



ANNUAL REPORT 2017 – 2018

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Mission Statement

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PREMIER RECREATIONAL AND
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SPORT IN VICTORIA**

Our Vision

**TO PROVIDE LEADING
OPPORTUNITIES IN ATHLETICS
TO ALL VICTORIANS**



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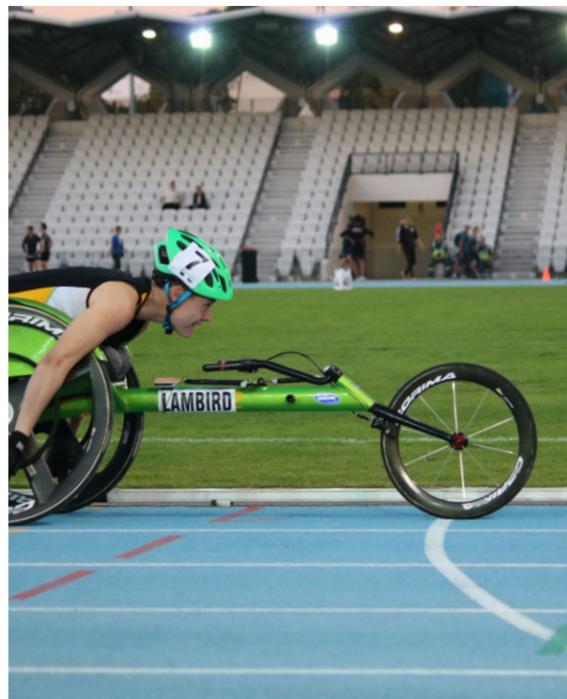
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Introduction

FROM THE PRESIDENT - HEATHER RIDLEY

On behalf of the Committee of Athletics Victoria, I am pleased to present the 2017-18 President's report to the membership.

Through the tireless dedication of volunteers, officials and Athletics Victoria staff who support the sport in Victoria, athletics has had another outstanding year with high quality events delivered across both the winter and summer seasons.

Across the year there were 95 events conducted, including 15 championship events.

The season concluded with the Commonwealth Games which were hosted in the Gold Coast. This event saw our sport achieve a significant milestone with para athletes competing with able bodied athletes for the first time. Victoria had 23 athletes representing Australia at the Commonwealth Games and secured 6 medals. Victorian officials and volunteers were also integral to the successful delivery of the Commonwealth Games and I would like to congratulate and thank everyone who took part in the lead up events and the Commonwealth Games for their dedication and commitment to the sport.

The 2017-18 season continued to build on, refine and expand the pay as you go membership structure and flexible competition model. Not only were members able to register and pay for packages of most relevance to their desired competition experience, there was the added flexibility of allowing members in the summer to compete at any venue regardless of where the home venue was for the athlete. Pre-entry was also expanded to all events.

As with the implementation of any changes, lessons were learnt and refinements, where possible were made throughout the season to improve the experience of athletes, officials and volunteers.

The Shield Committee is considering any further changes which should be made in the lead up to the 2018-19 Summer seasons.

At last year's Annual General Meeting, the Committee of Athletics Victoria committed to developing a discussion paper on the future of athletics in Victoria. The purpose of the discussion paper released in April 2018 was to stimulate discussion about the opportunities to take the sport forward in a sustainable manner. The discussion paper canvassed the opportunities and challenges present within the sport, providing potential service delivery options and governance reforms.

The discussion paper was coupled with a survey which was sent to the membership to elicit feedback. Over 1,200 responses were received with over 40 per cent of the respondents being in the 40-59 age group. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who took the time to respond, as well as to those who attended follow up focus group discussions.

I'm delighted that the survey results demonstrated overwhelmingly that members would recommend the sport and their club to friends. Harnessing this high level of advocacy is a terrific opportunity for us as we look to grow participation in our sport.

The survey results also highlighted that there is still a challenge for the sport in attracting people to volunteer. While many respondents noted they were willing to help their clubs out, those most willing to volunteer are in the 60+ age group.

The survey also confirmed Athletics Victoria's view that it had a key role to play in delivering competitions and supporting and training coaches and officials. The role of clubs was seen to attract new members and provide a positive environment. Athletics Victoria will continue to help clubs achieve this goal. The full results of the survey can be found on the ABOUT page of the Athletics Victoria website.



Following the completion of the survey, the Committee has been working through the results and using these to help shape the strategy for Athletics Victoria. In developing the strategy, the Committee is cognisant of the needs to ensure the financial stability of the sport and aligning the delivery of services to the membership for which it is responsible.

Over the last year, the Committee of Athletics Victoria has continued to build on its key relationships including with Athletics Australia and Little Athletics Victoria. At a national level, the Committee has continued to work with Athletics Australia to ensure a stronger alignment between our goals and vision for the sport.

With Little Athletics Victoria we have formed a sub-committee to identify and work through possible changes which, we hope, will help keep athletes in the sport. Both organisations have also committed to having representatives from their respective organisations join their Committee meetings to share and provide insights. I look forward to this relationship continuing to flourish over the coming years.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the tireless dedication of all of the volunteers, officials, coaches, athletes and staff who support athletics in Victoria. The passion demonstrated by each and

every person is what makes athletics a sport so many people can resonate with, and want to participate in.

For me personally, athletics has been a key part of my life for over thirty years. For the past seven years, I have had the privilege to serve on the Committee of Athletics Victoria, including the last three as President. However, it is now an appropriate time to allow others to step in and lead athletics in Victoria into its next phase.

I look forward to being able to compete more often and hoping that my daughter, as she grows up, shares my love for a sport which has provided me with so many opportunities. I would also like to thank Dr Ian Jones for his leadership as President of Athletics Victoria when I joined the Committee and to Mr Glenn Turnor, Chief Executive, for the support he and the broader Management Team has provided me over the past three years.



LIFE MEMBERS

1896	PARKINSON, Basil J *	1949	KENNEDY, Aileen VE BEM *	1974	EASTHAM, Edward D *		KNOTT, George CH *	1996	AGG, Patricia J		RICKARD, Ian
1901	COHEN, Montague *		PIZZEY, F H "Bill" *	1975	EMBLING, Stewart A *		LONNQUIST, Arthur H *	1997	GUILFOYLE, Stanley ML AM	2011	FREEMAN, Catherine OAM
1904	BARRETT, Albert O *		GRANT, C William H *	1976	FERRIER, Douglas G *		McBETH, Emily T *	1998	CURNOW, Vern W		MOORE, Brian
1906	TRAVIS, Herbert A *	1951	AITKEN, C Ronald CBE *	1976	GELL, Jean I OAM		PATTERSON, Marion J OAM *		HOCHREITER, Rudi J *		VINCENT, Trevor OAM
1909	BRIGGS, Walter E *		CURNOW, Leonard B OBE *	1977	BUROW, Amy EB		STANTON, Doreen F *		JENKINS, Ronda M OAM	2012	BINNINGTON, Max
1912	CROLL, Robert H *	1953	GARDINER, C Herbert G QJM *	1977	DAVIS, Joyce I MBE *		TURNER, Dick A *		WOODS, E Frank *		CLARKE, Ron *
1914	ADAMSON, Lawrence A CMG MA*	1954	KIELY, Nance *	1979	DAVIS, Doris IL *		WOOD, WJP "Bill" *	1999	NOLAN, Charles R		CURTIS, Kingsley *
1915	SERLE, E Hamilton OBE*	1957	BENNETT, Iris I *		McDONALD, Allan W *	1988	GRAF, Fred JG *		SMITH, Raymond C *	2013	LORD, Anne
	SHAPPERE, Philip *		MAYER, Sidney M *	1980	LEACH, William J *		NICHOLLS, Stanley L OAM *	1999	STEVENS, Harold M OAM *		RIENIETS, Helen
1920	STILLWELL, J Alexander *		MORRIS, Evelyn LF *	1981	BEOVICH, Beverley L *		ROBLEY, Stuart E	2000	JENES, Paul OAM	2014	MORGAN, Lorraine OAM
1926	SMITH, Harry D *	1958	DUNCAN, F May *		CHUGG, Jack W *		SCHUBERT, Henri J MBE *	2001	CARMODY, Joseph *		MCLENNAN, William
1928	ABBOTT, Harry A *		DAVIES, Owen E *		MAHONY, Margaret L OAM		SHILSTON, Mark W *	2001	COLLINGS, Vern F		PERRY, Ellen
	LANGFORD, George E *	1961	CLEMSON, Reginald *	1982	BELL, Donald F OAM *		GRANT, Irene M *		SILLITOE, Neville J OAM		LEWIS-MANOU, Tamsyn
1935	WEIR, Hugh R CBE *	1963	JAMIESON, Alexander A *		DYNAN, Kevin L		HODGSON, Brian *	2002	BRADBURY, B Joy	2015	BARRETT, Peter
1938	RYAN, William M *	1964	McQUISTON, Maisie BEM *	1983	DAVIS, Robert L *		KENNY, Raymond M *	2003	MC LELLAN, Amy C C *	2016	JONES, Ian
1939	SCHOBER, Albert V *	1967	PATCHING, Julius L AO OBE *		TUNALEY, William S *		HINES, Joan L *	2005	FISHER, Margaret M *		TREW, William
1944	AKERS, Phyllis M *		STRINGER, George B *	1984	GALBRAITH, Alec C *		ROBERTS, Phyl M *	2007	WHITCHELL, Arthur		WIGMORE, Kevin
	MILLS, Louise C *	1968	MEARS, Kitt F *	1985	BIGGINS, Jack McD *		SAUNDERS, Margaret L *	2008	LAWYSZ, Richard		
	WILLSON, Doris M *		CAMPBELL, A Hugh *		DOWNES, Lola C OAM *		ABBOTT, Sylvia M *		PRESTON, Laurie		
1945	NEVILLE, Lilian M OAM *	1969	ROBINSON, Alfred E *	1986	STANTON, Horace J ISM *		DUNBAR, Margaret E		WILLIAMS, Tony		
	PAINTER, Wilfred E *	1970	ANDERSSON, Phyllis M H *		COLDREY, Fred H *		FRASER, Martha *	2009	BOYD, Roy		
1948	ROBINSON, Mabel E MBE *	1972	MOORE, Edward *		FIELD, Ralph W *		THOMPSON, Margaret A		HARDING, Ivan		
	O'DRISCOLL, Jack X QC OBE *	1973	DUNN, Crystal		GRIERSON, William R *		WATT, Eileen M *	2010	GARDINER, Robert		

MERIT AWARD

1960 BURT, Maisie S *
1962 MEARS, Kitt F *
1969 VENN, Fay N *
1970 McBETH, Emily T *
 ROSE, Gladys I *
 STANTON, Doreen F *
1972 HOLMAN, Keith
1974 PATTERSON, Marion J OAM
1978 STEPHENSON, Harry F *
1980 SAUNDERS, George E MBE *
1983 NICHOLLS, Stanley L OAM *
1984 DUNN, Jack B *
 FRASER, Martha *
 FRASER, William C*
 WOOD, WJP 'Bill' *
1986 ABBOTT, Sylvia M *
1987 COX, Sydney J *
 HENRY, Laurie F *
1988 KITT, W David *
 WALSH, Jim F*
1989 KENNY, Raymond M *
 SAUNDERS, Margaret L *
1990 DONALD, Wyn V
 DUNBAR, Margaret E
1991 FOLEY, Royce P *
 ROBERTS, Phyl M *
1992 AGG, Patricia J
 VAUGHAN, Hazel G
1994 BETHELL, Peter S
 BOURKE, Russell J
 BRADBURY, B Joy
 HOCHREITER, Rudi J *
 LETHBRIDGE, RA 'Tony' OAM
 WATT, Eileen M *
 WOODS, E Frank *

1995 VODDEN, Nancie A *
1996 WARREN, E Geoff
1998 GRANT, Geoff F
1998 HALL, Lew R *
 MILLER, Ron A
1998 MINTER, Allan J
 SMITH, J Gordon
 SMITH, Laura A *
 WILLIAMS, Tony J
1999 FISHER, Margaret M *
 KITT, Ivan T
 LAWYSZ, Richard B
2000 BLUNDY, Merv A
 DAVIDSON, John G
 HANCOCK, Tom B
 MORGAN, Lorraine OAM
2001 LUCARDIE, Ron T *
 MCKECHNIE, Hugh L
 TOOHEY, Bill J
 VINCENT, Trevor A OAM
 WOODBRIDGE, Russell H
2002 MONEGHETTI, Stephen J
 PRESTON, Laurence G
 RICKARD, Ian
 UPTON Ian
2003 HALL, Ken R
 MC DONALD, Ray
 MOORE, Brian
 PUOPOLO, A 'Gus' J
2004 ANDERSON, Peter K
 GARDINER, Robert C
 MAJOR, Geoff W
 WILLIAMS, Irene
2006 LAMB DEN, Ruby
 WHITCHELL, Arthur

2007 BARRETT, Peter
 GARTSIDE, Patricia
 NODEN, Pamela
2008 BARNETT, Diana
 BOAS, John
 GRIFFIN, Rod
 MASON, Harry *
 MASON, Judy
 STEWART, Bill
 WIGMORE, Kevin
 VIZE, Beth
2009 PAIN, Diane
 PERRY, Ellen
 RIENIETS, Helen
 RUMBLE, Barbara
2010 FISHER, Ian
 McLENNAN, William
 TURNER, Denise
 YARRANTON, John
2011 BOWDEN, Scott
 GLOVER, Alan *
 GLOVER, Yvonne
 LOWDEN, Diane
2012 NICHOLLS, Graeme
 SMITH, Lorraine
2014 DUNN, Peter
 WILLIAMS, Ian
2015 COLEMAN, Brett
 EMBLIM, Nancy
2016 ARMSTRONG, David
 BURLING, May
 COSTA, Anula

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1891 - 1897 Hon Robert W BEST MLA *
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1897 - 1901 Mr Montague COHEN *
1901 - 1905 Mr Lawrence A ADAMSON *
1905 - 1918 Sir John MADDEN *
1918 - 1943 Sir William H IRVINE *
1943 - 1957 Sir John G LATHAM *
1957 - 1970 Sir Wilfred K HUGHES *
1970 - 1976 Sir Edgar S TANNER *
1976 - 1978 Hon Justice Allan W McDONALD *
1978 - 1982 Sir Murray V McINERNEY *

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1929 - 1935 Miss Louise C MILLS *
1935 - 1937 Mrs Doris M MULCAHY *
1937 - 1938 Mrs Flora HYAMS *
1938 - 1945 Miss Louise C MILLS *
1945 - 1948 Miss Doris J CARTER *
1948 - 1952 Mrs Doris IL DAVIS *
1952 - 1961 Mrs Mabel E ROBINSON *
1961 - 1962 Mrs Lena BERZINSKI *
1962 - 1965 Mrs Aileen VE KENNEDY *
1965 - 1976 Mrs Joyce I DAVIS *
1976 - 1982 Mrs Margaret L MAHONY

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1989 DAVIES, Judy J
1994 GUILFOYLE, Stanley ML AM
2002 CHESTERMAN, Scott
2002 HIGHAM, John K

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1983 - 1984 Mr Gary A COZENS
1984 - 1989 Mr Stan M L GUILFOYLE
1989 - 1992 Dr Brian HODGSON

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2005 - 2011 Ms Anne LORD
2012 - 2015 Dr Ian K JONES
2015 - Present Heather RIDLEY

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CEO Glenn Turnor	General Manager Ross Cunningham	Competitions Manager Travis Poznachowski	Competitions Coordinator Craig Wallace
State Teams/Development Officer Sean Whipp	State Performance Coordinator – Ben King	Finance Manager Sharon Russell	Asset Management Gary McBroom
Reception Sian Mezzetesta * (till Jan 2018)	Club Development Manager Kirby Ellis	Coaching Coordinator Kylie Italiano / Blair Taylor (from December 2017)	Communications & Growth Leader Sam Quennell (till Sept 17)
Multimedia & Technology Leader Steve Marty (till Dec 2017)	Recreational Running Tim Crosbie	Officials Training & Accreditation Manager Andrea Hallett*	Victorian Officials and Business Support Leader Craig Morrow

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Officials Dr John Coleman	Shield Lyn Owen	Technical Garry McBroom
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SUB COMMITTEE MANAGERS

Legal Affairs Scott Chesterman Minter Ellison	Records Officer Ronda Jenkins OAM	Statistician Paul Jenés OAM	Tracks Officer Kevin Dynan
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From the CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - GLENN TURNOR

I am pleased to provide the CEO's report for Season 17/18 to the membership of Athletics Victoria.

17/18 was the final year of the AV Strategic Plan and was a consistent year for the Association. Event delivery across summer and winter was a major strategic deliverable; online interaction with members and clubs improved, affiliated clubs remained static and opportunities were identified to maximise growth targets and goals. Victoria continued to win medals at National and International competitions in all classes and disciplines, and volunteers and officials were recognised for their contribution to the sport in Victoria.

Throughout the Annual report you will hear from the Athletics Victoria team who manage and deliver the various programs, events and products which again have been delivered to a high standard and I would like to thank the team for their hard work and professionalism over the previous twelve months.

17/18 Snapshot

With our year divided into two seasons, XCR17 set the standard from April to September with overall growth in packages purchased in the Open and Junior categories. Winter would see a mix of all time bests for participation across XCR, Schools and recreational running. The Summer Season from October to April was also well supported with every Championship and Schools event showing growth but the overall participation numbers for 12 Rounds of Shield was down on previous years. It is well acknowledged that several changes were made to the delivery of the Shield program so that it could support the various levels of competition expected from the membership. What was evident is an increase in members that simply bought a membership without a summer or winter package increased from 480 in 16/17 to 593 in 17/18. Overall, we have already reported in

the Athletics Victoria discussion paper and in the focus groups that competing members was down by 120 from 4489 in 16/17 to 4369 in 17/18. The overall membership in 17/18 would hit 6021, 25 less than in 16/17 (6046).

Financially, the year would commence with the Committee approving a budgeted loss of \$35,000 with continued investment across personnel, infrastructure and event delivery while deliberately keeping membership pricing and event entry the same from the previous year. But the year would see a 4% deficit in membership, coach education, merchandise and competition income and a 6% increase in competition, development and administration expenses leading to a loss of \$117,000.

Throughout the year the Committee continued to monitor and manage the financial performance and established several trigger points at the end of each financial quarter that could be actioned, but the Committee agreed to continue without any significant change to project delivery, staff, or mid-season levies or price increases to the end of the 17/18 season.

Project Updates

IAAF Kids Athletics in Primary Schools.

With the assistance of Athletics Australia and School Sport Victoria, the pilot program for IAAF Kids Athletics is well underway. The aim of this program is to provide children with access to fundamental movement skills training during school's hours in a fun and team-based environment. AV and AA continue to upskill primary teachers with several curriculum aligned modules that teachers can then deliver to their class over a course of weeks and/or months. The modules also include several options for game based and fun play.

Our objective is to help kids become more confident with physical activity.

Nitro Schools Challenges

The second project and one that I am close too is the Nitro Schools Challenge. During last year the Member Associations were asked to participate in a review of the long-standing Schools Knockout. We had received some feedback around complexities with the Schools Knockout scoring and performance-based program. With the assistance of all Member Associations, it was agreed to replace Knockout with a revised Nitro Schools Challenge focusing on team participation with some of the events from Nitro Athletics Melbourne included. Several Victorian Coaches and School Representatives were involved in the consultation process and I would like to thank each of them for their contribution and support of the program that will launch nationally in September 2018.

Athletics Victoria Team

During this year four members of the AV Team decided to move on to their next adventures. Media and Communications Manager Sam Quennell chased his wave to London where he has been working since his departure in September 2017. Kylie Italiano, long time Coaching Development Co-ordinator also moved into a new business venture but continues to be one of our leading facilitators in Coach Education. Steve Marty who gallantly and professionally picked up three jobs and rolled them into one looking after the AV website (including rankings, member and club portal), athsvictv strategy and general IT support has taken a very cool jog at the Department of Health and left the day after filming ZATOPEK 2017. And finally, Sian Mezzatesta who shared our front-line reception role for some time left AV in January 2018 for a new role. Thank you to Sam, Kylie, Steve and Sian for your hard work and support. We also welcomed James Coleman to Membership Services and Abbey de la Motte to the AV TTP program.

Acknowledgments

This year will also see the end of Rod Griffin's nine-year maximum term on the Committee. Rod has been a constant voice for the country region; for Coaching and indeed Coaches, as well as athlete development and competition pathways (amongst other topics). I would like to thank Rod for his service to the Committee and to the sport and wish him (and Sandra) well for the future.

On behalf of the entire membership I would like to thank the Committee of Athletics Victoria for the leadership and support of the AV team and in particular Heather Ridley who will stand down as President. Heather joined AV in September 2011 and has been a valuable contributor to the Association and to the sport in Victoria. During her time as President, Heather has been a strong and professional leader and has given significant time and resources to her role including weekly Friday morning meetings to receive the weekly brief from AV management. I would personally like to thank Heather for her support and guidance over the past five years.

Finally, to the team at Athletics Victoria who are to be commended for their hard work over the last season. To all AV Members, Clubs, Club Administrators, Victorian Officials, all Coaches; the team at Little Athletics Victoria; Neil Ryan and Runners World; Troy and Levis from Saucony, Paul and his team from Mocha Monkey; the St Johns Ambulance Team; all our specialist groups; our volunteers, parents and families – thank you for supporting what we do, and we look forward to bringing it to you next season.

From the GENERAL MANAGER - ROSS CUNNINGHAM

What a year 2017/18 has been for athletics in Victoria. There have been a number of long standing records broken, targets achieved, and selection criteria met across Track and Field and Cross-Country competition.

Athletics Victoria is proudly one of those support frameworks that provides, services, and creates a platform for our athletes with continued investment in resources and infrastructure across all regions of Victoria. The competition element of Athletics Victoria is a core focus and our main priority in preparing athletes and supporting coaches to lay the foundations for performance.

These stats are a great testament to the efforts which athletes, coaches, families, friends, and volunteers go to, assisting individuals on their road to success. It has been a significant year for Athletics Victoria, and in particular the Competitions Department, with our focus turned to continuous improvement continuing and development of the competition framework and service we provide to our members.

It has also been an extremely busy period for the Competitions Department this year with delivering AV Schools, AV Shield, XCR and AV Championship competitions. Earlier this year, Athletics Victoria also played host to the National Junior Multi Event Championships at Lakeside Stadium on the first weekend of March 2018, welcoming a number of competing interstate athletes to Victoria for what proved to be a glorious weekend of athletics in Melbourne.

As an organisation, Athletics Victoria continues to invest in projects and new initiatives focusing on our current competition structure including AV Shield, XCR, State and School Championships, with the aim to better the sport across the state of Victoria. The 2017-18 summer season witnessed some key changes in how we deliver AV Shield competition, with an important emphasis on consolidating officials and developing processes together with emerging IT platforms. The decision to move from four metro zones to two metro

zones in alliance with the AV Shield Committee, has allowed us to consolidate workforce and resources as well as establish a more flexible participation and scoring model.

We understand the demand for an additional zone, however, to do so we need club support in recruiting new members and officials, which will form part of a core focus for Athletics Victoria going forward. We witnessed just under 15,000 participants compete across eleven individual rounds of metro and country-based competition, culminating in the AV Shield Final on Saturday 10th February 2018. 29% of those participating metro athletes took advantage of the new flexible scoring model and travelled to various venues across the eleven rounds.

The diverse weather conditions experienced throughout the 2017-18 summer season resulted in some challenging environments with two cancellations, which our Victorian Officials managed impeccably. I would like to thank all Victorian Officials who assisted with duties over the summer and winter seasons. Without your continued help and support we would not be able to provide the level of service we currently provide.

I want to pay special recognition to those that complement the current Athletics Victoria competition pathway for organising the following events including Mark Stewart, Mark Jouvelet and Raymond Slade (Rare Air), Kim Mulhall (AV Throwers), Vic Walkers (VRWC), Vic Milers (VMC) for their hard work and effort in offering more opportunities for Victorian athletes across the seasons.

The XCR:17 series seems a distant memory however XCR is continuing to grow with numbers rising in the school's team and individual competitions, as well as increase in recreational runners taking part in AV competition. Relay numbers continued to grow however individual XCR participating numbers were down by 61 entries in 2017 with the Ballarat 15km Road Race and Burnley Half Marathon the main contributors to the decrease in overall participation numbers.

In last year's report I outlined staff changes that took place within the organisation. This year has seen the competition team flourish in key roles, establishing effective working relationships and developing skills on key projects. Some changes to AV team, Travis Poznachowski has recently resigned as Competitions Manager to pursue other opportunities with Craig Wallace, our previous Competitions Coordinator, promoted to the role.

I would like to thank Travis for his five years' service and wish him well for the future. We welcome on board Luke Lehmann as Competitions Coordinator, who comes with a wealth of event management experience having worked in a similar role at Tennis Tasmania. Sean Whipp has become a full-time staff member with AV as Development Leader. Sean will have a number of responsibilities linked to the Victorian Government's 'Active Aths' grant, focusing on establishing a strategy and framework for indigenous and community participation within the sport but also will continue his role as State Team Coordinator.

I wish Craig, Luke, and Sean all the best in their new roles with AV. This year, the allocation of Victorian Government funding to Athletics Victoria has allowed us to establish an emphasis on extending participation opportunities to the greater Victorian communities.

In 2017 Athletics Victoria was awarded \$160,000 to deliver the 'Active Aths' project. This project is designed to link local athletics clubs with lower socioeconomic background communities and underrepresented groups, providing a positive outlet for physical and mental health outcomes through physical activity and a social club-based community. Targeting areas including Shepparton, Warrnambool, Greater Dandenong and Brimbank, the program aims to develop participation programs in an area with appropriate athletic facilities that currently lack strong club growth, whilst strengthening club/community relationships in suburban areas of Melbourne with significant multicultural populations. We continue to deliver on the key components of our Victorian Sport and Recreational Program which provides resources and education opportunities to Clubs, Officials and Coaches, encouraging community participation in a fun, equal and safe environment.

We have reached a crucial period in Athletics Victoria's recent history where we find membership numbers taking a slight decrease. We also find ourselves combating an ageing and depleting official's workforce as mentioned earlier in my report. With growing demands from all areas of our membership, Athletics Victoria is providing not only high-quality competition but continued investment in equipment and resources to maintain and improve the standard and delivery of competition. 2018-19 will play a pivotal role for clubs as we work together in establishing support and guidance frameworks to recruit new members into the sport and improve the transition from Little Athletics and schools into senior clubs.

Acknowledgements

I would like to personally thank our members including athletes, coaches, club helpers, officials, volunteers and all our stakeholders involved in supporting Athletics Victoria. Notable mentions must go to the Victorian Government for their continued support in allowing us to invest in various projects. Through the Sport and Recreational program, we are able to continue investment in growth, education, and community engagement.

Through Multicultural and Harmony Grants programs we also are able to provide opportunities to the wider communities of Victoria. I would also like to thank the zone and club committees and its members, who support the operations of Athletics Victoria. Also, the hard work and effort that goes in to organising team entries and individuals by the club administrators does not go unnoticed.

I would like to extend my thank you to Rhonda Jenkins (Championship Administration) Gary McBroom (Technical), Paul Jenes (Statistician), John Coleman (Officials Committee, Chair), Lyn Owen (Shield Committee, Chair), Terry Swan (VRWC, Secretary) and to all club representatives who play an influential role across our sport.

The services and support these individuals and all involved in the sport provide, are integral to developing and building the sport we know and love.

From the DEVELOPMENT LEADER - SEAN WHIPP

The past year has seen an exciting development in the multicultural involvement space, whilst equipping targeted regional areas with resources for the future.

A successful application to the Victorian Government's Multicultural Sporting Grants program has enabled development of steering committee's in Shepparton and Warrnambool, with coaching and officiating dates being tabled currently, with a focus on developing senior clubs in both areas. Of the targeted regional areas, both have substantial Aboriginal populations, which has brought on a development relationship with Rumbalara via the Aboriginal Sports Development office. Listed below is the strategic plan for the 'Active Aths' program, providing a comprehensive explanation of the program goals, and the conceptual background behind the selected geographical areas.

A Multicultural Involvement Strategy Introductory areas: Warrnambool & Shepparton Athletics Victoria is a state-wide organisation, responsible for the government and development of athletics throughout the state. The responsibility of an organisation to remain attentive to the needs of the entire state sits at the forefront of Athletics Victoria's 'Active Aths' planning. Targeting two communities with established populations in excess of 30,000 individuals, with availability of athletic facilities, Warrnambool and Shepparton were identified as two areas in which both of the afore mentioned factors existed and were accessible to a substantial multicultural population.

Preliminary program goals

- Increase Country & Regional Victorian participation rates through education and club development
- Strengthen relationships with multicultural groups within regional communities via structured athletic participation -Increase opportunities for underrepresented groups in sport, including women and those of low socio-economic backgrounds

Conceptual Outline 'Active Aths' is a program designed to link local athletics clubs with lower socioeconomic background communities and underrepresented groups, providing a positive outlet for physical and mental health outcomes through physical activity and a social

club-based community. Targeting two primary zones in regional and country Victoria, the program aims to develop clubs in two areas with appropriate athletic facilities that currently lack a club, whilst strengthening club to community relationships in suburban areas of Melbourne with significant multicultural populations.

Regional/Country Zones:

- Warrnambool
- Shepparton

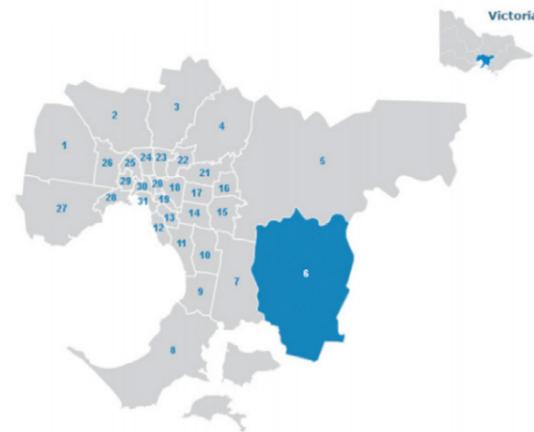
Suburban Zones:

- Brimbank
- Greater Dandenong

Geographical Identification

What constitutes a regional or country area? Metropolitan is defined by the 31 Local Government Areas displayed here (ABS, 2015).

Metropolitan Melbourne



Melbourne and Regional Victoria



School Age Population Distribution

Regional summary – government schools

13. Schools, students, apparent retention rates (ARR) and class sizes by region, February

Region	February, 2016		ARR		Feb, 2015		Feb, 2016	
	Schools	Students (FTE)	10–12	7–12	Average class size		P–2	All Prim
North-Eastern Victoria	389	139,424.4	88.9	93.9	20.8	22.4	20.8	22.3
North-Western Victoria	338	129,052.3	94.9	97.6	20.8	22.2	20.7	22.1
South-Eastern Victoria	397	166,560.9	87.8	96.4	21.2	22.5	21.0	22.4
South-Western Victoria	400	153,871.0	83.5	88.0	20.8	22.2	20.8	22.1
Total	1,524	588,908.6	88.5	93.8	20.9	22.3	20.8	22.3

Source: DET February School Census

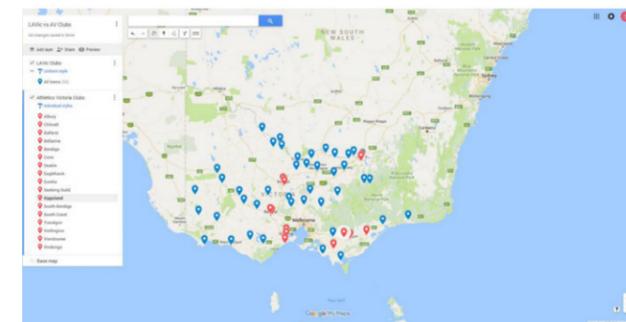
Current Regional/Country

Framework Athletics Victoria currently supports 20 clubs in regional or country Victoria, displayed below.

Little Athletics vs Senior AV Clubs:

Red markers = Senior AV Clubs

Blue markers = LAV Centres



The above graphic indicates the spread of clubs throughout Victoria, with a substantial spread of young athletes involved in Little Athletics Victoria (LAV) Centres throughout the western and northern regions of Victoria, indicative of hubs where the athletics is positively promoted and enjoys seasonal popularity. The participation numbers within country and regional centres fluctuates annually, with analysis of geographic outliers (Mildura, Portland, Orbost) reinforcing the reliance on volunteer coaches and parents. The LAV centre market is captive, in the sense that athletes completing their time as Little Athletics members have one option for continued athletic competition, with the state organisation controlling the entirety of club-based competitions. Thus, the responsibility lies with Athletics Victoria to develop a clear pathway between youth and junior competition formats.

Warrnambool & Shepparton Development Factors

Shepparton and Warrnambool were initially identified as centres of athletic and social impact potential due to three factors, location,

facilities and multicultural population, with both areas offering a substantial service to western and northern Victoria.

Location

Warrnambool

Located 3 hours (hrs) from Melbourne, Warrnambool is faced by an issue of proximity to regular competition, with Ballarat (2hrs) and Geelong (2hrs 20min) the nearest options, both of which are occasionally sustainable, but don't support a consistent training or education base for young competitors reliant on parental transport. Warrnambool has the potential to support nearby townships of Port Fairy (3,500), Portland (11,000), Terang (2,000), Camperdown (3,000) and Hamilton (10,000), with Athletics South Australia expressing interest from the Mount Gambier (25,000) athletic community in competitive opportunities in the region.

Shepparton

A 2-hour drive from Melbourne, Shepparton based athletes must travel to Ballarat (3hrs) or Bendigo (1hr 35min) for competition opportunities. Whilst Bendigo has been utilised for competition historically, a 3-hour round trip for training purposes is often unfeasible for young athletes.

Facilities

Access to an appropriate training or competition venue was a substantial factor in deciding target zones in regional and country Victoria, both sites differ from other regional centres in possessing competition standard synthetic or all-weather track options.

Warrnambool

Australia currently offers 4 Mondo surfaced tracks, with Perth, Canberra, Gold Coast and Warrnambool based options. The facility available in Warrnambool is a considerable asset, whilst track age and maintenance may become an issue in future years, the current facility could host a state level competition, with electronic timing, floodlighting and a venue-wide public-address system installed. Furthermore, the attached club room facility boasts two levels, equipment sheds and a canteen. A multi-million-dollar facility currently used on one evening per week by the local Little Athletics Centre, venue use must be addressed with the Brauerander Park management committee.

Shepparton

Following a multi-million-dollar government grant, Shepparton Sports Precinct was opened in 2017. Containing basketball, netball, field hockey, soccer and athletics venues, the precinct's funding resulted in an all-weather 8-lane track being built. The facility is still undergoing updates to throws and jumps pits, with a current lack of seating, shaded areas or club rooms, improvements would be required for competitions larger than AV Shield. Current shortcomings aside, the venue remains a premier training facility for the Hume region.

Warrnambool & Shepparton Development Factors (cont.)

Multiculturalism

Both towns have been members of the United Nations Humanitarian Refugee relocation program, a visa-specific program that aims to relocate individuals from particularly difficult living situations prior to arriving in Australia. Shepparton (current) & Warrnambool (former) both providing employment opportunities requiring basic English proficiency and low technical skills. These employment markets prove critical in the success of refugee relocation, with fruit picking, painting, factory and construction or general labour focused roles providing achievable pathways for income.

Warrnambool

Between 2011-2016, Warrnambool surpassed the regional Victorian average of overseas born residents (14.9%), with 24.2% of new arrivals born overseas. A Victoria University report identified numerous key factors in refugee resettlement, suggesting that integrative links between newly migrated individuals and community groups (such as sporting clubs), provided an outlet for physical activity, socialisation and practice of developing English language skills.

The maintenance of these connections was found to be key to the likelihood of migrant families assimilating into community life and feeling positively engaged with the wider township (Broadbent et al., 2007). Whilst initial Congolese and Sudanese refugee relocation was relatively successful, strengthening connections with ethnic community groups for recently moved multicultural families is likely to provide positive mental and physical health outcomes in the future.

Shepparton

A statistical leader of migrant intake in country Victoria, Shepparton ranks substantially above the regional average in numerous migration categories. Between 2011-2016, Shepparton's newly arrived citizens was 25.8% comprised of individuals born overseas, with 11.5% of the town's

current population speaking a language other than English, Shepparton are consistently 1-2 standard deviations.

Region specific goals and progression

Warrnambool

A leader in industry and sporting opportunities for south-western Victoria, Warrnambool presents significant athletic opportunities, with numerous community stakeholders expressing interest in scheduled competitive and educational sessions. The coastal community is geographically well situated to service western Victoria, with a strong local recreational running community, interest in the sport has only grown over the last 5 years with the growth of the Warrnambool Athletic Club (a recreational running group). An important phase of development for the region will take part at a late February community meeting, where an agreement between the facility management committee, Brauer College and interested community stakeholders will be developed to provide achievable facility access times, with previous difficulties for the community stemming from disagreements in use times and use costs by landowners Brauer College.

1. Re-establishment of a senior athletics club at the Brauerander Park facility
2. Increased educational opportunities for local coaches, officials & schools
3. Regular competition schedule for south-western Victorian athletes

Shepparton

A township situated at the very heart of the Hume region, Shepparton can bridge the travel gap between Bendigo and Wangaratta, whilst supporting local townships of Benalla, Seymour, Echuca, Rochester, Kyabram and Nathalia. Little Athletics Centre (LAC) participation in Benalla, Shepparton and Seymour alone includes 727 athletes, one of the strongest regional networks of LAC's, the area has traditionally favoured participation in Australia Rules Football and Cricket, yet athletics does offer either a foundational educational element, or alternative sport pathway, with increased communication with local sporting groups the best way in which to integrate athletics as a core junior sporting pathway.

1. Providing a clear pathway been Little Athletics to AV Athletics in Shepparton
2. Increased educational opportunities for local coaches, officials and school
3. Establish a participation network with local multicultural groups

Financial Impact Assessment: Sustainability of expansion

Early analysis of the state-wide Little Athletics Victoria (LAV) coverage

results in a simple but valuable concept, with 50 LAV centres geographically defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as 'Country or Regional', an increase in competitive pathway awareness, developing a link between LAV age group completion to senior AV club competition may initially aim for a 3 member per centre sign up rate. A conservative estimate, if 3 members per LAV centre were to purchase a junior base membership (\$80), coupled with a summer track package (\$100), the most conservative of revenue estimates would total \$27,000 (150 athletes multiplied by \$180). Coupled with a specific summer athletics awareness campaign, this revenue model has the potential to positively influence a state-wide revenue stream.

If 3 members per LAC centre acted as the lowest financial aim, moderate estimations of 5 athletes per LAV centre (\$45,000) or 8 athletes per centre (\$72,000) rapidly indicate the financial potential of such a concept. The afore mentioned estimates can be understood in greater context when further analysing participation rates. Of the 50 centres researched, the smallest of these centres was Bar-rook (14 athletes), the largest was Wangaratta (293 athletes), with an average of 110 members across the 50 clubs.

Whilst this number must take into consideration athletes who are part of the younger age categories, and not yet ready to join a senior club, the total membership of the 50 clubs analysed was 5207 athletes at the time of printing. If a 10% membership sign-up rate could be maintained between LAV centre attendee's and AV senior clubs, revenue would total \$93,600, with a more ambitious estimate ranging between 25-35% (\$234,180 – \$327,960). Whilst achieving a 100% sign-up rate is statistically unlikely, the country LAV centre athlete participation pool represents a potential summer revenue stream of \$937,260.

The success of such a concept relies largely on efficacy of marketing and summer package awareness. The LAV centre market is captive, in the sense that athletes completing their time as Little Athletics members have one option for continued athletic competition, with the state organisation controlling the entirety of club-based competitions.

Initial financial estimates do not include cross country, yet Little Athletics Victoria offer cross country opportunities throughout the winter, a further competitive opportunity which may appeal to country members, with winter competition opportunities limited entirely to local or club organised fun runs if Athletics Victoria's XCR season is removed from the equation.

Progression target markets

Early meetings with both Shepparton and Warrnambool community groups resulted in a spread of interest from associated groups across Victoria. Following further analysis, two zones have been selected as upcoming multicultural development areas. Greater Dandenong One of Victoria's most diverse multicultural municipalities, the Greater Dandenong area is home to Dandenong-Springvale Athletics Club, a relatively small club with a need for membership growth, home track facilities in Noble park situate the club as one with the ability to positively affect the wider community. Based upon the Australia governments Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), recent data places Greater Dandenong, a municipality of 160,000, in the top 10% of the most disadvantaged communities in Australia, with 27.8% of the community speaking a language other than English, whilst speaking English very well, and 26% of the community speaking a language other than English at home. A substantial population with room for a low-cost, low-equipment needs sport, numerous positive outcomes could be achieved with a program with targeted cooperation between cultural groups and major schools in the region. Brimbank A municipality of 194,000, Brimbank differs to Greater Dandenong in facility availability. The area is a hub of Little Athletic Centres, with 5 centres available locally. The possibility for multicultural involvement at a senior level is consequently supported by Western Athletics and Athletics Essendon.

Following consultation with Little Athletics Victoria, the concept was raised that more could be done to specifically target the heavily multicultural population of the area, with the marketing of athletics as an individual sport perceived by local cultural groups as a conceptual barrier to many. Brimbank finds itself in a similarly difficult socioeconomic area to Greater Dandenong, ranking inside the top 5% of most disadvantaged communities in Australia, 45% of residents were born in a country where English wasn't their first language, with strong immigration numbers from Vietnam, India, Ethiopia, Somalia, Croatia and Malta. Such substantial cultural diversity results in the ensuing statistics, 19% of residents have arrived in the last 5 years from a foreign country, whilst 44.8% of the community speaks another language, and English well or very well. A significant percentage of the community speaks another language, and English not well or not at all (13.4%), with multilingual trends continuing throughout households, as 58% of residents spoke a language other than English at home in 2016.

Development

MEMBERSHIP - KIRBY ELLIS

At the conclusion of the 2017/18 season, total membership figures confirm that Athletics Victoria has registered more than 30,000 members over the past five seasons.

Although there was a reduction in competing member numbers, for the second consecutive season, both the official and coaching figures were pleasing. The number of officials remained steady, while the number of accredited coaches grew for the sixth year in row; a strong coaching and official framework is an integral element in growing and creating a sustainable sporting landscape and Athletics Victoria is committed to continuing to drive membership in this area. Despite the reduction in competing member numbers, there were some positive trends around participation.

The balance of males and females participating across the sport held steady at 59% and 41% respectively. Ideally, we would like to be equally represented across the board, particularly in active participation figures however Athletics Victoria continues to lead the way when it comes to gender equality in the state sporting fraternity. The inclusive nature of the sport is something we can all be very proud of. The table below outlines competing membership figures over the past five seasons:

	Open	U20	U18	U16	U14
Total 2013-14	2212	3556	4677	8651	4642
2014-15	2164	3426	4074	9635	4530
2015-16	2306	4006	4572	3620	4694
2016-17	2215	3606	1073	6566	4487
2017-18	2155	3476	3171	9518	4370

Despite an overall trend of lower competing member numbers across the state, there were 26 clubs who succeeded in registering enough athletes to either equal or surpass their total figure from 2016-17. Notable mentions must go to Old Xaverians Athletic Club, who mounted a significant comeback and returned to the 100+ league, with an increase of 23%, while Wyndham Track & Field have continued their steady growth, posting a 30% increase in competing members.

Not to be outdone by their metropolitan counterparts, some country clubs also saw a surge in their athlete figures, most notably South Coast Athletics and Bendigo University Athletic Club who posted gains of 51% and 29% respectively. The competition for the top spot on the ladder this season was hotly contested, with both Box Hill Athletic Club and Glenhuntly Athletic Club registering 234 athletes.

Athletics Essendon, although knocked out of the top position for the first time in 3 seasons, managed to hang on to a place in the elusive 200+ league. A further 13 clubs managed to exceed 100 competing members, across the winter and summer seasons, with Mentone Athletic Club cracking the triple figure mark for the first time. The table below shows the number of Athletics Victoria affiliated clubs and those clubs who have exceeded 100, or 200 members, over the past five seasons:

	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Total Clubs	62	60	58	58	56
Clubs with 100+ members	17	16	17	17	16
Clubs with 200+ members	4	4	4	3	3



The 2017-18 season saw the consolidation of both the reimagined membership model and the Athletics Victoria online portal.

While there were a few small amendments made to the portal, the membership had a more pleasant user experience throughout the season and were again able to provide instant feedback through the monitoring tool, Hotjar. With the second season of the new membership structure completed, Athletics Victoria commenced a review of the membership offering and the way that members were utilising the services provided, which led to some changes made for the 2018/19 season. Additionally, after considerable feedback regarding member benefits, Athletics Victoria approached SportsPass to come on board as partners, giving members access to a range of exclusive discounts and deals. We hope that members take advantage of this added benefit throughout the 2018/19 season.

Athletics Victoria has started the process of creating two new athletic clubs: Shepparton and Warrnambool. Both areas, currently

underserved by AV, have been identified as key growth corridors. For more information on this development, please refer to the Multicultural Program: Active Aths report.

The Club Connect Program was paused for the 2017/18 season after feedback, which suggested that a standardised overall club model be created as a guide to those requiring assistance in club governance, development, and sustainability. This is an ongoing project which will be rolled out to clubs from 2019.

Finally, Athletics Victoria would like to acknowledge the 2017/18 affiliated clubs and specialist groups and the efforts of the club administrators. These dedicated volunteers spend countless hours ensuring the smooth operation of the clubs, on behalf of Athletics Victoria, thank you for your contribution.

Statistics MEMBERSHIP



Club	Open M	U20	U18	U16	U14	Total M
Albury Athletics	0	0	5	4	2	11
Athletics Chilwell AC	19	4	12	16	11	62
Athletics Essendon	67	14	24	18	12	135
Athletics Nunawading	32	7	8	12	5	64
Athletics Waverley	28	3	2	2	3	38
Ballarat Harriers AC	23	1	3	3	5	35
Ballarat YCW Harriers AC	23	0	5	3	11	42
Bellarine Athletics T&F	11	0	0	1	2	14
Bendigo Harriers AC	25	5	12	7	4	53
Bendigo University AC	15	2	0	3	1	21
Box Hill AC	72	10	24	23	14	143
Brunswick AC	8	1	5	0	2	16
Casey Cardinia Athletics	9	6	9	9	2	35
Coburg Harriers AC	24	2	1	1	1	29
Collingwood Harriers AC	71	3	9	6	11	100
Corio AC	3	1	3	0	1	8
Dandenong Springvale Athletics	4	0	4	3	1	12
Deakin AC	22	1	1	3	1	28
Diamond Valley AC	42	9	14	27	2	94
Doncaster AC	53	7	12	7	14	93
Eaglehawk AC	15	0	6	0	2	23
Eureka AC	20	2	2	5	4	33
Frankston AC	20	8	15	17	11	71
Geelong Guild AC	11	5	3	14	8	41
Gippsland Athletics Club	8	0	2	4	3	17
Glenhuntly AC	108	6	12	12	9	147
Ivanhoe Harriers AC	10	1	6	5	1	23
Keilor St Bernards AC	26	9	4	2	18	59
Knox AC	38	1	12	12	8	71
Maccabi AC	10	1	1	5	5	22
Malvern Harriers AC	19	0	0	0	0	19
Melbourne University AC	78	13	2	2	0	95
Mentone AC	30	6	12	11	5	64
Mornington Peninsula AC	20	4	5	4	3	36
Old Melburnians AC	18	6	5	8	2	39
Old Scotch Collegians AC	26	4	10	2	5	47
Old Xaverians AC	35	3	12	7	0	57
Preston AC	8	0	2	4	1	15
Richmond Harriers AC	26	1	0	0	0	27
Ringwood AC	20	12	13	17	4	66
Sandringham AC	17	10	12	9	6	54
South Bendigo AC	15	2	5	6	5	33
South Coast Athletics	13	0	1	1	6	21
South Melbourne AC	42	1	4	5	2	54
St Kevins AC	28	4	8	9	17	66
St Stephens Harriers AC	24	3	3	2	1	33
Traralgon Harriers AC	13	0	4	0	0	17
Victorian Masters AC	24	0	0	0	0	24
Wellington AC	3	1	4	3	3	14
Wendouree AC	15	4	10	13	12	54
Western Athletics AC	37	7	11	21	7	83
Whittlesea City AC	4	0	2	0	0	6
Williamstown AC	22	3	0	3	6	34
Wodonga AC	4	0	3	2	1	10
Wyndham Track & Field	12	3	2	2	7	26
Yarra Ranges Athletics	21	2	6	10	4	43
Specialist Group						
Independent						
TOTAL	1391	198	352	365	271	2577

Open F	U20	U18	U16	U14	Total F
2	0	2	5	2	11
15	4	11	9	9	48
31	12	20	16	13	92
19	7	6	10	1	43
14	0	2	1	1	18
10	0	3	3	4	20
8	1	4	4	8	25
2	0	0	1	0	3
14	0	7	8	8	37
5	0	1	3	1	10
29	7	18	24	13	91
9	1	1	4	2	17
8	1	4	14	8	35
11	0	0	0	3	14
33	3	9	9	11	65
6	1	1	5	2	15
2	0	0	5	1	8
9	2	2	0	0	13
26	8	19	13	10	76
21	5	14	7	9	56
15	0	4	4	11	34
14	2	3	3	7	29
16	8	15	21	8	68
4	3	5	16	14	42
5	2	2	3	1	13
50	9	8	11	9	87
3	0	0	1	0	4
21	5	4	5	2	37
23	6	11	12	4	56
1	1	1	6	6	15
10	0	0	0	0	10
49	13	1	0	0	63
17	1	12	10	3	43
5	1	2	0	0	8
4	0	0	0	0	4
6	0	0	2	0	8
23	10	13	4	2	52
10	2	3	1	4	20
9	0	0	0	0	9
20	6	10	14	7	57
22	8	21	23	8	82
15	2	6	6	4	33
7	1	3	5	7	23
23	2	1	6	2	34
5	1	1	6	7	20
8	0	0	0	0	8
14	1	0	0	0	15
11	0	0	0	0	11
2	0	2	6	7	17
13	3	6	8	6	36
25	5	6	18	4	58
1	2	3	2	0	8
12	1	3	8	9	33
5	0	1	2	3	11
2	0	4	2	0	8
20	2	4	8	6	40
764	149	279	354	247	1793

Athletes	Coaches	Officials	Social	RecRun	Total
22	2	0	1	0	25
110	12	14	0	0	128
227	32	17	0	1	256
107	12	4	1	0	112
56	5	2	0	0	58
55	3	2	0	18	77
67	7	6	0	0	76
17	2	8	1	0	23
90	5	7	0	2	100
31	3	2	0	1	33
234	26	6	0	1	251
33	2	7	0	0	37
70	7	3	1	0	76
43	5	2	0	1	47
165	24	14	2	2	188
23	3	5	1	0	27
20	7	4	0	0	27
41	13	4	0	0	52
170	20	10	1	0	186
149	48	6	6	2	180
57	2	7	0	0	60
62	13	9	1	1	72
139	25	10	2	1	167
83	14	16	0	0	100
30	5	8	0	0	36
234	40	14	0	0	264
27	6	4	1	0	34
96	13	8	4	0	105
127	19	2	0	3	139
37	3	4	0	7	47
29	4	1	1	12	45
158	27	7	0	1	172
107	19	1	1	1	116
44	7	4	2	2	55
43	8	0	0	0	44
55	6	3	0	0	56
109	13	1	0	0	115
35	6	3	2	0	41
36	4	4	2	3	45
123	21	6	0	1	141
136	43	11	5	0	169
66	9	12	0	0	76
44	6	2	1	0	46
88	18	1	0	1	96
86	9	1	0	0	90
41	7	3	2	0	50
32	10	0	29	36	101
35	7	2	1	1	41
31	5	0	7	0	42
90	9	15	0	3	103
141	17	9	5	3	160
14	5	4	0	0	21
67	9	0	1	1	75
21	7	2	4	0	30
34	8	3	1	0	42
83	9	1	0	0	87
	45	5	38	8	96
	762	140			883
4370	1478	446	124	113	6021

Report

VICTORIAN OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

The current Victorian Athletics Committee consists of: John Coleman (Chairman); Richard Lawysz; Lorraine Morgan; Stuart Schnaars; Kirsteen Farrance; Gary McBroom; Stuart Merrick; Andrew Duncan; Andrew Stirling; Shane Bicknell and Andrea Hallett.

The Committee met on 5 occasions during the past season. There were 446 registered Victorian Athletics Officials for the 2017/2018 season which is consistent with the figures from last season.

As a part of its recruitment drive, the Committee trialled a Cadet Scheme throughout the track and field season. Six young athletes from across Victoria participated in this trial and all of them reported that they enjoyed the opportunity to both compete and contribute to the sport.

Three of these cadets successfully fulfilled the criteria and were awarded a complimentary membership for the coming season. It is hoped that this very concrete benefit will encourage others to participate. The Scheme will be broadened in the coming season and facilitated by the appointment of a State Coordinator and Zone Mentors.

The tail end of the 2017/18 season, and undoubtedly the highlight for many, saw the selection and participation of a number of Victorian Officials in the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Victoria was well represented, with 32 of the state's best making the trek north to officiate across the 8 days of competition. Several of the senior positions at the Games were filled by Victorian Officials; including Khan Sharp as Competition Director, Lorraine Morgan and Kirsteen Farrance as Meet Managers.

We also had a smattering of Sport Specific volunteers who headed up to lend their experience. We hope that those who were involved

enjoyed their time and gained valuable experience at such a high level of competition. The Officials in Schools Programme continued to grow during the 2017/18 season, with several new schools seeking the assistance of our talented officials, to conduct both cross country and track & field competitions.

We thank those who were involved in these programs for their continued support and for spreading the word of the great work that our officials do. Several Victorian Officials were recognised with Awards during the past year. Kevin Wigmore who was presented with the Athletics Australia Official of the year award. Kevin received his award at the National Championships in February.

Two Victorians have now received this prestigious award reflecting our belief that Victorian Officials are the best in Australia. At the Victorian Officials Awards Luncheon in May the following Victoria Officials were acknowledged: Stuart Schnaars; the 2018 Victorian Official of the year. Lance Kamau; the 2018 Rising Star award.

Region and Zone award winners were: Ian Fisher; Ian Upton; Stephen McLennan; Heather Holzer; Julie Bicknell; Margaret Carty; David Young; Steve Taylor; Lyn Owen; Carolyn Rosenbrock; Peter Savage; Nicole Lopes; George Pecchiar and Raymond Slade.

We congratulate and thank these award winners for their valued contribution. Several Victorian Athletics Officials were also recognised with service awards acknowledging their length of service to athletics in this State. Amongst them were Brian Moore 55 years, Jenny and Terry Harris and Lorraine Smith 40 years. On behalf of Athletics Victoria and the Victorian Officials Committee, thank you to all those who have volunteered countless hours to ensure the smooth operation of our events, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

John Coleman: Chairman Victorian Officials Committee Chairman
Andrea Hallett: Officials Training and Accreditation Manager.



Report

COMPETITIONS - TRAVIS POZNACHOWSKI

The 2017/18 season was a busy but significant one with many athletes chasing selection for the 2017 IAAF World Championships in London, while others were seeking qualifying performances for their chance to pull on the green and gold to represent Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast.

In total, Victoria had 15 athletes compete at the World Championships for Australia and 27 selected as part of the Commonwealth Games team. All athletes, coaches, team managers, officials and parents should be congratulated for their efforts across the 2017/18 season, without their dedication and motivation the season would not have been as successful as it was. This season saw few changes compared to that of the previous one, with the state open and junior championship being held on separate weekends to align with the Commonwealth Games. There was a slight change to the format of the ever-evolving AV Shield competition and XCR'17 got us through the winter with 10 competitive rounds, one of those a new venue to cap the season off at Princes Park and three exciting school's cross-country rounds.

XCR'17 Review

It was once again a big XCR season in 2017, total participation was only marginally down on the previous season (0.74%) with the average number of competitors across the 10 rounds down by only five on average. The club spirit was on full display as the season kicked off at Jells Park with the traditional Cross-Country Relays, 12 more teams entered and ran the tough 3km and 6km courses. Another warm day at Wandin Park for the first of the individual rounds, saw athletes navigating their way through a hilly and challenging course with a well-deserved drink awaiting them at

the finish line. This led into the remainder of the season starting at Cruden Farm and then onto Bundoora Park, Sandown, Albert Park, Lake Wendouree, Anglesea, and Burnley before the final round found a new home for the year at Princes Park. XCR'17 was another big success with athletes and clubs enjoying themselves in what is now a very constant and competitive competition across all age groups.

XCR Schools

The 2017 Schools Cross Country season kicked off at Jells Park North, a new venue and course for the event. Athletics Victoria were extremely happy to see 312 teams entered (5% increase on 2016) compete over the 3km and 4km courses. As it was the year before, Marcellin College took out the Boys overall win, while Ruyton Girl's School won the overall girls, but Haileybury College and Wesley College drew on the top of the leader board in the Co-Educational School's battle. The second of the school cross country events was again held at Albert Park for the All Schools Road Relays. Athletes competed over a 2km or 3km course along the roads and paths of the Albert Park precinct. In 2017, there were 342 teams entered to compete, a slight decrease on the year before by just over 3%. It was a lovely sunny day in Melbourne for the school kids to traverse along their respective courses. What started as all smiles soon turned to looks of exhaustion as athletes left nothing in the tank entering the changeover zone to hand off to their team mates. Marcellin College proved too strong in the boy's competition and Ruyton Girl's School again showed their dominance in the cross-country series winning the girls competition. Wesley College were crowned winners of the Co-Educational Schools competition. In the Under 18 Road Relay Competition, Wesley College took out both the Boy's and Girl's awards. The final school cross country event for 2017 was the Victorian School Cross Country Championships. This competition is used to select the Victorian team to compete in the Australian School Cross Country Championships which were held in Tasmania.

It was a mild day at Bundoora Park but that didn't stop 1,307 athletes from across 199 different schools in Victoria from entering the single biggest day of cross country running for the year. This entry figure is almost a 13% increase on the previous year's total, the number of schools almost identical to that of the 2016 total. Marcellin College and Ruyton Girl's School made it a clean sweep for their school's series in the Boy's and Girl's competition taking out the Overall Win at Bundoora Park. Haileybury College ended their school's cross-country season with a win in the Co-Educational School competition. Congratulations to all students and schools for their efforts and dedication throughout the series.

XCR Relays

The first relay event was held at Jells Park North on a sunny afternoon and saw 326 teams entered to get their season off to a winning start. In the Women's Premier Division, it was Glenhuntly that claimed the gold medal and, in the Men's Premier Division it was Box Hill that came out on top. The Sandown Road Relays had two less teams than that of the previous year, with a total of 296 entered to run around the racetrack. It was one of the very few cold and wet days in the season but with Little Athletics Victoria holding their road relays in conjunction with Athletics Victoria's, the atmosphere in the grandstands and along the changeover areas was electric. In round eight, 184 teams headed down the highway to Anglesea for the Ekiden Relays, a tough cross-country relay that requires teams to compete over various distances along the Great Ocean Road with views of the Surf Coast. The Men's Premier Division winner, who compete over 42km was Knox Athletic Club while in the Women's Premier Division, who battle it out over a 35km course, Glenhuntly had a comfortable victory. The XCR'17 season finished at a different venue than it normally does, with The Tan out of action, clubs converged on Princes Park in Carlton North. A fast 3.2km circuit around the park on a damp morning, the start lines were very busy as 328 teams battled it out, an increase of nine teams from the previous

year's event. Box Hill were clear winners in the Men's Premier Division while Glenhuntly had an unassailable lead in the Women's Premier Division, both teams finishing second on the day to cap their seasons off.

XCR Individual

For the second year in a row, Wandin Park hosted the first of the individual rounds and for the second year in a row, temperatures soared to the mid-high 20's in the middle of May, making for very tough conditions for athletes. Andrew Buchanan from Bendigo Region claimed line honours in the Men's 8km race in a time of 26:05 and Anna Kelly of South Melbourne took the gold medal in the Women's 6km race in a time of 21:57. Cruden Farm was the site for the heritage round in 2017 and conditions were pretty good for athletes, besides a few mud patches and jumps for athletes to negotiate. In the Open Men's 16km race, Dejen Gebreselassie of Mentone crossed the line first, in a time of 49:11. In the Women's Open 8km race Collingwood Harriers Virginia Moloney broke through for her first victory of the season in a time of 27:22. Round 4 at Bundoora Park saw a spike in the entries with just over 1000 entering to compete, a 5% increase on the year before. In the morning session the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships were held and then in the afternoon it was the U20 and open aged athletes that competed across the 6km, 8km and 10km course. In the 8km Open Women's race Collingwood Harrier's Virginia Moloney made it two in a row, first across the line in a time of 35:16. In the Open men's 10km race it was Bendigo's Andrew Buchanan who won his second race of the season in a time of 31:01. The first of the individual road races was held along Lakeside Drive for the 10km Albert Park Road Race. Junior athletes completed a 3km road race. Yet again, there was a big jump in entry numbers, a total of 1398 entered, up by 41 on the previous year's total. Now considered Victoria's fastest 10km road race, athletes had to battle challenging gusts of wind before making their way into Lakeside

Stadium for the final 300m. Old Xaverians athlete Alexandra Paterson won her first XCR'17 race in the Women's Open category in a time of 33:22, while in the Open Men's race it was Athletics Essendon's Mitchel Brown who broke through the finish line banner first in a time of 29:48. One of the windiest days of the year fell on the day of the 15km Road Race around Lake Wendouree. These conditions made it extremely difficult for all athletes, with the juniors up first in their 6km race followed by the senior athletes competing over the 15km course. Numbers were down on the day due to the unfavourable weather, but everyone powered through to the end which is a credit to all involved. Virginia Moloney of Collingwood took the gold medal home for the third time, winning in 49:29 while Liam Adams won his first race of the XCR season in a time of 45:50 for Athletics Essendon. The penultimate round of XCR'17 was the traditional Burnley Half Marathon, a cool but dry day saw some of Victoria's best long-distance athletes race over 21.1km. With many invitational athletes entering to get a taste of XCR and warming up for the Melbourne Marathon entry numbers were up, with an overall increase of 3%. Junior athletes competed across the 5km course along Yarra Boulevard and then the Open aged athletes competed in the Half Marathon. Athletics Essendon's Liam Adams continued his form on the road winning in a time of 1:04.54. In the Women's Open race, it was Lisa Weightman from Melbourne University who finished her XCR'17 season off with a win in 1:11.14 Athletics Victoria would like to congratulate the following winning clubs from the XCR'17 season.

	Men	Women
Premier Division	Box Hill	Glenhuntly
Division 2	Western Athletics	Old Xaverians
Division 3	Athletics Nunawading	Victorian Masters
Division 4	Box Hill	APS United
Division 5	Bendigo Region	Athletics Essendon
Division 6	Richmond Harriers	
Division 7	Bendigo Region	
U14	Collingwood Harriers	Williamstown
U16	Ballarat Region	Western Athletics
U18	Ballarat Region	Western Athletics
U20	Western Athletics	Melbourne University
40+	Glenhuntly	Ballarat Region
50+	Box Hill	

Congratulations to all individuals and teams that competed throughout the season. Athletics Victoria would like to make special mention to Liam Adams of Athletics Essendon and Virginia Moloney of Collingwood Harriers for taking out the overall Men's and Women's winter championships. Overall the XCR'17 season was a very successful one, the introduction of a new venue, the increase in participation numbers as well as the continued support of athletes, clubs, team managers and officials gives us great encouragement moving forward into future cross country and road racing series. A lot of hard work goes into the preparation of entering teams and athletes by club representatives and this should be acknowledged by all. So many of these people take time out of their own day to ensure their athletes are ready to compete and without their help this competition wouldn't be a success.

2017/18 Summer AV Shield

For the 2017/18 AV Shield season, athletes were able to compete at any venue across the state and score points for their team, extending the one-off roaming round from the previous season. This gave athletes the opportunity to focus on their pet event every week. Each round saw two venues operating in metropolitan Melbourne, hosting opposing programs, while the country regions continued to alternate their programs each week. Two metro venues would hold competitions each week with one venue operating one program while the other venue would operate the other program. The scoring system was altered slightly to allow athletes to compete at multiple venues and venues outside of their 'home' zone and still score points. Countless hours went into the operation of the 2017/18 AV Shield season by the Shield Committee and volunteers, our sincere thanks to all those involved who are thanked and congratulated by Athletics Victoria. Numbers were slightly down on the previous season and the AV Shield committee and Athletics Victoria are committed to improving the product and getting more people involved in the competition.

Registered athletes per zone:

Metro	Country
Blue: 978	Ballarat: 274
Red: 597	Bendigo: 244
White: 937	Geelong: 274
Yellow: 885	

Athletics Victoria are continuing to work with all stakeholders to ensure the AV Shield competition continues to grow and support athletes of all ages and abilities. We are also striving to ensure we have the very best specialists in areas such as photo finish and result scoring. A lot of hard work goes into the running of each competition and the committees, volunteers and zone organisers play a vital role in delivering competitions on a weekly basis. The AV Shield Final, the pinnacle for clubs and many athletes was a fantastic day for all involved. The Queens Baton Relay was incorporated into the morning's action, completing a lap of Lakeside Stadium, before the finalists across 14 divisions battled it out for bragging rights for the off season and claim the 2017/18 AV Shield Final. Athletics Victoria would like to congratulate the following winning teams from the 2017/18 AV Shield Final:

	Men	Women
Division 1	Glenhuntly	Athletics Nunawading
Division 2	Wyndham Track & Field	Mentone
U14	St Kevins	Glenhuntly
U16	Western Athletics	Casey Cardinia
U18	Yarra Ranges	Athletics Essendon
U20	Keilor St Bernards	Mentone
40+	Diamond Valley	Bendigo Region

2017/18 Summer Schools Review

Victorian School Track Relay Championships

The Victorian School Track Relay Championships once again kicked off the summer season, where we welcomed three new schools, and saw an increase of 75 team entries across the day. With an increase of three schools entering teams, bringing the total to 44 which equated to 537 team entries, 75 more than in 2016 which is a sensational effort by all Victorian Schools who entered teams in to continue the support of this Championship event. It was a fun and exciting day and we would like to congratulate Wesley College and Melbourne Grammar for taking out the overall team awards for the Women's and Men's teams respectively. A huge thank you to the schools who continue to support this great day of racing.

Victorian School Knockout Championships

The 2017 Victorian School Knockout Championships were held at Lakeside Stadium on Thursday 14th December, there were an impressive 115 teams entered, across 26 schools. Athletes across the three age groups; junior, intermediate and senior enjoyed a fantastic day of team competition, all vying for an elusive top 2 finish to qualify for the Australian School Knockout Championships, which were held in Adelaide in December. Athletics Victoria congratulates all 2017 competitors and medallists.

Victorian All Schools Track & Field Championships

The 2017 Victorian All Schools Track & Field Championships took place at Lakeside Stadium from the 3-5 November. This season we had an increase of 25 entries, totalling 2,447 across the three-day competition. The 1,282 athletes were all vying for a spot in the Victorian team to compete at the Australian Schools Track & Field Championships which were held in Adelaide, 153 getting the chance to represent the state at national level which is a great result for Athletics in Victoria and for all those involved.

2017/18 Summer AV Championships Review

Victorian 5km Championships

In 2017, 194 athletes converged on Lakeside Stadium for the 5000m State Championships. Pleasant conditions provided for some great racing for the first of the summer championship events. An increase of 24 entries from the previous season gave athletes better competition across seven races, five men's races and two women's. In the women's 'A' race Melissa Duncan from Knox Athletic Club took the gold medal in a time of 16:19.58 while in the men's 'A' race it was Bendigo University's Andrew Buchanan who claimed the title in a time of 14:07.63.

Victorian Track Relay Championships

One of the single busiest days for clubs and team managers, the Victorian Track Relay Championships didn't disappoint in 2017. The November 11th competition had 396 teams, roughly 1500 athletes and 31 clubs take part. This season saw the introduction of an Open Men and Women 4x1500 which was well supported by many clubs and an event that will get stronger over the coming years. As in past seasons, the Men and Women Open 4x400m final was decided a few weeks later at Zatopek:10.

Victorian Country Track & Field Championships

On a very hot, and at times very wet, Australia Day weekend, the 2018 Victorian Country Track & Field Championships headed back to Llanberris Reserve in Ballarat. There was a slight decrease in entry numbers from the previous year (1,945 and 766 athletes) however that didn't stop any athletes from producing some fantastic results, including state records, country records and personal bests.

Athletics Victoria would like to thank the Ballarat Regional Athletics Committee for the tireless work in the lead up to the weekend and across the three days of competition. An event of this magnitude would not be possible without their help. Congratulations to all award winners for their efforts over the weekend.

Overall Award Winners 2018:

Margaret Saunders Country Cup Eaglehawk (1611.5pts) Ex Athletes Cup Eaglehawk (912.5pts) David Kitt Trophy Bendigo Harriers (706pts) Stuart Hunter Shield James Woods (South Bendigo) Joyce Lockyer Memorial Shield Emma Werner (Eureka) Male Australia Day Medal Damien Birkinhead (Corio) Female Australia Day Medal Alanna Peart (Ballarat YCW Harriers) Male Athletics Chilwell Veteran Award Brett Gilligan (Bendigo Harriers) Female Athletics Chilwell Veteran Award Sharon Pedersen (Athletics Chilwell)

Victorian Junior Track & Field Championships

The Victorian Junior and Para Track & Field Championships were held on the weekend of the 23-25 February at Lakeside Stadium. A staggering 1,067 athletes took to the stage to participate in the three-day event, travelling from far and wide to enjoy the challenges of competing against the best athletes across the state. Some of the standout performances included James Joycey (Doncaster Athletic Club, Hammer Throw, 68.63m), Harvey Murrant (Geelong Guild, 400m Hurdles, 51.95s) and Louise Mendes (Athletics Essendon, Hammer Throw, 57.59m) who all achieved World U20 qualifiers in their respective events. This competition is a great opportunity for all junior athletes to bring out their competitive sides whilst also having fun and enjoying themselves. The State Track & Field Championships are the selection trials for junior athletes to represent Victoria at the

National Championships which were held in Sydney. Victoria took over 500 athletes, making up close to 1000 events entries to the Australian Junior Track and Field Championships, all of whom represented the state very proudly.

Victorian Open and Para Track & Field Championships

The first weekend of March at Lakeside Stadium saw many athletes arrive to compete in the Victorian Open and Para Track & Field Championships which incorporated the Victorian Multi Championships and National Junior Multi Championships. The Victorian Open Championships occurred after the National Track & Field Championships in 2018, but that didn't stop athletes from entering in their droves with just under 1000 entries for the weekend made by 606 athletes. A notable performance was by Kathryn Mitchell of Eureka Athletic Club who broke her own Victorian record in the Open Women's Javelin with a throw of 68.57m.

The HH Hunter Shield was once again awarded to Athletics Essendon with a total score of 149 points, just clear of second placed Box Hill that finished on 124 points.

Victorian Multi Championships

(Incorporating National Junior Multi Championships)

On the same weekend as the state open championships, the Victorian Multi Championships also took place at Lakeside Stadium. This competition coincided with the National Junior Multi Championships with 53 athletes competing across the pentathlon, heptathlon, and decathlon in the state championships and many of those junior athletes also competing in the National Junior Championships. Some great performances came out of the competition from the U14 athletes all the way up to the 40+/50+ age groups. As always, the multi athletes supported and motivated one another at all their events across the two days, demonstrating great sportsmanship and comradery.

Victorian Masters Track & Field Championships

The Victorian Masters Track & Field Championships took place at Tom Kelly Athletics Track in Doncaster in some mixed weather, which proved difficult for athletes and officials alike. This season had 981 entries with athletes from the 30-34 age group all the way up to the 80+ age groups showing off their athletic prowess

whilst also enjoying the company of their fellow competitors. Congratulations to all competitors who braved the weather and gave it their all across the weekend. The spirit and friendship amongst the athletes, officials and spectators was fantastic to see and all should be congratulated for their efforts. Athletics Victoria would like to thank Doncaster Athletic Club for assisting in the hosting of this competition, we would also like to thank Victorian Masters Association (VMA) for the pre-event assistance and planning. Athletics Victoria look forward to working closely with VMA in the future for the Victorian Masters Track & Field Championships.

Zatopek:10

On Thursday 14th December, Lakeside Stadium played host to Zatopek:10. An historic event in this state, the twilight meet sees the best of the best battle it out in events including; the U20 Ondieki 3000m race for the women and the U20 De Castella 3000m race for the men, the 100-yard dash for men and women and some innovative field events, including the Gary Honey Long

Jump Challenge and Steve Hooker Pole Vault Challenge. Some thrilling finishes saw Doncaster's Open Men and Sandringham's Open Women claim the all-important 4x400m state title. In the headline acts, the 10,000m races, it was Celia Sullohern who claimed victory in the women's race while Stewart McSweyn won the men's title.

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Report

STATE TEAM WRAP: 2017-18 SEASON - SEAN WHIPP

Australian 10000m Race Walking Championships (Adelaide)

Two Victorians recorded notable results at the Australian 10,000m Race Walking Championships, held at the South Australian Athletics Stadium.

Open Women

Beki Smith 1st (NSW) (45:56.08)
Jemima Montag 3rd (Maccabi) (46:06.59)

Open Men

Declan Tingay 1st (WA) 41:07.88
Rhydian Cowley 3rd (Glenhantly) (41:59.33)

Oceania & Australian 20km Race Walking Championships (Adelaide)

Victoria's best racewalkers travelled to Adelaide, to race the qualifying event for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Highlights included Jemima Montag (Maccabi) and Michael Hosking (Wodonga) qualifying for their first major championship team, and Rhydian Cowley (Glenhantly) securing his first Commonwealth Games team berth.

Open Women

Jemima Montag finished second in 1:31:26, behind winner Beki Smith (NSW) 1:31:23, securing a position on the Commonwealth Games team.

Open Men

Michael Hosking secured the second Australian team place, whilst finishing sixth overall (1:23:10) behind Queenslander Dane Bird-Smith (1:22:18), as Rhydian Cowley was the third Australian across the line, and 10th overall (1:24:54).

Under 20 Men

Kyle Swan took second in 42:40, behind Western Australia's Declan Tingay (42:37).

U20 Women

Casey Cardinia athlete Rebecca Henderson placed 2nd (49:02) behind Katie Hayward of Queensland (45:57).

2018 World Race Walking Team Championships

Seven Victorians were named to the Australian World Race Walking team, who travelled to Taicang, China, to compete against the world's best in humid, rainy conditions, their results are listed below.

Junior Men 10km

Kyle Swan (Nunawading) –10th (41:44PB)
Team Result – 3rd (24pts)

Junior Women 10km

Rebecca Henderson (Casey Cardinia) –16th (49:25)
Philippa Huse (Sandringham) –18th (50:25)

Men 20km

Rhydian Cowley (Glenhantly) – 47th (1:28:54)
Adam Garganis (Collingwood) – 62nd (1:31:20)
Michael Hosking (Wodonga) - DQ

Women 20km

Jemima Montag (Maccabi) - DQ

Australian Winter Walks Championships

Men 20,000m Open – Michael Hosking, 1st (1:25:13)

Women 5000m Under 18 – Rebecca Henderson 1st (24:19), Jemma Peart 3rd (25:07)

Girls 5000m Under 16 – Alanna Peart 3rd (25:34)

Australian Cross Country Championships 2017 – Wollongong, NSW
26 August Australian Cross Country Championships Teams of 16 boys and 16 girls were named to compete in the Under 14 to Under 20 age groups, as Victoria embraced the maximum selection number set by Athletics Australia.

Wollongong's Kembla Joggers cross country course played host to the event, with a summary of Junior and Open performances listed below. Victoria also fielded a para-cross country team, with junior and open athletes selected, making up a substantial majority of both fields.

Notable Junior Results

U14 Girls – Bronze (35pts), 2nd QLD (28pts), NSW 1st (23pts)

U14 Boys – Ethan Grills 2nd, Team = 1st (26pts), 2nd NSW (26pts), 3rd QLD (35pts)

U16 Girls– Ebony Dodemaide 3rd, Georgia Laven 4th Nicola Hogg 5th, Team = 21pts 1st– tied initially with NSW (21 also), yet were victorious on countback, with five athletes inside the top 10 places.

U16 Boys– Harry Sharp 3rd, Team = 1st (17pts)

U18 Girls– Abbey Caldwell 2nd, Sophie O'Sullivan 3rd, Team = 1st (20pts)

U18 Boys– Thomas Sellwood 3rd, Team = 2nd (32pts)

U20 Women– Team = 2nd (20pts)

U20 Men– Haftu Strinzos 1st, Team = 2nd (27pts)

Open Women– Alexandra Paterson 1st, Team 1st = 15pts

U23 Women– Alexandra Paterson 1st, Sarah Waters 3rd

Open Men–Andrew Buchanan 1st, Harry Smithers 3rd, William Potter 4th, Team = 1st (16pts)

U23 Men –Jack Rayner 3rd

U20 Para-Women– Georgia Powning (T20) 2nd, 13:22 (39.27%)

Australian Road Running Championships

The Australian Road Running Championship is comprised of three National Championships, taking place in Adelaide, Queensland and Melbourne, national champions are crowned over distances of 12 kilometres, half-marathon and marathon, with team titles awarded to the winning state teams.

Australian Half Marathon Championships (Sunshine Coast Half Marathon)

The Victorian Men's team were victorious on the Sunshine Coast, winning the teams title by a comprehensive 12 points, as Mitchel Brown (1:05:40) (Athletics Essendon) finished third, alongside Toby Rayner (1:08:03) (Glenhantly) finished fifth and Zachary Newman (1:09:15) (Melbourne University) took sixth, scoring 11 points as a team in humid conditions. Collis Birmingham of Eureka Athletics raced individually, winning the Sunshine Coast Half Marathon in 1:03:16.

Victoria did select a women's team of Virginia Moloney, Erchana Murray-Bartlett and Jessica Lees, all Collingwood Harriers members, of whom all three were unfortunately struck down with injury in the race lead-up.

Australian Marathon Championships: Sydney Running Festival Men

No Victorian representatives were selected for the event, however Jai Edmonds (Collingwood) entered individually and successfully won the men's race in 2:29:28

Women

The women's race was highlighted by Melbourne University's Makda Harun taking first place in 2:28:07, followed by Malvern Harriers Tracey Austin in second (2:47:36) and Western Athletics'Nardine Bainbridge in third (2:50:30). The resulting clean sweep in the women's race handed Victoria the team championship, finishing first on 6 points, as New South Wales were second on 18 points, with South Australia third on 35 points.

Adelaide City-Bay 12km Run

A fast flat course provided a stage for Brett Robinson (OMAC) to complete a triumphant return from injury, winning convincingly in 35:40, followed by Bendigo University's Andy Buchanan, who took fourth in 36:08. Sarah Waters of Deakin finished fourth in the women's race, recording a time of 41:43.

National Schools Knockout Final (Adelaide, SA)

Victorian school qualification numbers increased marginally in 2017, as 18 teams from 10 schools made the trip to Adelaide to compete in the team-based points competition. Melbourne Grammar were the lone school to take home a gold medal, scoring 216 points in the Junior Men's competition. Seven other teams achieved podium finishes, which are listed below in age group order.

Women Senior

2nd Sacred Heart College Geelong 247.50pts
3rd Caulfield Grammar 215pts

Women Intermediate

2nd Wesley College 247.50pts

Women Junior

2nd Haileybury 187pts

Men Senior

2nd Trinity Grammar 236pts

Men Intermediate

2nd Wesley College 256pts

Men Junior

1st Melbourne Grammar School 216pts
2nd Haileybury 201pts

National All Schools Track & Field Championships: Adelaide 2017

An early testing ground in the junior high-performance calendar, the 2017 edition of the National All Schools Championships took place in Adelaide, as sweltering conditions mirrored the 2016 Canberra event, regularly pushing above 30 degrees. The Athletics Victoria team prioritised physiotherapy at both junior events this season, minimising management roles where possible to increase the available medical support to athletes, a key factor in athlete performance. Victoria finished third in the medal tally, with 18 Gold medals, 22 Silver, and 26 Bronze, for a total of 66 medals, as eight age groups achieved top three placings in their respective age categories.

December 8-10 Australian All Schools Championships

Women U14 – 2nd

Women U16 – 2nd

Women U18 – 4th

Women U16 Para– 2nd

Women U18 Para– 2nd

Men Under 14 –3rd

Men Under 16 – 3rd

Men Under 18 – 3rd

Men Under 16P – 7th

Men Under 18P – 2nd

2018 World Half Marathon Championships, Valencia, Spain

Of the five athletes selected for the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships, four team members hailed from Victoria.

South Melbourne and Deakin's finest combined in the women's race, as Sinead diver finished 23rd (1:14:0PB), and Ellie Pashley (nee O'kane) was three seconds behind, claiming 24th (1:11:43PB) in one of the premier road racing events on the IAAF calendar. The women's race was highlighted by Nutsenet Gudeta (ETH) setting a new women's only race world record of 1:06:11.

In a day where winds topped 40km/h, Collis Birmingham (Eureka) and Dejen Gebreselassie (Mentone) set off toward to a finish line utilising Valencia's Reina Sofia Palace of the Arts, providing a 75-metre tall modern backdrop for competitors. Birmingham was tripped on the start line, trampled by the field, having to run particularly forcefully to fight back into contention. Gebreselassie ran a patient race, working with Birmingham for sections, as the Eureka athlete prevailed in 1:03:44, a season's best. Gebreselassie was 66th in a personal best of 1:03:47, as New South Welshman Thomas Do Canto race home in 1:04:18 (72nd), elevating the men's team to a 14thplace finish. The men's race featured a stunning finish from Geoffrey Kamworor (KEN), completing 15 to 20 kilometres in 13:01, whilst winning in 1:00:02.

Selected Victorian Athletes and World Championship finishing position: 2017 IAAF World Championships

Victorian World Championships Campaign Summary

Men (6)

Peter Bol – SKAAC –800m– 1:49.65, 7thH4 Ryan Gregson – Glenhantly – 1500m – 3:43.28, 9thH2Luke Mathews – SKAAC – 1500m – 3:40.91, 7th SF1 Jordan Williamsz – OMAC –1500m– 3:38.93, 8thSF2Damien Birkenhead – Corio – Shot Put – 19.90m, 9th Qual. Group B Rhydian Cowley – Glenhantly – 20km Walk – 1:30:40, 56th

Women (9)

Morgan Mitchell – Western Athletics –400m & 4x400m Relay – 52.22, 5th H5; 3:28.02SB, 5thH1

Georgia Griffith – Box Hill – 800m & 1500m – 2:03.54, 5th H5; 4:08.99, 11thH3

Zoe Buckman – Glenhantly –1500m– 4:05.93, 8th SF2

Linden Hall – Athletics Essendon –1500m– 4:10.51, 9thH2

Genevieve LaCaze – Glenhantly – 3000m Steeplechase – 9:26.25SB, 12th

Brooke Stratton – Athletics Nunawading – Long Jump – 6.67m (-0.9), 6th

Kathryn Mitchell – Eureka – Javelin – 57.42m, 11th Qual. Group B

Regan Lamble – Melbourne University – 20km Walk – 1:31:30, 22nd

Sinead Diver – South Melbourne – Marathon – 2:33:26, 20t

Australian Junior Track & Field Championships:

Sydney, NSW

The Australian Junior Track & Field Championships are the pinnacle of the season for athletes in the Under 14 to Under 20 age groups, with a five-day competition held at Sydney Olympic Park involving thousands of athletes, with more than 500 of Victoria's best attending. Victoria amassed 164 medals in total, 51 Gold, 53 Silver and 53 Bronze, finishing third on the medal table behind Queensland (183) and New South Wales (254). Management staff roles were minimised in 2018, with budget directed toward a substantial physiotherapy team, all of whom regularly worked from 7am through to 9pm, becoming the critical difference between personal best performances and injury in numerous athletes competitive plans during the championships.

The 2018 Australian Junior Track & Field Championships served as a trial event for the IAAF World Under 20 Championships, set to be held in Tampere, Finland from July 10th-15th, the athletes listed below were successful in achieving a qualifying standard

that ranks within the average of the top 16 Under 20 athletes in the world, and finishing in the required selection positions during the national championships.

Australian Track & Field Championships 2018: Gold Coast

The Australian Track & Field Championships doubled in 2018 as the Commonwealth Games Trials, offering athletes their first chance to compete at Carrara Stadium, testing out the freshly laid competition track. Victoria performed strongly, finishing second behind New South Wales on the medal table, with 21 Gold medals, the most of any state, 19 Silver, and 15 Bronze for 55 total medallists, as 18 Victorians were crowned as national champions individually.

15 - 18 Australian Athletics Championship: Commonwealth Games Selection Trials

National Champions:

-Linden Hall –1500m

-Brooke Stratton – Long Jump

-Meggan O'Riley – Triple Jump

-Kathryn Mitchell – Javelin

-Celeste Mucci – Heptathlon

-Isis Holt – (T35) Ambulant 100m

-Kirstie Newcombe – (T38) Ambulant 1500m

-Claire Keefer – (F40) – Ambulant Shot put

-Maria Strong – (F33) – Secured Shot Put

-Maria Strong – (F33) – Secured Javelin

-Dayna Crees – (F34) – Secured Discus

-Luke Mathews –800m

-Ryan Gregson –1500m

-4x400m – Conrad Coumaros, Matthew Scott, Harrison Roubin, Liam Procaccino

-Chris Mitrevski - Long Jump -Damien Birkinhead – Shot Put

-Nicholas Hum – F20 – Ambulant Long Jump

-Richard Colman – T54 – Wheelchair 400m

-Craig Jarrett – F56 – Discus Secured

-Michael Fawkner – F34 – Javelin Secured

VICTORIANS SELECTED IN THE IAAF WORLD UNDER-20 TEAM

Athlete	Club	Coach	Event
Mia Gross	Deakin	Joe Gulli	100m; 200m; 4x100m
Jemima Russell	Sandringham	Peter Fortune	800m; 4x400m
Abbey Caldwell	Doncaster	Gavin Burren	1500m
Lateisha Willis	Ringwood	Peter Benifer	100m, Hurdles
Louise Mendes	Essendon	Demetri Dionisopoulos	Hammer Throw
Celeste Mucci	Williamstown	Darren Clarke	Heptathlon
Nana Owusu-Afriyie	Box Hill	Tony Marsh	4x100m
Jara Konteh	Essendon	Steve Gaffney	4x100m
Christian Davis	Chilwell	Anula Costa	400m; 4x400m
Archie Wallis	Old Scotch	Sean Whipp	800m
Jaryd Clifford	Diamond Valley	Philo Saunders	1500m
Harvey Murrant	Deakin	Joe Gulli	400m Hurdles, 4x400m
James Joyce	Doncaster	Bruce Joyce	Hammer Throw
Gary Haasbroek	Ringwood	Steve Cain	Decathlon
Kyle Swan	Nunawading	Brent Vallance	10,000m Race Walk



2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: GOLD COAST, QLD

Athlete	Club	Coach	Event	Result
Liam Adams	Essendon	Ken Hall	Marathon	2:21:08, 5th
Joel Baden	Melbourne Uni	Sandro Bisetto	High Jump	2.15m, 17th overall
Zoe Buckman	Glenhuntly	Nic Bideau	1500m	4:06.76, 12th
Maddison Coates	Diamond Valley	Scott Rowsell	200m; 4x100m	23.43, 12th; DNF
Rhydian Cowley	Glenhuntly	Simon Baker	20km Race Walk	1:26:12, 11th
Jack Dalton	Ringwood	Robert Dalton	Hammer Throw	68.28m, 8th
Joseph Deng	SKAAC	Justin Rinaldi	800m	1:47.20, 7th
Georgia Griffith	Box Hill	Steve Ellinghaus	800m; 1500m	2:00.73, 9th overall; 4:04.17, 5th
Linden Hall	Essendon	Bruce Scriven	1500m	4:03.67, 4th
Isis Holt Old	Xavierians	Nick Wall	T35 100m	13.58, 1st
Michael Hosking	Wodonga	Gary Hosking	20km Race Walk	1:25:35, 10th
Marty Jackson	Chilwell	John Eden	F38 Shot Put	13.74m, 2nd
Genevieve LaCaze	Glenhuntly	Nic Bideau	3000m Steeplechase	9:42.69, 5th
Jake Lappin	Glenhuntly	Fred Periac	T54 Marathon; 1500m	1:37:34, 6th; 3:12.60, 3rd
Luke Mathews	SKAAC	Elizabeth	Mathews 800m; 1500m	1:45.60, 3rd; 3:47.04, 12th
David McNeill	Old Xaverians	Nic Bideau	5000m; 10,000m	14:24.51, 12th; DNS
Kathryn Mitchell	Eureka	Uwe Hohn	Javelin	68.92m, 1st
Morgan Mitchell	Western Athletics	Nathan McConchie	400m; 4x400m	52.65, 12th overall; 3:27.43, 5th
Chris Mitrevski	Essendon	John Boas	Long Jump	7.90m, 6th
Virginia Moloney	Collingwood	Liam Moloney	Marathon	2:58:54, 16th
Jemima Montag	Maccabi	Brent Vallance	20km Race Walk	1:32.50, 1st
Celeste Mucci	Williamstown	Darren Clarke	Heptathlon	5915pts, 4th
Kim Mulhall	Sandringham	Scott Martin	Discus	54.93m, 6th
Samuel Rizzo	Ballarat YCW	Richard Colman	T54	1500m 3:14.16, 6th
Brooke Stratton	Nunawading	Russell Stratton	Long Jump	6.77m, 2nd
Lisa Weightman	Preston/Melbourne Uni	Dick Telford	Marathon	2:33:23, 2nd
Jordan Williamsz	OMAC	Nic Bideau	1500m	3:38.34, 6th

Records

LIST OF VICTORIAN RECORDS
BROKEN DURING SEASON 2017/18

MEN

Damien Birkinhead	Shot Put	Country	Open	20.79m	Gold Coast	7/7/2017		
Damien Birkinhead	Shot Put	Country	Open	21.20m	Madrid	7/14/2017		
Damien Birkinhead	Shot Put	State	Open	Country	Open	21.35m	Croatia	8/28/2017
Jack Bolton	100 mts	Country	U14	11.40	Sydney	3/18/2018		
Jack Bolton	200 mts	Country	U14	23.31	Lakeside	2/25/2018		
Jack Bolton	200 mts	Country	U14	22.97	Sydney	3/17/2018		
Jack Bolton	200 mts	State	U14	Country	U14	22.64	Sydney	3/17/2018
Lachlan Burns	Pole Vault	Country	Open	4.90m	Lakeside	3/3/2018		
Wolfgang Cotra-Nemesi	800 mts	State	U13	2.05.69	Sydney	3/17/2018		
Ryan Gregson	1500 mts	State	Open E12	3.32.13	Monaco	7/15/2016		
Gary Haasbroek	Combined Event	State	U19 & U20	7723 pts	Lakeside	3/4/2018		
Kane Marriott	3000 mts	State	U13	9.34.08	Lakeside	2/25/2018		
Liam Mullens	Long Jump	Country	U17	6.96m	Sydney	3/17/2018		
Liam Mullens	Long Jump	Country	U17	7.05m	Sydney	3/17/2018		
Joshua Perdrisat	200 mts	Country	U20	21.62	Sydney	3/18/2018		
Jack Peris 100 mts	State	U14	11.29	Adelaide	12/11/2017			
Harry Sharp	2000m Steeplechase	State	U15 & U16	Country	U15 & U16	5.55.67	Adelaide	12/8/2017
Harry Sharp	3000 mts	State	U15	Country	U15	8.49.77	Lakeside	11/9/2017
Gus Simpfendorfer	400 mts	State	U14	50.44	Adelaide	12/10/2017		
Antonio Vaitohi	200 mts	Country	U15	23.03	Lakeside	2/25/2018		
Antonio Vaitohi	200 mts	Country	U15	22.52	Sydney	3/17/2018		
Antonio Vaitohi	200 mts	Country	U15	22.50	Sydney	3/17/2018		
Geelong Guild	4x 400m Relay	Country	U14	3.59.85	Lakeside	11/11/2017		
Victorian Team	4x 400m Relay	State	U20	3.12.94	Sydney	3/18/2018		

WOMEN

Emma Berg	Shot Put (3kg)	Country	U17 & U18	15.01m	Bendigo	10/28/2018		
Cassidy Bradshaw	Pole Vault	Country	U15	3.50m	Lakeside	2/24/2018		
Amber Clarke	100 mts	State	U13	12.64	Adelaide	12/10/2017		
Amber Clarke	80m Hurdles	State	U13	12.33	Adelaide	12/9/2017		
Amber Clarke	80m Hurdles	State	U13	12.26	Adelaide	12/9/2017		
Gemma Fenn	Combined Event	Country	U16	4897 pts	Bendigo	12/23/2017		
Taryn Furletti	2000m Steeplechase	Country	U15	7.03.64	Lakeside	11/4/2017		
Taryn Furletti	2000m Steeplechase	Country	U15	7.00.26	Adelaide	12/8/2017		
Olivia Graham	Hammer (3kg)	Country	U18	55.21m	Bendigo	1/7/2018		
Olivia Gross	Pole Vault	Country	U16	3.80m	Adelaide	12/9/2017		
Kathryn Mitchell	Javelin	State	Open	Country	Open	66.12m	Lausanne	7/6/2017
Kathryn Mitchell	Javelin	State	Open	Country	Open	67.58m	Ringwood	2/11/2018
Kathryn Mitchell	Javelin	State	Open	Country	Open	68.57m	Lakeside	3/3/2018
Kathryn Mitchell	Javelin	State	Open	Country	Open	68.92m	Gold Coast	4/11/2018
Celeste Mucci	100m Hurdles	State	U19 & U20	13.35	Sydney	3/16/2018		
Celeste Mucci	100m Hurdles	State	U19 & U20	13.19	Gold Coast	4/12/2018		
Celeste Mucci	Heptathlon	State	U19 & U20	5812 pts	Gold Coast	2/16/2018		
Celeste Mucci	Heptathlon	State	U19 & U20	5915 pts	Gold Coast	4/13/2018		
Alanna Peart	3000m Walk	Country	U15 & U16	13.58.79	Adelaide	12/8/2017		
Alanna Peart	3000m Walk	Country	U15 & U16	13.58.54	Sydney	3/16/2018		
Stephanie Ratcliffe	Hammer (3kg)	State	U17 & U18	61.77m	Suva Fiji	6/30/2017		
Stephanie Ratcliffe	Hammer (3kg)	State	U17 & U18	63.44m	Meadowglen	10/21/2017		
Mia Scerri	400 mts	State	U13	58.78	Sydney	3/15/2018		
Mia Scerri	Pentathlon	State	U13 & U14	3394 pts	Lakeside	3/4/2014		
Danielle Shaw	100m Hurdles	State	U19 & U20	13.44	Sydney	4/2/2017		
Georgia Tarr	Hammer (3kg)	Country	U14	41.49m	Ballarat	1/27/2018		
Leia Varley	Shot Put (3kg)	Country	U16	14.29m	Lakeside	11/4/2017		
Leia Varley	Shot Put (3kg)	Country	U16	14.33m	Lakeside	11/4/2017		
Leia Varley	Shot Put (3kg)	Country	U16, U17, U18	15.27m	Adelaide	12/10/2017		
Collingwood	4 x 400m Relay	Club	U16	3.58.33	Lakeside	11/11/2017		
Geelong Guild	4 x 400m Relay	Country	U14	4.12.26	Lakeside	11/11/2017		



Report

VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT - BEN KING

And just like that, another 12 months has passed by in a flash, and what a BIG 12 months it has been for Victorian athletes and the AV / VIS Performance Teams!

We are delighted to report that the 2017 Athletics Victoria Target Talent Program (AVTTP) was recognised Nationally as one of the leading sub-elite development programs. Employing 10 AVTTP State Coaching leads, the 2017 AVTTP season engaged 144 athletes, their personal coaches and supporters in a series of structured practical coaching sessions and education workshops, across 6 sessions from May – October.

Four themes flowed across the AVTTP season; ‘Setting the tone’, ‘Creating a Healthy life balance’, ‘Owning your training program’ and ‘Creating a profile’, with a host of industry professionals presenting across a broad range of topics from ASADA, sports psychology, S&C and relaxation techniques, to nutrition, recovery, biomechanics and training loads vs age. Our ‘on the couch’ sessions featuring Brooke and Russell Stratton, and Luke Mathews were a bit hit, allowing for a rare insight into the highs and lows of being an elite athlete along with some valuable tips for our future champions.

In 2017, AV also introduced the AVTTP resource Library, which captures all workshop presentations, slides and notes across all AVTTP workshops. With many of the workshops being hosted by industry professionals, the AVTTP resource library provides an invaluable reserve for continued learning for the whole of Victorian Athletics community. In March 2018, the AVTTP was delighted to welcome Abbey de la Motte to the position of AVTTP Assistant. Abbey has been a huge asset to the program, offering invaluable experience having progressed through the AA junior high-performance pathway and having enjoyed success as a senior athlete at the 2015 and 2017 IAAF World Relay Championships in the 4x800m, securing a Bronze medallist on both occasions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated AVTTP State Coaches, our athletes, their personal coaches and support Teams, our partners Athletics Australia and the VIS, along with our product sponsor –Rokeby Farms, for their continued engagement and commitment to the success of the AVTTP and ongoing development of our future champion athletes and coaches.

State Coach	Event Group	State Coach	Event Group
Steve Cain	Combined Events	Warren Hill	Vertical Jumps
Gregor Gojrzewski	Endurance (Long)	Chris Brennan	Sprints
Lisa Verstraten	Endurance (Middle)	Kim Mulhall	Throws
Cathy Woodruff	Horizontal Jumps	Jessica Rothwell	Walks
Peter Benifer	Hurdles	Anula Costa	Para

International coaching appointments With the assistance of the Victorian Government - South Asia Trade, and in collaboration with the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS), AV has been able to facilitate one guest speaking and three coaching appointments to India over the past 12 months. Both challenging and rewarding, our coaches have expressed great enjoyment in having been involved, with organisers reporting a tremendous success across all appointments and a request for ongoing engagement. Watch this space...! Victorian Institute of Sport – Athletics Program The Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) Athletics program operates in partnership with Athletics Australia (AA) and Athletics Victoria (AV), in supporting Victorian athletes to excel in sport and life. Supporting a combined 56 Victorian track and field athletes (34 NASS; 11 Team NASS; 6 Gold Coast Gold Relay; 5 AA U19 Squad), along a host of interstate and international stars from the world class Albert Park facility, the VIS performance Team have worked tirelessly to ensure athlete and coach pairs continue to prepare and perform at their very best, be it a local meet, Commonwealth Games or IAAF Championships. With ongoing advancements and expertise in the areas of sports science, sports physiology and strength and conditioning, added to this an increased uptake in the use of the Athlete Management System (AMS), athletes, coaches and the

performance Team within the VIS are now better equipped to track training loads, monitor wellness and ultimately train smarter, leading to an increase in training availability and greater performance outcomes. The VIS is excited to continue to partner with AV through the provision of facility access and performance services access for the 2018 Target Talent Program. AV would like to take this opportunity to thank the Team at the VIS for their ongoing support and collaboration in the pursuit of sporting excellence.



Athlete & Coach Pairs

Victorian Institute of Sport

2017/2018 NASS Scholarship Period

Brooke Stratton	Russell Stratton
Brydee Moore	Jim Moore
Chris Erickson	Brent Vallance
Chris Mitrevski	John Boas
Claire Keefer	John Eden
Courtney Powell	Nic Bideau
Damien Birkinhead	Scott Martin
Darcey Roper	JohnBoas
Genevieve LaCaze	Nic Bideau
Georgia Griffiths	Stephen Ellinghaus
Isaac Hockey	Bruce Scriven
Isis Holt	Nick Wall
Jaryd Clifford	Philo Saunders
Jeffrey Riseley	Andrew Russell
Jemima Montag	Brent Vallance
Jessee Wyatt	John Eden
Jordan Williamsz	Nic Bideau
Joepsh Deng	Justin Rinaldi
Joel Baden	Sandro Bisetto
Kathryn Mitchell	Uwe Hohn
Linden Hall	Bruce Scriven
Lisa Weightman	Dick Telford
Luke Mathews	Nic Bideau
	Liz Mathews
Madeleine Hogan	John Eden
Madeleine Hills	Rob Denmark
	Craig Mottram
Melissa Duncan	Nic Bideau
Morgan Mitchell	Peter Fitzgerald
	Nathan MacConchie
Nicholas Hum	John Boas
Peter Bol	Justin Rinaldi
Regan Lamble	Brent Vallance
Sam McIntosh	Fred Periac
Todd Hodgetts	Scott Martin
Ryan Gregson	Nic Bideau
Zoe Buckman	Nic Bideau

Report RECREATIONAL RUNNING - TIM CROSBIE

2017-18 has seen Athletics Victoria further consolidate its role as the peak body representing Recreational Runners and their clubs in Victoria. Following on from a consultation process with a number of key clubs, we have successfully introduced the Recreational Runner membership category which positions AV well to further develop relationships with those not currently participating in traditional athletic events.

Once again Athletics Victoria's primary focus has been further development of the club framework, together with the provision of the educational needs of these clubs both in terms of formal coach education and also consultation on club establishment and ongoing strategies for continued growth.

Club Development

The list of affiliated Recreational Running Clubs continues to grow, expanding Athletics Victoria's club network into areas that traditional Athletics clubs may struggle.

Hamilton and Wangaratta are two key areas AV have worked closely with to develop new clubs, while Ballarat have expanded their coaching and club structure for Recreational Runners with multiple options now available to participants in the area. The vital role parkrun plays in the establishment of new clubs cannot be overstated.

The sense of community emanating from these local no cost events is driving the new surge in club creation, with our greatest

ambassadors coming from those clubs we assist in transitioning from a loose grouping of runners to a formal club. Another compelling trend from the rise of these clubs is the sheer size and reach they can attain.

The leading Recreational Runnings clubs can be over twice the membership numbers of the biggest Athletic clubs and current trends indicate the top five of these clubs in 2018 will be bigger than any of AV's competing clubs. Aside from the assistance AV provide in the creation of clubs, our ongoing involvement extends to such activities as helping formulate strategic plans, organising seminars, linking clubs to guest speakers, assisting with grant applications, conflict resolution and coordinating coach education. So as the network of clubs expand, so too does the vital role AV are playing in the fastest growing segment of the fitness market in Australia.

Branding

To identify those clubs who fulfil AV's affiliation criteria, clubs may now display 'Athletics Victoria Affiliated Recreational Running Club' branding. In many ways this is a guarantee to potential members that the club meets certain standards around governance and service levels, similar to the requirements new athletics clubs have to meet when seeking affiliation. A number of clubs have already added the logo to their websites or used it as part of a social media campaign.

Coach Education

The Australian framework for Recreational Running Coaching continues to expand with the recent introduction of the Level 1 Run course evolved designed to meet the same competencies as the former course but more specifically focussed towards running.



The introduction of this course now completes a three step education process taking coaches from the basics of run leading through to program design in Level 2 Intermediate and then on to more detailed education in the Level 2 Advanced course. 315 Recreational running coaches are currently registered in Victoria, the breakdown being:

Level 2 Advanced 29

Level 2 Intermediate 199

Level 1 Run Leader 87

Additionally plans are now afoot to have an additional Level 2 Advanced qualification focussed on Trail running and Ultra Marathons. This course will be released during 2018-19.

Victoria has been very active with coach education, primarily centred at Athletics House in Albert Park but also reaching out to regional areas when working specifically with affiliated Recreational Running clubs. Flexibility in delivery has also emerged in the past year with the introduction of weeknight options to cater for those

who cannot commit to a full day on the weekend.

The advancements in Recreational Running Coaching are in no small part due to the support of Athletics Australia, and in particular their Coach Education department who have committed to an ongoing development of the framework which is now reaping massive benefits in communities across Australia.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Athletics Victoria for the year ended 31st March 2018

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (as at 31 March 2018)

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	194,253	220,246
Accounts Receivable	5	35,694	131,984
Inventories		115,866	142,593
Payments in Advance	6	48,051	45,772
Deposits Paid		4,982	797
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		398,846	541,392
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment	7	65,030	112,664
Other Non-Current Assets	8	364,719	388,635
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		429,749	501,299
TOTAL ASSETS		828,595	1,042,691
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Projects in Progress	11	5,732	57,386
Accounts Payable and Other Payables	9	155,043	193,861
Employee Benefits	10	108,700	120,300
Current Borrowings	12	0	5,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		269,475	376,547
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee Benefits	10	53,200	42,600
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		53,200	42,600
TOTAL LIABILITIES		322,675	419,147
NET ASSETS		505,920	623,544
EQUITY			
Accumulated Reserves	2	505,920	623,544

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (for the year ended 31 March 2018)

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
REVENUE			
Athlete Registrations		384,219	394,665
Club Affiliation/Claims/Transfers		23,955	31,555
Investment Interest		1,938	2,963
Management/Administration Fees		1,096	482
Athletics Australia – Development Grant		98,026	61,583
Distribution from Athletic Trust of Victoria		18,750	75,000
Merchandising		86,094	107,807
Sponsorship/Grants/Disbursements		34,193	49,168
Sundry		4,519	8,593
VAL/Office/function room		82,736	84,177
SUB TOTAL		735,526	815,993
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES			
Government Grants	13	86,667	52,000
Schools Competitions		0	7,582
Officials/Coaches		152,964	175,841
General Development		9,550	13,391
SUB TOTAL		249,181	248,814
COMPETITION ACTIVITIES			
Winter Events		194,884	195,691
Summer Events		293,672	318,802
Championships		172,343	133,688
Schools Events		142,441	112,062
State Teams		186,559	218,836
Special Meets		22,005	20,018
SUB TOTAL		1,011,904	999,098
TOTAL REVENUE		1,996,611	2,063,904
TOTAL COST OF SALES			
		70,899	90,797
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			
		2,043,336	1,971,496
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE SURPLUS/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE ENTITY		(117,624)	1,611

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (continued)

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
ADMINISTRATION		
Affiliation Expenses	207	631
Audit/Legal/Accounting fees	9,509	6,480
Awards & Gifts	3,004	1,384
Bank/Government/online charges	29,270	28,512
Board expenses	654	5,642
Committee Expenses	110	356
Computer Expenses	35,471	30,144
Depreciation	62,306	69,716
Function Centre/office	235	512
Insurances	28,665	30,837
Maintenance - Equipment & Furniture 8,305	6,450	
Marketing/Sponsorship	12,553	7,993
Meetings	2,687	4,878
Office Rent	73,554	72,667
Payroll Tax	19,687	19,890
Photocopier and Fax Expenses	7,252	8,876
Postage	1,725	2,373
Printing & Stationery	5,539	5,723
Salaries	885,881	812,092
Staff - Consulting	73,709	42,335
Staff - Recruitment	180	995
Staff/Office Amenities	5,093	2,303
Staff Training	1,485	5,335
Sundry	8,000	7,412
Superannuation	86,858	82,360
Telephone	5,566	6,228
Travel	8,292	8,922
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	1,375,797	1,271,046

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES		
Government Grants	563	2,000
Schools Competitions	0	5,518
Officials/Coaches	123,598	126,494
General Development	32,342	19,483
SUB TOTAL	156,503	153,495
COMPETITION ACTIVITIES		
Winter Events	74,754	91,960
Summer Events	98,996	110,208
Championships	86,189	80,314
Schools Events	48,868	48,849
State Teams	172,688	183,532
Special Meets	29,541	32,092
	511,036	546,955
SUB TOTAL	2,043,336	1,971,496



STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (for the year ended 31 March 2018)

	Accumulated Reserves \$
Balance at 1st April 2016	621,933
Surplus attributable to members	1,611
Balance at 31st March 2017	623,544
Loss attributable to members	(117,624)
Balance at 31st March 2018	505,920

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (for Year ended 31 March 2018)

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		2,148,499	2,048,553
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,161,760)	(1,966,806)
Interest received		1,939	3,450
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(11,322)	85,197
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for Property Plant and Equip		(14,671)	(28,721)
NET CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(14,671)	(28,721)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD			
Add opening cash brought forward		220,246	163,770
CLOSING CASH CARRIED FORWARD	4	194,253	220,246

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

The financial statements cover Athletics Victoria Inc as an individual entity. Athletics Victoria Inc is an association incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 16th July 2018 by the committee.

Basis of Preparation

Athletics Victoria Association (RDR) Inc applies Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1053: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards and AASB 2010-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements and other applicable Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards- Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting Policies

(a) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax by virtue of Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(b) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to its estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses recognised either in profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Computer equipment 33.3% Plant & Equipment 20%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they occur.

Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities

The association measures some of its assets at fair value on a recurring basis.

Fair value is the price the association would receive to sell an asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly (ie unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date. As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market values may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. To the extent possible, market information is extracted from either the principal market for the asset or liability (ie the market with the greatest volume and level of activity for the asset or liability) or, in the absence of such a market, the most advantageous market available to the entity at reporting date (ie the market that maximises the receipts from the sale of the asset or minimises the payment made to transfer the liability, after taking into account transaction costs and transport costs).

Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

(d) Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument.

For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the association commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted). Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified “at fair value through profit or loss” in which transaction costs are recognised immediately as expenses in profit or loss.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest method, or cost.

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at “fair value through profit or loss” when they are held for trading for the purpose of short term profit taking, derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying amount being included in profit or loss.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(iii) Financial Liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset (or group of financial assets) is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events (a “loss event”) having occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include: indications that the debtors or a group of debtors are experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the related obligations are discharged or cancelled, or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset’s fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, to the asset’s carrying amount. Any excess of the asset’s carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (eg in accordance with the revaluation model in AASB 116). Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset’s ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

(e) Employee Benefits

Employee Provisions

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the association’s obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled. The association’s obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of provisions in the statement of financial position.

Other long-term employee benefits

Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. The association’s

obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

(g) Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from customers for goods sold in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment. Refer to Note 1(d) for further discussion on the determination of impairment losses.

(h) Revenue and Other Income

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the association obtains control of the grant, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the association and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the association incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

The Association receives receipts for providing staff secondment to other organisations. The receipts are offset against salary expenses when the staff members devote all their time to other organisations.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

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

(i) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST. Receivables and Payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

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 receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

(j) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(k) Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liabilities outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(l) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(m) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to the association. The association has decided not to early adopt any of the new and amended pronouncements. The new and amended pronouncements are not expected to have any material impact on the financials.

Key Judgements

Employee benefits

For the purpose of measurement, AASB 119: Employee Benefits defines obligations for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related services. As the association expects that all of its employees would use all of their annual leave entitlements earned during a reporting period before 12 months after the end of the reporting period, the association believes that obligations for annual leave entitlements satisfy the definition of short-term employee benefits and, therefore, can be measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid to employees when the obligations are settled.

2 MEMBERSHIP FUNDS

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Accumulated Surplus as at 1 April 2017		623,544	621,933
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(117,624)	1,611
Balance as at 31 March 2018		505,920	623,544

3 KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

The totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel (KMP) of the association during the year are as follows:

Key management personnel compensation	182,054	154,677
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*2016-17 reflects the remuneration of the Acting CEO of Athletics Victoria during the CEO's secondment to Athletics Australia (Oct 16 - May 17)

4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash on hand	300	300
A.N.Z. Bank	74,235	117,167
Bendigo Bank	9,027	8,828
RABO Direct	42,947	42,255
ANZ OnLine Saver	67,744	51,696
Balance as at 31 March 2018	18 194,253	220,246

The effective interest rate on short-term bank deposits was 1.5% (2017 1.8%).

These deposits have an average maturity of 30 days.

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	194,253	220,246
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5 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS

Current		
Trade receivable	35,654	125,442
Income Accrued	40	6,542
Total current accounts receivable and other debtors	35,694	131,984

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Financial assets classified as loans and receivables			
Accounts receivable and other debtors			
- total current	18	35,694	131,984

6 PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE

CURRENT		
Prepayments	11,303	12,344
Advance Purchases	36,748	33,428
	48,051	45,772

7 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Office Equipment & Furniture at cost	512,967	498,296
Less accumulated depreciation	(447,937)	(385,632)
Capital Works in Progress		
Total Property, Plant & Equipment at 31 March 2018	65,030	112,664
Balance 1/4/17	112,664	153,660
Additions	14,671	28,720
Disposals	0	0
Depreciation Expense	(62,305)	(69,716)
Carrying amount 31/3/18	65,030	112,664

8 OTHER NON CURRENT ASSETS

Contribution to Athletics House building	364,719	388,635
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Athletics Victoria has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health and Human Services and Parks Victoria to occupy Athletics House at Albert Park.

Athletics Victoria contributed \$500,000 to the costs of building and fit-out of the Athletics Building and in return will receive commercial benefits over the duration of the lease.

As at today's date, no formal contracts have been signed.

9 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	99,386	101,361
Advance Deposits	25,682	24,976
Accruals	6,300	35,008
GST Payable	14,367	26,716
Other Current Liabilities	9,306	5,800
	155,043	193,861

Collateral pledged

No collateral has been pledged for any of the accounts payable and other payable balances.

10 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

CURRENT		
Provision for Annual Leave	80,400	88,900
Provision for Long Service Leave	28,300	31,400
	108,700	120,300
NON CURRENT		
Provision for Long Service Leave	53,200	42,600
	270,600	283,200
Analysis of Employee Provisions – Annual Leave Entitlements		
Opening balance at 1 April 2017	88,900	61,500
Additional provisions	73,629	61,139
Amounts used	82,129	33,739
Balance at 31 March 2018	80,400	88,900

Provisions include the amount accrued for annual leave entitlements that have vested with the employees. Based on past experience, the association does not expect the full amount of annual leave balance, although classified as current, to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the association does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

11 PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
National Junior/School Championships	3,428	55,206
Officials Shield/Schools/Masters	2,304	2,180
Balance unexpended at 31 March 2018	5,732	57,386

Projects in progress represents unexpended funds from projects which are expected to be spent in the future.

12 BORROWINGS

Current		
Athletic Trust of Victoria loan	0	5,000

Athletics Victoria Foundation Loan

In September 2012, Athletics Victoria requested a loan of \$250,000 from Athletic Trust of Victoria to enable it to make a \$500,000 contribution to the Fit-Out of Athletics House (refer Note 8). Subsequent grants of \$250,000 from the Athletic Trust of Victoria have been taken up to repay this loan in full.

13 STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Athletics Victoria is a current recipient of funding from the Department of Health and Human Services via Sport and Recreation Victoria's "Supporting Victorian Sport & Recreation 2016 - 2019" program and "Athlete Pathway Travel Grants 2017 Round 2 and 2018 Round 1" programs. A contract with the Department of Premier and Cabinet is in operation for the "Active Aths Community Program"

Supporting Victorian Sport & Recreation 2016 - 2019	50,000	50,000
Active Aths Community Program 2017 - 2021	36,667	0
Athlete Pathway Travel Grants 2017 Round 2 & 2018 Round 1	12,000	6,000
	98,667	56,000

Note: \$12,000 grant receipt located within State Teams revenue item.

14 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Non-cancellable operating lease contracted for but not recognised in the financial statements.		
Payable - minimum lease payments:		
- not later than 12 months	52,305	53,971
- between 12 months and five years	212,922	210,622
- later than 5 years	612,284	667,106
	877,511	931,699

The property lease commitment is a non-cancellable lease with a 21 year term, with rent payable monthly in advance. Contingent rental provisions within the lease agreement require that the minimum lease payments shall be increased by the lower of the change on the consumer price index or 2.5% per annum. The lease allows for subletting of all lease areas.

Capital Finance Australia Limited holds a charge over the assets of the association for the finance lease on the photocopier.

15 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

The committee is not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period.

16 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

	2018	2017
	58,962	81,687

During the year ended 31 March 2018, Athletics Victoria Inc concluded a contract with Little Athletics Victoria Incorporated to share the services of the Receptionist and the Officials Training and Accreditation Manager to provide the services of Reception and Officials training and accreditation.

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and under conditions no more favourable than those available to other persons unless otherwise stated.

17 ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the association is:

Athletics Victoria Incorporated
Level 1, Athletics House
31 Aughtie Drive
Albert Park Vic 3206

The principal place of business is:

Athletics Victoria Incorporated
Level 1, Athletics House
31 Aughtie Drive
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18 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The associations' financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable.

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Financial Assests			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	194,253	220,246
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	35,694	131,984
Total financial assets		229,946	352,229
Financial Liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost			
-accounts payable and other payables		80,810	117,338
Total financial liabilities		80,810	117,338

Note: (i) The carrying amounts disclosed here exclude statutory amounts (e.g. GST input tax credit recoverable and PAYG withholding tax payables).

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 as 94(2)(b) and 100(2)(b)

ANNUAL STATEMENTS GIVE TRUE AND FAIR VIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

We Heather Ridley and Jamie Strudley, being members of the committee of Athletics Victoria Association (RDR) Inc., certify that: The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position of Athletics Victoria Association (RDR) Inc. during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 31 March 2018.

Signed: 

Dated: 16 July 2018.

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Dated: 16 July 2018

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ATHLETICS VICTORIA INC.

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Athletics Victoria Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the annual statements give true and fair view of financial position of incorporated association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 March 2018 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia.

We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Information other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

Those Committee is responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the Annual Report of the Association.

Our opinion on the financial report comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the annual statements give true and fair view of financial position of incorporated association. Our opinion does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Committee

The Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and for such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless

the Committee either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Committee are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the

reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion.

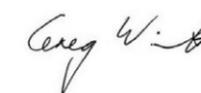
Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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Director

16 July 2018



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