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Brighton Little Athletics Centre

2018 / 2019 Centre Executive & Operations Team

Centre Executive

Centre President	Mark Barling
Vice President	Brian Ballamy
Secretary	Amelia Frid
Treasurer	Matt Dever
Registrar	Kelvin Monsborough
Competition Director	Terry Jamieson
Coaching Director	David Saunders
Membership/Publicity & PR Co-ordinator	Craig Jackett

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Chief of Officials	Paul Davidson
Competition Duty Co-ordinator	Brian Ballamy
Region and State Team Manager	Ed Allen
Championship Officials Manager	Paddy Hill
Equipment Manager	Andrew Richey
Chief Starter.....	James Edmond
Competition Event Co-ordinator	Christine Jordaan
Canteen Manager	Mark Stevens
On Track Coordinator.....	Paul Davidson
Finish Line Coordinator	Michael Verberne
Website.....	Mark Barling, Craig Jackett
Uniform Manager.....	Simone Kennedy
Cross Country Coordinator	Andrew Richey
Centre Delegate.....	Mark Barling
First Aid Officer.....	Monica Williams
Child Safety Officer.....	Dean King



President's Report

Season 18/19 is run and done, and I want to thank everyone connected with the club – our parents, our sponsors, our committee and operations team – but most of all the 319 athletes who registered this year, for making the season what it was.

Did we let weather affect us? Did we let the long jump project interrupt us? Not at all! As per previous years we simply put our heads down (literally when the rain fell!) and cracked on to compete and have fun at Brighton Little Athletics.

The 319 registered athletes this season represents another increase in member numbers – a heartfelt thank you! We have grown consistently now for the last three years, 45% in fact. Against a steady decline (20% - 30%) at a state and national level, this achievement is a huge result and a reflection on the club's organisation and member support. Our increasing member base has also translated into a solid financial position which will help the club continue to invest into the future – the highlight for the 19/20 season is set to be a permanent high jump cover for the big blue mats on the current jumps area. This, along with continued investment in core equipment is because of prudent financial management and optimised revenue initiatives such as new merchandise such as the hoodies.

Season 18/19 also saw the new long jump runway and pits finalised and (eventually) brought to life in mid-Feb. The feedback I've received has been overwhelmingly positive, and even the visiting athletes from our neighbouring little athletic centres for the U13+ Circuit round were impressed. "Springy" was the word that was used the most!!

Speaking of the U13+ Circuit, Brighton, along with Sandringham, Mentone, Caulfield and Moorabbin continued this initiative, now into its 2nd year. This initiative is designed to encourage U13 and older athletes to participate for longer in the sport. It's a work in progress, and we will keep iterating this program to make sure it delivers on what BLAC and the 4 other clubs want – more older athletes competing for longer.

Shifting the focus a little and thinking back over the season, it's always a reflective time so I'd like to call out some of my highlights from watching and encouraging the action on the various tracks we competed at this year:

- » Seeing our youngest athletes compete across the first weeks of the season and earn their first PBs – the size of the smiles never cease to amaze!
- » Our 7-year athletes, congrats this year to Jack, Jones, Lola, Marley, Sam, Sarah, Hugo, Xavier and Zac – huge service to the club.
- » Some incredible on track performances – too numerous to call out all of them – but a measure of the caliber of athletes at our club now is borne out with 23 home and 20 away centre records broken, phenomenal results.
- » The always competitive Region and State Relay events produce some amazing results for both athletes and parents.
- » And finally, for some off-track action, the 3rd Social Night was a huge success, a great fund raiser but I hope for you all more importantly a night to share and extend the culture of the club.



Since assuming this role for the 2016/17, the Treasurer Matt Dever and I have had a rule that "we are not "Not for Profit", we are "Not for Loss". Whilst this mightn't sound like much the rule has been central to how we've both, along with the rest of the committee, managed the club.

We have introduced strict controls on spending whilst also opened new sponsorship models (longer-term contracts with sponsors). This, plus the addition of the BLAC-branded merchandise has helped our club look amazing on the track, and off.

Now, a chance to say thank you.

To my direct team on the Executive Committee, an amazing group of committed people who've worked tirelessly to create an environment to support you and your athlete's development at the club.

- » To Matt and Craig, who are stepping down after 3 and 4 years respectively, I can't thank you enough for your contribution. Cool as cucumbers yet with passion and energy to burn. You have both been instrumental in continuing to help transform this club, worked to put a strategic plan in place, and did it all with honesty, humour and humility. This club owes you a debt of thanks.
- » To Amelia, your enthusiasm to learn the role and take on new challenges in leading the organisation of the social night show you've got the BLAC spirit.
- » To Terry, a great debut year as Competition Director as you helped build on the good work from Brian and refined and refreshed the nature of the program, solid stuff!
- » To David, you've added depth to the Coaching ranks and blended a mix of youth and exceptional experience to help provide our athletes with some of the best coaching support in the region.
- » To Kelvin, an unbelievably passionate approach to the Registrar role, the growth over the last two years is underpinned by your efforts on the phone, email and system, a massive effort.
- » And finally to Brian, you have been an inspiration in whatever role you've taken on, and whilst a tough year, we look forward to having you still as an integral part of this club. Thank you.

To the Operations Team, another mighty lift of a season. Whenever the club needed you, you were there. Special thanks go to Christine, Suzie, Paddy, Monica, Simone, Ed, Paul, Andrew, Mark S, Michael, Ross, James, and Julian

On Track, the backbone of the U6 – U8 program, thank you to Tess M, Sam, Joe, Jack, Chloe, and Tess J. Every morning it was clear the quality of the program you put led to happy and enthusiastic kids and thrilled parents – I think mainly enjoying 15-20 mins of quiet time...

Finally, the club couldn't operate without outside support from our sponsors.

- » Buxton have been a loyal and committed supporter for 21 years now and are looking forward to their 22nd season!
- » Up and Running Podiatry have been with us for 3 years and continue to champion our club and healthy feet and legs. The team and I are thrilled with your ongoing and active support.
- » M8 Finance contributed to our club again this year and I hope you've all had a look at how they can help you with possible home finance assistance.
- » Andrew Richey Photography and the Jackett Agency separately and together have contributed hugely over the last 4 years and have made our club look – on track and digitally – up there with the best as we execute on our strategic plan vision of being one of the leading junior sports clubs in Australia.

And with that it's time to look to season 19/20, which will be the club's 50th anniversary. I urge you to get around the club, continue to support us, and take part in the activities we have planned to celebrate this significant milestone.

Given the base we are starting from, the next 50 years has a great foundation to be built on!

Sincerely,

Mark Barling
PRESIDENT

BLAC



Vice President's Report

This was my first year in this role and my main activities supporting the club were as follows:

- » Assisting with Duty Group coordination
- » Assisting with Results coordination
- » Assisting with Competition Day planning

Duty Group Coordination

The successful operation of the club on competition days depends on the terrific group of parents that we have assisting the duty group managers in their respective areas. Athletics takes a lot of parent power to run and our goal is to share the load amongst everyone to keep duty as enjoyable as possible.

At the start of the season the activity of assigning parents to duty groups, providing introductory information, and resolving any scheduling conflicts is significant and an area we would like to continue to improve in coming seasons.

I want to express my thanks for all the hard work of the duty group managers and all parents who regularly performed their duty. I want to remind everyone that duty is not optional but a condition of being a member of BLAC.

Results Coordination

One of our improvement areas for the season was to provide greater transparency to the end of season awards calculation and this was achieved with the publication of the awards guide in October 2018.

On competition days, we successfully trialled electronically timing and scanning of distance events whenever resourcing allowed. This had the benefit of reducing the load on age group marshal and data entry teams and is something we will look to continue in future seasons.

My thanks to Suzie Paton for her enthusiasm in relation to the results data entry task.

Competition Day Planning

We continue to offer the full range of approved LAVic age group events via our weekly programs and once the season had commenced Terry and I continued to review the performance of the programs and the main areas of change for the 2018/2019 season – notably the U10s turbo javelin and the U7s OT hurdles. A big thank you to Terry Jamieson for handling the role of competition director with such assuredness in his first year.

Brian Ballamy
VICE PRESIDENT



Treasurer's Report and Audited Results

I am pleased to present the Special Purpose audited financial results for Brighton Little Athletics Club (BLAC) for the year ended 31 March 2019. The Independent Auditor's Report to the Members, prepared by H.G & CO, is attached to this report.

Executive Summary

BLAC enjoyed another very successful season, reflected in the strong financial performance for the year generating a surplus of \$21,064 for the 12 months to 31 March 2019. The Net Asset (cash) position of BLAC at the end of the financial year was \$103,334, a 26% increase from the previous year.



Income Statement

Account	2019	2018
Trading Income		
Canteen Sales	12,218	14,281
Event Fees	–	110
Fundraising Events	9,821	950
Grant Income	1,634	–
Interest Income	400	405
Other Revenue	1,100	3,335
Registration Fees	34,570	39,177
Sponsorship Income	6,000	6,000
Uniform Sales	11,858	10,801
Total Trading Income	77,600	75,059
Gross Surplus	77,600	75,059
Expenses		
Administration	388	–
Affiliation fees	110	110
Bank Fees	599	599
Canteen	6,237	6,470
Centre Equipment	5,843	24,478
Cleaning	660	65
Coaching	4,400	4,157
Comp Entry Fees	2,481	250
Council Fees	1,724	1,661
Donations	–	296
Electricity	1,644	1,553
Fundraising costs	3,201	–
Ground Management	4,382	3,274
Marketing	1,913	3,227
Office Supplies	3,339	1,934
On track payments	2,160	2,280
Other Expenses	460	1,894
Printing	792	3,409
Registration Refunds	205	–
Travel	–	248
Trophies	4,954	6,308
Uniforms	10,541	10,759
Website	503	–
Total Operating Expenses	56,536	72,972
Net Surplus	21,064	2,087



Commentary

Income

Total Income was \$77,600 for the year, a 3% increase on the same period last year.

Registration income, as expected, was the major contributor of total income with a slight decrease due to the new early bird initiative being offset by higher total numbers than forecast.

Uniform sales were also a strong contributor to total income as was the fundraising event for 2019 which outperformed the forecast. Canteen sales were down slightly on budget due to reduced days from weather events whilst sponsor income was steady against previous years.

Expenditure

Total Expenditure for the year was \$56,536, representing an 11% increase on last year (after adjusting for the one-off capital cost of the new gates in 2018).

Uniform expenditure accounted for 20% of total cost for the year in line with the demand we saw from members and reflected in the sales numbers. Other material expenditure in line with budget included canteen, centre equipment, coaching and trophies.

Budget Review Financial Year 2019

BLAC performed well against the Committee Approved Budget for the 2019 financial year, finishing above budget by \$8,043. With total income in line with budget, this result was primarily driven by lower overall expenses which came in \$7,638 below budget. The major areas of savings were in marketing and printing with Comp Entry Fees higher than budget due to increased numbers electing to compete in outside competitions.

Summary

In summary, BLAC remains in a very sound financial position with over \$100,000 in net assets (cash) on the balance sheet. In line with the BLAC Strategic Plan, the Club is very well placed to provide for strategic investment and innovation, whilst maintaining a Committee approved minimum net asset surplus.

Matt Dever
TREASURER



BLAC



Secretary's Report

In the lead up to the season, we held two successful open days, and thanks to the support of Coles, we were able to run an information stall at the Bay Street supermarket. Our membership remained strong and being a combination of returning members and many new families, reflects the alignment of the club with the community.

Coles has continued to support the club throughout the season via:

- » Boxes of bananas and apples;
- » Merchandising including high vis vests and branded caps;
- » Equipment including a marquee, a drinks dispenser and thanks to an additional grant from Coles, new discus nets.

Shiny new equipment brightens up competition days, and further promotes the club.

Our Social night was a great success and not only did we raise funds that will go towards building of custom designed high jump mat protectors, but we put on a fun night where parents were able to come together, enjoy some trivia hosted by the inimitable Dave Gorr, then let their hair down to the tunes of Bunch a Counts (the only originals band where you know the words to every song!).

The night could not have been the success that it was without the support of Meg, Harriett, Anna, Fiona, Nicole, Jamie, CJ, Kelvin, Matt and Mark.

Compliance requirements covered this year include:

- » Continued discussion and action regarding Mandatory Working with Children changes, as well as ongoing updates to the Working with Children Register as new members joined the committee and operations team;
- » Council requirements including Tenancy and Food Safety;
- » Insurances and Certification requirements for the Club with LA Vic and CAV;
- » Monthly Committee meeting minutes provided to SMR;
- » Appointment of Child Protection Officers (thankyou Louise Staite and Dean King) to manage the increasing requirements of mandatory Child Safe Standards.

Stepping into the role of Secretary meant I had big shoes to fill and a new language to learn! It took me some time to work up the courage to ask our ever-patient President to define some key terms.

What was seamless, however, was the experience of joining a committee made up of hard working, honest, dedicated and intelligent members, who all shared as their priority the best interests of our club and its members. The values that the club promotes – inclusion, resilience, and working towards personal bests – means that many new members had the opportunity to participate and bounce around with peers who were equally as keen to give things a go (often in the rain, thanks Melbourne!), do their best, and support their mates, and ultimately this is something we can only hope to support our kids to be - good sports, respectful and willing to give things a go.

I want to thank the club members and the committee for making me feel so welcome this year. I know that there are exciting things being planned for next season, our 50th year as a club, and I am excited and proud to be able to support the efforts of the committee in celebrating the successes of BLAC and its members.

Amelia Frid
SECRETARY



Competition Director's Report

Wow what a season it was. I am relatively new to little athletics and replacing Brian as Competition Director was always going to be a major task with huge shoes to fill. Fortunately Brian remains extremely active within the club and continuously shared his knowledge and provided a platform for me to understand and take on this role. In addition, I received fantastic support from the committee members and operational teams.

One of my first objectives was to create a standard template for the program summaries and run sheets.

As the season progressed, I began to gain an appreciation of the work that has previously gone into the program scheduling to facilitate the smooth running of the events. The programs however are a work in progress and further enhancements were made to enhance the experience of the athletes on competition days.

There were a few challenges this season. The long jump pit upgrade was a significant interruption to our normal program scheduling however I think everyone would agree it was worth the inconvenience and looks amazing. The second major challenge was the weather which proved tricky at times but hey, that's Melbourne for you.

Highlights for the season

- » New discuss nets were purchased and installed providing additional safety
- » U7 300mm high hurdle event Introduced
- » New long jump pits

The U13+ circuit event was a fantastic twilight competition especially with the vortex event which was a huge hit with the athletes.

Looking forward to next season (2019/20) we need to be concentrating on expanding and spreading the knowledge of our key equipment and tasks, which to name a few is the finish timing gates and the results HQ.

Thank you all for a fantastic season and look forward to seeing you all next season to continuously provide a fun and rewarding experience for the athletes.

Terry Jamieson
COMPETITION DIRECTOR



BLAC



Membership/Publicity & PR Co-ordinator

We've had a great year at BLAC this season, acquiring amazing new tech, an improved slick look to our branding through professional photography (Courtesy of Andrew Richey) and an amazing team of volunteers and coaches. It's no wonder that BLAC continued the trend of record attendances.

With tremendous gratitude, I'd like to thank Buxton Brighton, who continued the third of their current 3-year sponsorship agreement with BLAC. Buxton have enjoyed their 21st successive year of sponsoring Brighton Little Athletics Club, and their ongoing support plays an amazing role in making us such a successful club. If you or someone you know is looking to sell, then please speak with Buxton. They would never ask me to say this, but if there tenacity at sponsorship is an indication, David and his highly skilled team definitely see you right. Please mention BLAC if you speak with them as it would be great for us to return some small favor.

Up & Running Podiatry completed their 2nd year of a 3-year sponsorship deal. There continues to be terrific synergy between athletics and Podiatry, especially with Podiatrists that live and breath running and endurance sports. Several visits by the crew of Matt, Gary and Maddie throughout the season, was bolstered by a 400 meter running race between U&RP & BLAC earlier this year. What a highlight! I'm still recovering. Please make sure to take advantage of the professional service & advice offered by the U&RP team should you, family or children require the right advice on foot health.

M8 Finance was absent from our events this year but their kind donation was with us every week. A big thank you to these guys, they've given for the last 2 years and its money like theirs that make our Saturday's just a little bit brighter.

Valued partnerships such as these continue to be greatly appreciated by the club. We are always after more sponsors in non-competing categories so if you know of a business that we can work with to assist mutually then we'd love to hear about it.

Bang! That's the way the BLAC social night went off. What a great night, with great people in a fun format. This season saw us raise a tremendous (dare I say another 'record') amount of funds to put towards more exciting activities and state of the art equipment for our athletes.

Marketing-wise, we really hit the ground running early this season with plenty of flyers dispatched to major traffic areas throughout Brighton and local shopping precincts. We conducted an in-store Coles Promo, 2 Open Days (both wet...) and some Facebook advertising. Obviously we did okay due to the membership sign-up with our Early Bird offer take-up the biggest yet.

Team App is working well as the number one communication tool for BLAC members. Social Media engagement with parents and athletes continues to grow. Instagram membership has increased considerably throughout the season. Watch out for more 'live' Mark Barling updates, always good viewing.



Our website is updated regularly throughout the year and we've added a Recent photo's section to allow parents to download shots of their athletes should they want them. Every parent automatically opts into club photographs when signing up, but inline with our child safety policy, if you don't want your athlete to feature on our website or our social media channels the please let a member of the committee know and we'll address.

Our website continues to be a great tool for parents and athletes. Check our 'What's on' menu to see updates of extracurricular club competition days, SMR and state championship results and clubs news amongst other things.

This is my 5th year at BLAC and my 4th and last year on the Committee, a position I have thoroughly enjoyed. A fantastic journey of discovery and great people, mixed in with some challenges, opportunity and a tremendous sense of wellbeing.

I'll be around next season but not on the committee, Go BLAC!

Craig Jackett
MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY
& PR CO-ORDINATOR



Coaching Directors Report

If last season at BLAC was characterised as one of expansion and transition in terms of coaching and training of athletes, then the 2018/19 season was one of consolidation and progress.

We continued on where we left off in 2017/18 but also filled some critical gaps in our coaching roster. We were able to start last October with essentially a full contingent—adding a permanent high jump coaching team and, for the first time in living memory, a designated—and highly decorated—middle distance coach.

We were fortunate this year to have John Crane, president of the local chapter of the Australian Track and Field Coaches' Association, offer his vast experience and fill a void coaching high jump. John is a heavy hitter in the local senior athletics scene, both as a competitor back in the day and a coach with more than five decades experience. And his presence on a Tuesday night and on Saturday mornings at Dendy Park were a treat. Straight talking and keen to impart his knowledge, John was inspirational to athletes, other coaches, parents and committee members alike. Of particular note was his mentoring of both former Brighton Little Athletes Callum Tampion and Joe Lloyd as jumps coaches. Speaking of high jump, a big shout out to Peter Fromont, whose genial presence and reassuring words of encouragement on a Saturday morning at the mats, has been a welcome sight to athletes once again.

Rupert van Dongen joined us on a Monday night to take a small but dedicated band of middle distance athletes. Like John, Rupert came to BLAC with an impressive coaching resume. He also filled a gap in our training repertoire and it has been a pleasure to have his easy-going charm at the track. I would encourage you to come along to Rupert's Monday evening sessions next season. He's helped demystify middle distance running, uncovering the allure, which for the few who seek it, has brought great rewards. I'm also grateful for Rupert's efforts filling in as sprints coach at short notice from time to time!

Sadly, 2018/19 was also a season of farewells. Brett Lewis, dad of Marley and Raffy, has been in command of the jumps pit for a number of years now. But a sea change called, and Brett and his family have moved, not so much to greener pastures, but to better waves at Jan Juc! Brett has coached an array of horizontal jump champions, generously giving up his time when it was probably less than convenient to escape the office on occasions. We wish him and the family well in their new life on the Surf Coast. He leaves a big void to fill. We are open to offers, volunteers, Olympians...

Our sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays have been well attended, and it is a testament to those mentioned above, as well as others including Laura Bainbridge. In her second season in charge of sprints training, Laura has won hearts and minds with her energetic good nature and unfailing enthusiasm. She has built up a loyal posse of sprinters at training on a Thursday nights. Her organization, innovation and management of young, occasionally distracted young athletes, is always a joy to watch, as it was at the start line during Saturday competition. Laura was also ably assisted by another former BLAC athlete Tessa McCann, who when she wasn't riding around in an ambulance rescuing people in the 'burbs, was a great 2IC for Laura on the track. We certainly hope both of you come back next season.



In the throwing ring, Damian Birkinhead, fresh from a top 10 finish at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, joined us again to train our shot putters and discus throwers. As popular with parents as he is with kids, Damian is a fantastic asset to the club. His quiet, gentle demeanour belies the reality that he's a tough competitor at the most elite of levels. We are very fortunate to have him again at BLAC.

A special thank you too, to Allan Poynton, the coaching team's eminence grise, and a living, breathing example of the dedication and loyalty that this club brings out in people. No matter what biblical weather phenomenon Melbourne throws at athletes over summer (not sure of his approach to pestilence, though!), Allan will be lining up his jumps and will have his loyal band of disciples with him.

Speaking of club stalwarts, Paul Davidson and Cam Tampion, again manned their posts as middle distance clockwatcher/trackside educator and relays supremo with deft touch last season. Paul has gone from having three of his own athletes tearing up the track, to being the father of two On-Trackers. And he still turns up! Similarly, Cam, has done a fantastic job in his second season marshalling relay teams at training, as well as providing us with an apprentice high jump coach in son Callum. We hope both (as well as Caitlin) are back again next season.

One particularly gratifying aspect of the season past has been observing the transition of former BLAC competitors Tessa, Callum and Joe, having served their time as Saturday morning On-Trackers and moving into coaching. It is abundantly clear the love these former athletes have for BLAC. It's equally clear how much they themselves are gaining from their involvement with the younger kids. I would commend to any of you with older kids who've graduated from little athletics to encourage them to get involved in coaching at BLAC.

It has been another successful year for this mighty club. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you all to get your kids to at least one night of training a week. As I hope is evident from above, our coaching roster is first rate and we on the committee at BLAC want as many people to tap into these amazing resources as possible. Like any pursuit in life, preparation, practice and dedication are what make us better at the things we do. Training with these inspiring mentors can only make our athletes reach even greater heights in the years to come.

David Saunders
COACHING DIRECTOR





Registrar's Report

This year we saw another increase in membership from 310 members in 2017/18 to 319 members, a good result from an already solid base. Compared to the overall decline in memberships across the state, we should be proud to boast a small increase. Even though we compete with other summer sports such as basketball, netball, cricket, the list goes on... Little Athletics is popular in our bayside area.

Flyer drops, our 2 open days, word of mouth, social media, the trivia night, following up interested parents and lapsed members from the previous year, answering parents' enquiries during the season promptly has helped us maintain a healthy membership base. The committee led superbly by our President Mark Barling works very well together. We just get it done it seems, I am convinced our club is strong by an enthusiastic committee.

Our membership this year has seen a jump in under 6 boys (last year it was under 6 girls!) and under 7's through to under 11's (both girls and boys) continues to be strong and build. It is very pleasing to see the retention in under 12 and 13 boys and girls. To top it off there are 6 girls competing in under 15 next season. It is great to see enthusiasm continuing with quite a few BLAC athletes competing with Bayside Cross Country over the winter.

The duty roster this year has been very good, thank you Brian B for coordinating. However, there are still many parents/guardians who do not nominate for a duty upon registration. I urge all parents/guardians to register. Without this help, we cannot run our club and we cannot expect the same people to chip in every week.

Overall, a great season as registrar, I will be happy to continue on with the role in 2019/20.

BLAC is a fantastic club, growing our membership base will keep our club strong well into the future.

Kelvin Monsbrough
REGISTRAR



BLAC



Cross Country Report

Brighton athletes compete during the winter in the Bayside Cross Country competition alongside 7 other Little Athletics Clubs from our Region. The events rotate around 4 venues including Bald Hill Park, Westgate Park, Braeside Park and Hampton Foreshore over the 12 week season.

This year the winter season kicked off at Bald Hill Park on Saturday April 21st. Brighton was represented by 28 keen athletes who competed throughout the season.

The season saw the newly created State XC relay championships at Cruden Farm on 2nd June 2018 with Brighton fielding 2 teams in both the U12B and U13G events and 1 team in the U14G. Congratulations to Jones Gorton, Spencer Greenberg and Hugo Richey for their 2nd place in U12B and to Miya Lim, Ameya Sommer-Allie and Bridie Hill for their 1st place in U13G. Well done to Jake O'Halloran, Marcus Welsh, Zac Barling, Kate Monsbrough, Jasmin Edmond, Julia Uyttenbogaardt, Brie Bartleet, Lil Jackett and Charlotte Gibbs for a great effort.

The SMR Region XC Carnival was held on Saturday June 23rd at Ballam Park, Frankston. Brighton was represented by 13 athletes with Riley Stratford finishing 3rd in the U9B 1.5km event, Bridie Hill finishing 1st in the U13G 3km event and Miya Lim finishing 3rd in the U13G 3km event. Well done to Marcus Welsh, Olivia Da Costa-Alves, Jones Gorton, Spencer Greenberg, Zev Sanchez, Xavier Hendy, Lola Gorton, Ameya Sommer-Allie, Brie Bartleet and Hugo Richey.

Brighton entered 2 teams of 3 athletes in the State Road Relay Championships, held at Sandown Racecourse on the 7th July with Hugo Richey, Zac Barling and Jones Gorton coming 4th in the U12B event; and Ameya Sommer-Allie, Kate Monsbrough, Miya Lim coming 6th in the U13G event.

The State Cross Country Championships were held on Saturday July 28th, at Lake Dewar, Myrning. Brighton was represented by 8 athletes – congratulations to Olivia Da Costa-Alves, Lola Gorton, Miya Lim, Ameya Sommer-Allie, Riley Stratford, Marcus Welsh, Jones Gorton and Spencer Greenberg.

The Bayside Cross Country end of season awards were held on Saturday 18th August, at the Mentone Life Saving Club. 15 Brighton athletes received participation awards for attending 6 or more Bayside XC events during the season. Age group awards were also presented to Charlotte Cahill U7G (2nd), Daniel Short U7B (3rd), Matthew Ballamy U9B (3rd), Hugo Richey U12B (1st)

Thank you to Kelvin Monsbrough and Mark Barling for coordinating the equipment/set-up each week.

Brian Ballamy
CROSS COUNTRY COORDINATOR





Equipment Managers Report

It was a wonderful looking season for BLAC in 2018/19. Arrival to a smart set up at Dendy Park on competition day is a real treat and true testament to the volunteer group that invest their time, energy and commitment into our friendly club.

The set up crew is no doubt enjoying the ease of rolling out the event each week when equipment finds its way back into an appropriate place at the end of each competition.

Important investment this year has been committed to new discus nets and incidental pieces of core equipment that keep events running smoothly each week.

Positive consultation with council this year has paved the way for a major purchase into roll over covers for the High Jump equipment. This significant investment will ease the burden of pushing away heavy and awkward equipment each week and open up a whole new opportunity to training and practice of the event outside of competition days.

Going forward, the maintenance of existing core equipment and investment in new quality equipment is key to making competition days as good as they can be for the little athletes and members of our great club.

Andrew Richey
EQUIPMENT MANAGER





Team Manager / Region and State Event Summary

Region and State Relay Events

The SMR Region relay carnival was held on 17 November 2018 with 49 teams competing from Brighton. Success was found early with U9 Boys and Girls qualifying through to the State Championship in various events. It was so pleasing to see so many new teams, just eligible, compete so strongly in their first competitive event amongst 15 other clubs from around the Southern Metro Region.

Experienced teams such as the U12 & U13 Boys and were soon amongst it as well with strong showings across both 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 events. A highlight was a lead from the front victory in the mixed-sex U13 event – the only thing bigger than the win were the smiles on the podium.

Across all age groups, a record haul of 8 gold, 10 silver and 12 bronze was recorded, a great result!

Relays are the only event in athletics where kids can compete in teams and it's always fantastic seeing the spirit of Brighton out on the track competing in this event. Thanks to David Saunders and Craig Jackett for a lot of heavy lifting on the day and to our Coach, Cameron Tampion. He provided enormous support to train our teams, dedicating countless hours on Sunday's and even during the week to help out specific age groups.

The State Relay competition was then held on 15 December 2018 and it was a tough day on the track as our athletes were asked to step up and compete against the very best from across the state. We had 12 teams qualify with 9 making finals – a huge achievement.

No medals or pennants this year but our club is about competing first and foremost, and all athletes went home richer for the experience.

Days and events like these two above aren't possible without the support of many parents helping as officials, volunteers or support crew for their teams. On behalf of the club I want to thank you all.

State Combined Event Championship

The next major out of centre event was held on the weekend of 2nd & 3rd February 2019, the Combined Event Championship (formerly called the Multi-Event Championship).

A total of 18 athletes represented the club across the two days, from U9's through to U15's. A great turnout given the time of the year the event was held over.

On what were two very hot days, we saw our athletes compete strongly with Faith Little scoring an amazing bronze medal in her age group. Congratulations to her and all our athletes who competed.

A big thanks to Craig Jackett who handled the Team Manager role for the bulk of the two days along with support from many other parents.

Region and State Track and Field

» SMR Track and Field – Duncan Mckinnon Reserve 16th & 17th February

February arrived and with it was the final Region and State events in the form of the Track and Field days. Any U9+ athlete can compete and pick their favourite events!

From our standpoint, 44 athletes competed across all disciplines and age groups with many kids achieving; Gold, Silver, Bronze, PBs, Outside Centre records and importantly, just doing their best. The SMR has long been considered the elite region for LAVIC and we can be proud of all of the kids who represented Brighton.

Our medal tally stood at 14 Gold, 9 silver and 13 Bronze over the two days. For a club that competes firstly based on inclusion and engagement, to see our medal tally be so high in an extremely competitive region, put smiles on all our faces.

As you would agree, the event takes a considerable amount of effort by many parents volunteering their time to ensure the kids mark another fun chapter in their lives. I'd like to thank everyone who contributed through various duties though a particular thanks to Paddy Hill, Brian Ballamy, and Andrew Richey. Additionally, our BLAC coaches (Allan, Peter, Laura & Co) attended the two days to provide support and guidance for our kids and is greatly appreciated.

» Casey Fields – State Track and Field Championship – 16th & 17th March 2019

It was again (always is) a warm weekend which tested many of the BLAC kids who acquitted themselves very well covering just about every athletic discipline on the card.

Medals ensued across the weekend with standout performances from the likes of Faith, Jones, Sam, Hugo, Oliver, Sarah, Raff, Bridie, Madison, Amayah and the whole team – too many names to mention in fact!



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What we do know is 12 Outside Centre records were broken which tells you about the overall standard of competition across the board.

A couple of notable mentions beyond the kids. Michael Verberne was huge in setting up our patch and kicking off our officials support requirement. Simone Kennedy, Marijn Kortekaas and Nicky Richey were next up as TM for the Saturday with Ed Allen being alongside Andrew Richey all day Sunday. To Paddy Hill who has the thankless task of creating a roster for parent duties whom I'm told from the officials all acquitted themselves very well.

The weekend brought down the curtain on all the 18/19 external LAVIC events and I congratulate all of the kids that participated and represented this great club in one or more of the Regional and State events.

Ed Allen
REGION & STATE TEAM MANAGER

**Additional reports provided
by Mark Barling**





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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Brighton Little Athletics (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial year ended 31 March 2019.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Brighton Little Athletics is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also includes such internal control as 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 a conclusion on the financial report based on my review.

I have conducted my review in accordance with auditing standard on review engagements ASRE 2410/ASRE2415 in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report is not presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. As the auditor of the association, ASRE2410/ASRE2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures.

A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.



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Conclusion

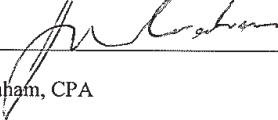
Based on my review, which is not an audit, I have not become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the financial report of the association is not in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 31 March 2019 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards as referred to in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Brighton Little Athletics to meet the requirements of the *Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Signed on 17th April, 2019:



John Graham, CPA

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UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001

To THE COMMITTEE OF: Brighton Little Athletics Club

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 March 2019 there have been

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012* in relation to the Audit; and
- (ii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Signed



John Graham CPA

17th April 2019



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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2019

Note 1: Summary 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 Reform Act 2012. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on a cash basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

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



Profit and Loss

Brighton Little Athletics Club
For the year ended 31 March 2019

2019

Trading Income	
Canteen Sales	12,217.67
Fundraising Events	9,820.57
Grant Income	1,633.50
Interest Income	400.17
Other Revenue	1,100.00
Registration Fees	34,570.44
Sponsorship Income	6,000.00
Uniform Sales	11,857.50
Total Trading Income	77,599.85
Gross Profit	
	77,599.85
Operating Expenses	
Administration	387.74
Affiliation fees	110.00
Bank Fees	599.05
Canteen	6,236.70
Centre Equipment	5,843.44
Cleaning	660.00
Coaching	4,400.00
Comp Entry Fees	2,481.21
Council Fees	1,724.11
Electricity	1,644.11
Fundraising costs	3,201.01
Ground Management	4,381.60
Marketing	1,913.25
Office Supplies	3,338.62
On track payments	2,160.00
Other Expenses	460.00
Printing	792.00
Registraiton Refunds	205.00
Trophies	4,954.49
Uniforms	10,540.50
Website	503.17
Total Operating Expenses	56,536.00
Net Profit	21,063.85



Balance Sheet

Brighton Little Athletics Club
As at 31 March 2019

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Assets

Bank

Cheque account	98,578.35
Petty Cash	69.50
Transaction account	4,685.95
Total Bank	103,333.80

Total Assets	103,333.80
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Net Assets

103,333.80

Equity

Current Year Earnings	21,063.85
Retained Earnings	82,269.95
Total Equity	103,333.80

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