue from grants, funding and donations are recognised when the association obtains control over the funds, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the funds will flow to the association and the amount can be measured reliably. If conditions are attached to the funds before the association obtains control, the recognition of the funds as income will be deferred until the conditions are satisfied.

Revenue from the sale of goods and provision of services is recognised when the goods and services, including fundraising, are delivered or provided complete.

Interest revenue is recognised when the right to receive the interest is established.

Commissions and canteen revenue are recognised when received.

Revenue and other income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

c. Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount is greater than the estimated recoverable amount the carrying amount is written down to the estimated recoverable amount and the impairment loss is recognised as an expense. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when there are indicators that an asset may be impaired. Recoverable amount is higher of the assets fair value less cost of disposal and its value in use.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if necessary at the end of each reporting period.

From 1 May 2012, sporting and non-sporting equipment has been depreciated. The previous treatment was to capitalise initial purchases, and expense replacements in the year of purchase.

Gains or losses on disposal of plant and equipment is determined by comparing the net proceeds with the carrying value and are recognised in income or expenditure when the item is derecognised.

d. Payables

Trade creditors and accruals represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received that remain unpaid.

e. Employee Benefit Provisions

Provision is recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period.

Employee benefit provision have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. These amounts are disclosed as current liability as the association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability beyond 12 months of the end of the financial year, even if it is not expected that the liability will be settled within the next year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2016 cont.

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES cont.

f. Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). Receivables and Payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivable or payables in the Balance Sheet.

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	518,893	172,755
Term Deposits	-	450,000
	<u>518,893</u>	<u>622,755</u>

NOTE 3: INVENTORY

Promotional Stock	6,488	224
Development Officer Stock	1,422	1,145
Fundraising Goods	15,502	-
	<u>23,412</u>	<u>1,369</u>

NOTE 4: PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Office Equipment - at Cost	53,199	43,725
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(34,072)</u>	<u>(28,776)</u>
	19,127	14,949
Office Furniture & Fittings - at Cost	21,740	21,740
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(18,929)</u>	<u>(18,226)</u>
	2,811	3,514
Motor Vehicles - at Costs	63,009	63,009
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(23,324)</u>	<u>(13,403)</u>
	39,685	49,606
Sporting Equipment - at Cost	27,920	26,197
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(11,942)</u>	<u>(9,116)</u>
	15,978	17,081
Non-Sporting Equipment - at Cost	36,659	30,742
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(14,216)</u>	<u>(11,128)</u>
	22,443	19,614
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>100,044</u>	<u>104,764</u>

NOTE 5: PAYABLES

Trade Creditors	40,363	11,153
Accruals	<u>27,794</u>	<u>8,126</u>
	68,157	19,279

NOTE 6: GOVERNMENT GRANTS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

Current		
Temporary Changeroom	15,490	17,540
Non Current		
Temporary Changeroom	61,801	75,754
Permanent Changeroom	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>
	61,801	125,754
Total Government Grants Received in Advance	<u>77,291</u>	<u>143,294</u>

NOTE 7: FEES RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

Academy Fees	22,144	-
	<u>22,144</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTE 8: PROVISIONS

Annual Leave	25,577	10,978
Long Service Leave	<u>3,509</u>	<u>2,790</u>
	29,086	13,768

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STATEMENT BY THE BOARD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2016

The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board:

1. The financial report presents fairly the financial position of the association as at 30 April 2016 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board:

President



Iain Carlin

Dated this 1 day of July 2016

South Australian Little Athletics Association Inc.
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REPORT BY THE BOARD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2016

During the year ended 30 April 2016, in the opinion of the Board, except for remuneration received as an employee of South Australian Little Athletics Association Inc on normal commercial terms which were approved by the Board:

- (a) No officer of the association, firm of which an officer is a member, or body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the association; and
- (b) No officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or benefit of a pecuniary nature.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board:

President



Iain Carlin

Dated this 1 day of July 2016



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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
To the Members of South Australian Little Athletics Inc.

In relation to the independent audit for the year ended 30 April 2016, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct.

A P FAULKNER

Principal

Date: 1 July 2016

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION INC.
ABN 40 290 914 982**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of South Australian Little Athletics Association Inc., which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2016, the Income and Expenditure Statement for the year then ended, and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Responsibility of Those Charged with Governance

The members of the Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the members of the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION INC.
ABN 40 290 914 982**

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of South Australian Little Athletics Association Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects, the association's financial position as at 30 April 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist South Australian Little Athletics Association Inc. to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and the needs of the members as determined by the committee. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



A P FAULKNER

Principal

Date: 1 July 2016



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