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Mission Statement

For athletics to be the premier recreational and competitive participation sport in Victoria

Our Vision

To provide leading opportunities in athletics to all Victorians

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Allison Robison

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am very pleased to provide this report to the membership.

As I write this report, Victoria is in its' fifth period of lockdown in less than 18 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There's no doubt, the past year has been the most challenging time in my tenure with the Committee, and likely will go down as one of the toughest periods for our Association in its long history. It has also been difficult for all Victorians and our members, coaches, officials, volunteers and families and I would like to say thank you to you, our members, for the support you have shown to the Committee and to the AV Team over the past year. I'd also like to acknowledge the work of the Athletics Victoria Committee – Rob Wendel, Clare Burton, Grant Mackenzie (resigned 1 February 2021), Jamie Strudley, Ian Rickard (LM), Michael Carney, Kim Mulhall and Kelly Ryan who have remained unwavering in their collective commitment to stand with the AV Team to get through the challenges of this pandemic.

XCR was a significant casualty, with us losing the entire season, however the AV managed to return us to competition for the Track & Field season, which was an extraordinary effort considering the uncertainty and constant change around COVIDSafe protocols and practices which would become 'normal practice' to running events in Victoria. I want to acknowledge the work of the Sport Delivery Team lead by Ross Cunningham who created our pathway out of lockdown with the valuable assistance of the entire AV Team, the Victorian Officials, Clubs, Coaches and members. This was an outstanding effort and on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the Athletics Victoria Team - Glenn, Ross, Caitlin, Maddie, Sharon, Sean, Craig Wallace, Nathan, Andrew, Gary, Ben, Tilly, Tim, Andrea, Craig Morrow and Amy for their commitment over the previous twelve months.

When news broke of the impending concern around COVID-19 in late March 2020, the Committee was faced with a set of circumstances that we had never encountered before.

A crisis Committee meeting was called on Friday 27th March 2020 held for the first time by videoconference which would become our new way of conducting business. The discussion was robust and covered everything from no change to business operation to the worst-case scenarios. A clear outcome from the discussion was the Committee's agreement to support the AV team. While we recognised that we could fully stand the team down, we also recognised this would create a risk of losing the highly capable and committed team that we have built. The Committee agreed to reduce paid staff contact hours to 50% and offer access to annual leave entitlements. Management negotiated with stakeholders to suspend contract payments and minimise what regular expenses it could. These decisions were critical to the financial result we are reporting today.

Following this, Committee meetings focused on 'survival' and supporting the management team in planning what could be offered once restrictions were lifted. The 2020 Annual General Meeting would be held by videoconference for the first time with a strong turnout from Clubs and Life Members. At this meeting, we shared the first iteration of what return to competition would look like and outlined the financial forecast based on the status of lockdowns.

The Committee also supported the first of what would be two service contracts that would provide the business with an alternate source of income. CEO Glenn Turnor would take up the role of Interim Executive Officer Athletics Tasmania for an initial period of three months. This was and continues to be an area of growth for both Athletics Tasmania and Athletics Victoria with the potential for resource sharing and professional development opportunities for the AV team in areas such as Coach Education, Club Engagement, Recreational Running, and Officials education. I am pleased to confirm that this service contract was extended until March 2022 with all of the aforementioned projects approved by Athletics Tasmania and will be delivered by the AV team supporting Athletics Tasmania over the coming months.

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The second service agreement was with Athletics Australia to provide operational and logistical support in delivering summer competition along, with event presentation and management of Livestream. The contract was predominantly be delivered by Glenn however opportunities became available for Craig Morrow, Tim Crosbie and Craig Wallace.

Heading to the back half of the season, the Committee supported the recommendation from management to reset the membership fees in October, understanding the potential financial consequences to the business but recognising the heavy impact lockdowns had on all Victorians . As I mentioned, the support from the membership was outstanding and participation began to grow as more events were scheduled. It truly has been a monumental effort to return to competition.

Throughout the previous year, the Committee continued to work collaboratively with focus on continued good governance and operating rhythm. In February, Grant Mackenzie stood down due to increased work commitment.

I would like to thank Grant for his contribution and financial guidance as head of the Finance Sub Committee, and to the other members of this Sub Committee, who all played a significant role in guiding the organisation through the pandemic. Also to the other Sub Committee leads - Rob (Strategy and Governance, Clare (Community) , Jamie(Finance from 1 Feb 2021) and Kelly (Marketing and Comms) supported by Ian Rickard, Kim Mulhall and Michael Carney.

Across the broader athletics community, we continue to engage deeply in the One Athletics agenda, with the national vote set to take place later this year. Simplifying our sport and aligning the pathways for all who participate is one of the most important things we can do to preserve and grow athletics in Australia, and I look forward to being able to show Victoria's support at the next update you all as we prepare for the vote at the Athletics Australia AGM. Glenn and I also had the opportunity to participate in a 'health check' for AA, which has resulted in a number of very positive actions taking place. One of the most important is a Charter between AA and the Member Associations that provides much needed clarity on roles and accountabilities at the state and national level. A final draft has now been completed and is with the state and AA boards for sign off.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the outstanding performances of our AV members that led to their selection in the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic teams. I can't wait to see them compete and know they will do Australia and Victoria proud.

I look forward to us all getting back to the sport we love soon, in the meantime, stay well.

Honour Roll

LIFE MEMBERS



- 1896 PARKINSON, Basil J *
- 1901 COHEN, Montague *
- 1904 BARRETT, Albert O *
- 1906 TRAVIS, Herbert A *
- 1909 BRIGGS, Walter E *
- 1912 CROLL, Robert H *
- 1914 ADAMSON, Lawrence A CMG MA*
- 1915 SERLE, E Hamilton OBE*
SHAPPERE, Philip *
- 1920 STILLWELL, J Alexander *
- 1926 SMITH, Harry D *
- 1928 ABBOTT, Harry A *
LANGFORD, George E *
- 1935 WEIR, Hugh R CBE *
- 1938 RYAN, William M *
- 1939 SCHOBBER, Albert V *
- 1944 AKERS, Phyllis M *
MILLS, Louise C *
WILLSON, Doris M *
- 1945 NEVILLE, Lilian M OAM *
- PAINTER, Wilfred E *
- 1948 ROBINSON, Mabel E MBE *
O'DRISCOLL, Jack X QC OBE *
- 1949 KENNEDY, Aileen VE BEM *
PIZZEY, F H "Bill" *
GRANT, C William H *
- 1951 AITKEN, C Ronald CBE *
CURNOW, Leonard B OBE *
- 1953 GARDINER, C Herbert G QJM *
- 1954 KIELY, Nance *
- 1957 BENNETT, Iris I *
MAYER, Sidney M *
MORRIS, Evelyn LF *
- 1958 DUNCAN, F May *
DAVIES, Owen E *
- 1961 CLEMSON, Reginald *
- 1963 JAMIESON, Alexander A *
- 1964 McQUISTON, Maisie BEM *
- 1967 PATCHING, Julius L AO OBE *
STRINGER, George B *
- 1968 MEARS, Kitt F *
CAMPBELL, A Hugh *
- 1969 ROBINSON, Alfred E *
- 1970 ANDERSSON, Phyllis M H *
- 1972 MOORE, Edward *
- 1973 DUNN, Crystal
- 1974 EASTHAM, Edward D *
- 1975 EMBLING, Stewart A *
- 1976 FERRIER, Douglas G *
- 1976 GELL, Jean I OAM *
- 1977 BUROW, Amy EB
- 1977 DAVIS, Joyce I MBE *
- 1979 DAVIS, Doris IL *
McDONALD, Allan W *
- 1980 LEACH, William J *
- 1981 BEOVICH, Beverley L *
CHUGG, Jack W *
MAHONY, Margaret L OAM
- 1982 BELL, Donald F OAM *
DYNAN, Kevin L *
- 1983 DAVIS, Robert L *
TUNALEY, William S *
- 1984 GALBRAITH, Alec C *
- 1985 BIGGINS, Jack McD *
DOWNES, Lola C OAM *
STANTON, Horace J ISM *
- 1986 COLDREY, Fred H *
FIELD, Ralph W *
GRIERSON, William R *
KNOTT, George CH *
LONNQUIST, Arthur H *
McBETH, Emily T *
PATTERSON, Marion J OAM *
STANTON, Doreen F *
TURNER, Dick A *
WOOD, WJP "Bill" *
- 1988 GRAF, Fred JG *
NICHOLLS, Stanley L OAM *
ROBLEY, Stuart E *
SCHUBERT, Henri J MBE *
SHILSTON, Mark W *
- 1991 GRANT, Irene M *
HODGSON, Brian *
- 1992 KENNY, Raymond M *
- 1993 HINES, Joan L *
ROBERTS, Phyl M *
- 1994 SAUNDERS, Margaret L *
- 1995 ABBOTT, Sylvia M *
DUNBAR, Margaret E
FRASER, Martha *
THOMPSON, Margaret A
WATT, Eileen M *
- 1996 AGG, Patricia J
- 1997 GUILFOYLE, Stanley ML AM
- 1998 CURNOW, Vern W *
HOCHREITER, Rudi J *
JENKINS, Ronda M OAM
WOODS, E Frank *
- 1999 NOLAN, Charles R
SMITH, Raymond C *
STEVENS, Harold M OAM *
- 2000 JENES, Paul OAM
- 2001 CARMODY, Joseph *
- 2001 COLLINGS, Vern F
SILLITOE, Neville J OAM *
- 2002 BRADBURY, B Joy
- 2003 McLELLAN, Amy C C *
- 2005 FISHER, Margaret M *
- 2007 WHITCHELL, Arthur
- 2008 LAWYSZ, Richard
PRESTON, Laurie
WILLIAMS, Tony
- 2009 BOYD, Roy
HARDING, Ivan
- 2010 GARDINER, Robert
RICKARD, Ian
- 2011 FREEMAN, Catherine OAM
MOORE, Brian
VINCENT, Trevor OAM
- 2012 BINNINGTON, Max
CLARKE, Ron *
CURTIS, Kingsley *
- 2013 LORD, Anne
RIENIETS, Helen
- 2014 MORGAN, Lorraine OAM
MCLENNAN, William
PERRY, Ellen
LEWIS-MANOU, Tamsyn
- 2015 BLYTH, Donald
MONEGHETTI, Steve AM
PETRIE, Lavinia
- 2016 BARRETT, Peter
- 2017 JONES, Ian
TREW, William
WIGMORE, Kevin
- 2018 RYAN, Neil
SHARP, Khan
- 2019 BOYLE, Raelene AM MBE
NODEN, Pamela
- 2020 ARMSTRONG, David
FORTUNE, Peter
RYAN (Kilborn), Pam AM MBE
UPTON, Ian

Merit Award

1960	BURT, Maisie S *	1998	HALL, Lew R *	2008	MASON, Harry *
1962	MEARS, Kitt F *		MILLER, Ron A		MASON, Judy
1969	VENN, Fay N *	1998	MINTER, Allan J		STEWART, Bill
1970	McBETH, Emily T *		SMITH, J Gordon		WIGMORE, Kevin
	ROSE, Gladys I *		SMITH, Laura A *		VIZE, Beth
	STANTON, Doreen F *	1999	WILLIAMS, Tony J	2009	PAIN, Diane
1972	HOLMAN, Keith		FISHER, Margaret M *		PERRY, Ellen
1974	PATTERSON, Marion J OAM *		KITT, Ivan T		RIENIETS, Helen
1978	STEPHENSON, Harry F *		LAWYSZ, Richard B		RUMBLE, Barbara
1980	SAUNDERS, George E MBE *	2000	BLUNDY, Merv A	2010	FISHER, Ian
1983	NICHOLLS, Stanley L OAM *		DAVIDSON, John G		McLENNAN, William
1984	DUNN, Jack B *		HANCOCK, Tom B		TURNER, Denise
	FRASER, Martha *		MORGAN, Lorraine OAM		YARRANTON, John
	FRASER, William C*	2001	LUCARDIE, Ron T *	2011	BOWDEN, Scott
	WOOD, WJP 'Bill' *		MCKECHNIE, Hugh L		GLOVER, Alan *
1986	ABBOTT, Sylvia M *		TOOHEY, Bill J		GLOVER, Yvonne
1987	COX, Sydney J *		VINCENT, Trevor A OAM		LOWDEN, Diane
	HENRY, Laurie F *	2002	WOODBRIDGE, Russell H	2012	NICHOLLS, Graeme
1988	KITT, W David *		MONEGHETTI, Stephen J		SMITH, Lorraine
	WALSH, Jim F*		PRESTON, Laurence G	2014	DUNN, Peter
1989	KENNY, Raymond M *		RICKARD, Ian		WILLIAMS, Ian
	SAUNDERS, Margaret L *		UPTON Ian	2016	COLEMAN, Brett
1990	DONALD, Wyn V	2003	HALL, Ken R		EMBLIM, Nancy
	DUNBAR, Margaret E		MC DONALD, Ray	2017	ARMSTRONG, David
1991	FOLEY, Royce P *		MOORE, Brian		BURLING, May
	ROBERTS, Phyl M *		PUOPOLO, A 'Gus' J		COSTA, Anula
1992	AGG, Patricia J	2004	ANDERSON, Peter K	2018	ALLEN, Phil
	VAUGHAN, Hazel G		GARDINER, Robert C		WATSON, Allan
1994	BETHELL, Peter S		MAJOR, Geoff W		CATER, Terri
	BOURKE, Russell J		WILLIAMS, Irene	2019	GAFFNEY, Steven
	BRADBURY, B Joy	2006	LAMB DEN, Ruby		McDONALD, Geoffrey
	HOCHREITER, Rudi J *		WHITCHELL, Arthur		McDONALD, Mary
	LETHBRIDGE, RA 'Tony' OAM	2007	BARRETT, Peter	2020	COLEMAN, John
	WATT, Eileen M *		GARTSIDE, Patricia		CRICKSON, Tim
	WOODS, E Frank *		NODEN, Pamela		ROBINSON, Patricia
1995	VODDEN, Nancie A *	2008	BARNETT, Diana		STOBAUS, Ron
1996	WARREN, E Geoff		BOAS, John		WOLOWIEC, Lynne
1998	GRANT, Geoff F		GRIFFIN, Rod		

Past Presidents

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1891 - 1897	Hon Robert W BEST MLA *
1897 - 1897	Mr Walter T COLDHAM *
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1901 - 1905	Mr Lawrence A ADAMSON *
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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

Victorian Athletic Association Inc.

1982 - 1983	Dr Frank P LARKINS
1983 - 1984	Mr Gary A COZENS
1984 - 1989	Mr Stan M L GUILFOYLE
1989 - 1992	Dr Brian HODGSON

Athletics Victoria Inc.

1992 - 1994	Dr Brian HODGSON *
1994 - 1995	Mr Greg D LEWIS
1995 - 1997	Mr Kevin L DYNAN
1997 - 2002	Mr John K HIGHAM *
2002 - 2005	Mr Max C BINNINGTON
2005 - 2011	Ms Anne LORD
2011 - 2015	Dr Ian K JONES
2015 - 2018	Heather RIDLEY
2018 - 2019	Jamie STRUDLEY
2019 - Present	Allison ROBISON

Distinguished Service

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

* Deceased



Office Bearers & Staff

AV COMMITTEE

President

Allison Robison

Vice President

Clare Burton

Vice President

Rob Wendel

Treasurer

Grant Mackenzie (to Feb '21)
Jamie Studley (from Feb '21)

Secretary

Glenn Turnor

AV Committee

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Kelly Ryan

Kimberley Mulhall
Michael Carney

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Officials

Lorraine Morgan AM

AVSL

Ross Cunningham
Craig Wallace

Legal Affairs

Scott Chesterman
Minter Ellison

Records Officer

Ronda Jenkins OAM

Statistician

Paul Jenes OAM

Technical

Andrew Duncan



Glenn Turnor

FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I am very pleased to provide this report to the membership for the 2020/2021 Season.

This year has been the most challenging year for the team since I started in 2013. The uncertainty with lockdowns and the deliberate and slow return to competition stretched the organisation. Still, it provided an opportunity to rethink how we delivered competition, products, and services to the membership.

From April 2020, the business shifted into survival mode with work contact hours halved, relief from contractual commitments negotiated and uncertainty on when we would return to any competition.

From the first announcement of national lockdowns in April, the Committee put its unconditional support behind its investment in the AV Team. The Finance Sub Committee took the lead to review weekly cashflow projections, ready to make recommendations if needed to remove more costs to keep Athletics Victoria a going concern. Sport in Victoria was supported by CEO VicSport CEO Lisa Hasker, who hosted regular Monday meetings with over 100 State Sporting Associations reps joining these calls to get the latest information from the Victorian Government and to work with Government on survival funding packages. The support from both the Federal and State Governments through JobKeeper, ATO and BAS relief, grants and rent relief came at the right time. It provided an opportunity for the business to pause and re-position what and how we could offer to the membership once restrictions were lifted. We also worked with suppliers and stakeholders to temporarily reduce our contractual obligations with support from the Victoria government via State Sports Centre Trust on office rent.

In late May, there was some hope when the agenda shifted to “return to sport/competition” with plans to run a modified road cross country event at Sandown.

This event would ultimately be short-lived, with Victoria heading back into lockdown for an extended period. The 2020 Annual General Meeting would be held in July via videoconference for the first time, and virtual meetings and activities would become standard. The sport shifted to this online environment with Coaching Education courses managed by Matilda Skok and delivered by Tim Crosbie with support from Athletics Australia.

In August, the financial forecasts were not optimistic on the assumption that competition may not return at all. However, the lockdown and curfews began to see community transmission numbers change direction, and government briefings commenced, discussing what return to competition could look like. The business started identifying ways to offset this forecast, and in mid-August, an opportunity came up for an Interim EO at Athletics Tasmania. With the AV Committee’s support, a short-term, three-month contract for services was agreed, and work commenced remotely on managing the daily operation of athletics in Tasmania, which had initiated a return to competition.

As restrictions began to ease in September, Sport Delivery tested its return to competition plans against the restricted activity directions, only to complete this task several times as the Victorian Government continued with a ‘cautious and slow’ return to normal. Focus shifted to supporting a return to training in limited numbers and the requirement that sport self-govern on how that would occur. ‘Return to Play’ plans were submitted for assessment and shared with Clubs, local councils and stakeholders, with several reviews implemented as restrictions eased. There was finally some indication that competition could return in Victoria. The preparation completed during lockdown was shared among the membership, with sessions scheduled specifically for Coaches online. With other States and Territories having not endured extended lockdowns and curfews, national planning for the upcoming summer season took precedence.

This planning provided an opportunity for AV to negotiate a second contract for services, this time with Athletics Australia to deliver the national summer calendar events and manage the Livestream product.

A priority was to find a way to stimulate the return to competition. The Committee, on the recommendation of the AV Team, halving membership fees for Summer after the various lockdowns. This price change was well received from both Clubs and the wider membership. What was hard to predict (or forecast) was how well this would help encourage members to engage as every Victorian had faced individual financial pressures. The financial estimates would sit at just under a \$100,000 loss based on projections on the increased cost of running events under the Return to Competition protocols.

In October, we returned to Cruden Farm with a Community Pass which was well supported; however, the COVIDSafe protocols required for contract tracing, physical distancing and participation limits would reduce the available number of participants. Despite these conditions, everyone that participated was thrilled to get out and run. Post-event feedback was outstanding – especially the acknowledgement that we were able to offer any event at all. I want to acknowledge our Victorian Officials and Volunteers, who are critical in everything we do. Without their support, we would not have been able to return when we did.



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The big challenge would be AVSL and how we would facilitate 50 people at one time across Victoria. The Sport Delivery Team, lead by Ross Cunningham, with Craig Wallace, Nathan McConchie and Andrew Duncan, did a fantastic job reshaping the AVSL program to operate at four metro and three country venues in one-hour sessions offering up to four-point scoring events. Each zone received a COVIDSafe kit with signage, hand sanitiser, equipment and manuals setting out dedicated entry points, warm-up, parking and exit locations so that members could arrive, check-in, compete and leave. Again, our Victorian Officials, Clubs and volunteers excelled and worked together to deliver these opportunities. It would not be until January that the AVSL competition format would move back to the traditional two zones and three country regions as the State saw restrictions easing.

After the return of AVSL, work began on rescheduling State Championship events, with Zatopek 2020 moving out the traditional December timeslot to Australia Day 2021, with a 1000 spectator limit. The pandemic was challenging, but it allowed several traditional rules to be changed to cater to these unusual times.

The Ondiecki and de Castella U20, 3000m events, would be determined based on 31 December 2020 and not the usual World Athletics age date requirement. State Relay Champs would run over two days at the end of January, and the State 5000m would pop up in February and include the U20 Women's and Men's Championships for the first time. State Multis would also move from January to February, culminating in two weekends of State Track and Field Championships at Lakeside Stadium, again under COVIDsafe protocols.

In closing, I would like to thank the entire Athletics Victoria community, from members and clubs to the AV team, volunteers and committee, for your tireless support throughout our most challenging year.

As we moving closer to a 'more normal' life, I look forward to seeing you all return to enjoy yourself at our events.

From

Ross Cunningham (General Manager Sport Delivery and Government)

Craig Wallace (Sport Delivery Manager)

Nathan McConchie (Sport Delivery Leader)

Andrew Duncan (Technical Manager and Special Projects)

SPORT DELIVERY TEAM

2020-21 has been a challenging season. The global outbreak of COVID-19 has had a huge bearing on the world and has affected all parts of the population and continues to have a vast impact on all Victorians.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused many closures across the state including stadiums/venues, gyms, pools, fitness studios, and physical therapy treatment, all key areas of an athlete's preparation and support to achieve their goals. Many individuals were unable to actively participate in sporting activities during 2020-21 and were reduced to operating makeshift home fitness setups, walking within a specified radius, and generally adapting to the change in climate.

Not only has it been a challenging time for our members, but this has all happened whilst our staff at Athletics Victoria dealt with the health and well-being of themselves and others as well as ongoing uncertainties including reduced hours, working from home as well as adapting to the changes taking place across the state.

As an organisation, we aim to provide a valuable service to our members and in the Sport Delivery Department, our work focuses on providing a platform for our members to lay the foundations for participation and performance. The Sport Delivery Team (SDT), rose to the challenges presented during this period and managed themselves impeccably in preparing and planning for all eventualities.

The SDT has been proactively reacting to and dealing with the changing landscape over the last 12 months. From the first lockdown in March 2020 to the glimmer of light in June/July where we thought we would return to a winter season, through to the release of the Victorian Government's Roadmap back to 'COVID Normal' in September, the team worked tirelessly throughout to bring you opportunities to participate.

In October 2020, the team was able to present plans to the Victorian Government which in turn permitted us to commence a redesigned winter and summer competition offerings. The challenges that were presented throughout trying times should not be overlooked given the impact restrictions had on other sports. Athletics was given the green light when other sports were prohibited, and we thank the members for their continued support and patience during that time.

For a small team that bounce ideas and works through issues and processes in a normal office environment, each member of the team was tasked with adjusting to working remotely, however weekly online team catch-ups and other one on one online discussions, allowed the SDT team to continue with their common goal to deliver opportunities through our Community Pass offerings into the revised AVSL short format.

Opportunities

It was not until mid-November when the only Cross-Country event for 2020 - the Community Pass Time Trial event at Cruden Farm was held. This was Athletics Victoria's first event opportunity of any kind since the Track and Field Championships in March, and it was great to finally host an event for our members after an extended layoff.

Whilst the community pass events did not achieve our estimated entry quota, it did allow the team to trial new COVIDsafe processes before moving into summer.

The start of the 2020 summer AVSL season proved to be a different one to previous years. We lost the AV Schools series completely from the calendar and at the time of planning, State restrictions determined having strict guidelines in place to operate and moderate competition going forward. This resulted in the team adopting a 4 event, 1-hour block format across 7 of our state venues. This allowed members and individuals to participate as well as score points for their respective clubs. Given the unofficial name by members as 'Fast Athletics,' this concept was well received and proved popular with AV members.

Given the limitations on events, our focus shifted to supporting athletes by providing additional opportunities, resources, and equipment to assist in staging events. We in turn saw a shift in member attitudes with greater emphasis on specialist groups to complement the ongoing competition opportunities. Due to the restrictions at the time, certain events were not permitted to take place causing frustrations amongst athletes. What was clear from the get-go was that COVID-19 was a situation that many of us including government officials were not prepared for. Although the information was at times laboured, the team also acknowledge the efforts that everyone at the Department of Health and Human Services, Vic Sport together with Sport and Recreation Victoria, contributed to get us back to a COVID normal state.



The team would also like to acknowledge the athletes and coaches during this particular time. Events such as steeplechase, hurdles, throws were all impacted but with consultation and communication, we were able to supplement events at the turn of the year.

Specialist & Club Meets

This season witnessed a far bigger push for additional events in the form of specialist and club meets to provide much-needed competition to athletes. This resulted in the SDT, Committees and Victorian Officials delivering 54 specialist/club meets as well as Community Pass/Winter opportunities, AVSL as well as our annual Championships in six months from November 2020 to April 2021.

AV Throwers (AVT)

Interest in AV Throwers (AVT) was high following challenges that saw athletes provide their own personal implements at early meets, but to increase opportunity, AV worked with Mentone Athletic Club on their Junior Throws series which was greatly appreciated by the athletes. Interest in throws remained strong through the season and adjustments to programs were made to best accommodate additional entries as a new record of 38 results were set in January. The series highlights were performances in a consistent Damien Birkinhead, and Kathryn Mitchell, with her near 64m javelin throw.

High Velocity Club (HVC)

The HVC series began with a spinoff hurdles project before the discipline was reintroduced into standard AVSL programs. Sprinters excelled across the season, led by Ebony Lane and Jack Hale in claiming respective state and national records over 100 yards alongside exciting early form from Hana Basic. Brooke Stratton wowed with a 6.78m (+2.9) season opener while juniors Aiden Hinson and Tiana Boras displayed world-class triple jumping. A sole athlete, Emily Mclean, attended all eight meets, each of which witnessed high attendance; with the series peak of 235 results achieved at meet three.

Rare Air Club (RAC)

While restrictions remained in place, in an effort to deliver vaulting opportunities to the greatest number of athletes, RAC staged early meets across multiple venues, yielding their highest round results of 51 at meet two. Meet seven saw Elyssia Kenshole break the U18 & U20 Victorian record on her way to a WU20 qualifier alongside compatriot Olivia Gross.

The athletes of RAC were rewarded for their patience and persistence when Victorian athletes took out seven of the fourteen national titles on offer at April's Australian National Track and Field Championships.

Victorian Milers Club (VMC)

Whilst restrictions on mass gatherings impacted the first VMC meet of the season, the series saw large growth as the event set records with 430 results at a single meet and averaged 360 across the season. Milers remains a force and were again supported by the middle-distance community who turned out to see Linden Hall and Lauren Ryan dual over 3000m and Ben Buckingham break the eight-minute barrier. Perhaps the greatest performer of the VMC series, however, was Jarryd Clifford for his world record-breaking achievements over 1500m.

Victorian Race-Walking Club (VRWC)

To ensure compliance with mandated social distancing, VRWC adopted a similar setup to the community pass events with wave starts to commence their season. The club attracted consistent numbers and a peak of 42 in late January, with state and national record-breaking performances by Jemima Montag and Heather Carr. Will Thompson delivered a season highlight when he posted a WU20 qualifier.

Zatopek:10 B Grade Races

Rescheduled to 2021 from its usual December placement, the Athletics Essendon hosted a 10,000m event once again reached capacity with 121 entrants. A popular event, the B Grade races attract a blend of athletic and recreational running club athletes alongside a collection of new participants and offer those seeking longer-term aspirations of achieving a possible selection to the main Zatopek10 event.

Box Hill Burn/Box Hill Classic

Box Hill Athletics Club continue to set the benchmark for club events in the state. Both the Burn and Classic proved to be spectacular evenings of competition with Jarryd Clifford and Lynden Hall lighting up the stage with phenomenal performances on the Hagenauer Reserve Track. Both events are continuing to grow in popularity with the Box Hill Track a firm favourite amongst the countries middle distance athletes.

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Championships

The 2020/21 season saw a change to our Championships schedule due to venue attendee restrictions being in place. The Zatopek:10, Victorian Track Relays, and Victorian 5000m Championships were all moved into the new year, with the Victorian Masters Championships held in late April due to the condensed season and the Australian National Championships being held mid-April.

Despite the many challenges faced, all Victorian Championships were able to be held for the 2020/21 season thanks to the hard work of the Victorian Officials, Club Helpers, and the Athletics Victoria team.

Victorian Country Championships

The first Victorian Championships following lockdown required detailed COVIDsafe planning, and an in-depth review of the timetable to ensure that all restrictions were met across the weekend. We had 2010 entries for the weekend, down 41 from the previous year, but with HVC and AV Throwers also taking place some Metro athletes decided to compete locally rather than traveling to Ballarat for the Country Championships.

Thank you to the Ballarat Region Athletics Centre and Ballarat City Council for their work in ensuring the event could proceed and congratulations to the award winners below.

Award	Winner
Margaret Saunders Country Cup	Eaglehawk (1189.50 Points)
Ex Athletes Cup	Eaglehawk (533.50 Points)
David Kitt Memorial Cup	Eaglehawk (656 Points)
Joyce Lockyer Memorial Shield	Sam Graham (Eaglehawk)
Stuart Hunter Shield	Archie Caldwell (Wendouree) & Lucy Jones (Eureka)
Athletics Chilwell Veteran Award (Male)	Grant Simpson (Bellarine)
Athletics Chilwell Veteran Award (Female)	Angela Williams (Wendouree)
Australia Day Awards (Male)	Yual Reath (Ballarat YCW)
Australia Day Awards (Female)	Kathryn Mitchell (Eureka)

Zatopek:10

A smaller crowd was on hand for 2020/21 compared to the previous last year due to continuing venue attendance restrictions, and with social distancing in place, spectators were not able to congregate on the track for the last race of the night which has been a spectacle for many years now. They still had the opportunity to witness a fantastic run by Rose Davis taking out the Women's National 10,000m Championship and just missing out on the Olympic qualifier by 14 seconds.

Lauren Ryan (32:16.11) was able to secure the Victorian Championship, while Brett Robinson was able to take both the National and Victorian Championship with his 28:00.25.

Victorian Track Relay Championships

The Track Relays were held over two days for the 2020/21 season to ensure attendees did not exceed the maximum capacity numbers. There was a decrease of 81 teams for the championships from the 2019/20 season, but this did not dampen the excitement when Athletics Essendon (Mitrevski, Despard, Searle and Hale) broke the Victorian 4x100m Club record in a lightning 39.86 seconds.

Victorian Multi-Event Championships

La Trobe University Athletics Track in Bendigo was once again the site of the Multi-Event Championships. 64 athletes entered the Championships, an increase of 7 from the previous year. Those who made the trip up were treated to a tight Open Men's Championship with only 5 points separating Champion Sebastian Reyneke (7262 points) and second-placed Christian Paynter (7257 points). Thank you to Bendigo Athletics for their hard work to ensure the event was run safely and efficiently.

Victorian Open & U20 5000m Championships

The Under 20 5000m Championships were included for the first time with the Open 5000m Championships following the inclusion of the Under 20 3000m to the Victorian Track & Field Championships in the 2019/20 season.

Ellie Pashley took the Open Women's Championship in front of Charlotte Wilson and Sarah Klein while Thomas Thorpe, although finishing behind Queenslander Tim Vincent, was able to claim his first Open Men's Victorian Championship beating out Alexander Ritchie and Ben Kelly.

Victorian Track & Field Championships

The Victorian Track & Field Championships returned to Lakeside for both weekends, providing the ideal venue to ensure all COVIDsafe protocols and restrictions could be met during the biggest competition of the season.

2,520 entries across the championships, a slight decrease of 163 entries from 2019/20, saw many different processes in place to ensure attendees were safe while allowing athletes to still perform at their best. And perform their best they did with 4 Victorian State and 4 Victorian Country records broken across the championships.

The end of the Track and Field Championship resulted in the final events scored for the HH Hunter Shield, with Athletics Essendon bringing the shield back to Moonee Valley Athletics Track finishing 13 points ahead of the 2020 HH Hunter Shield winners Melbourne University. Congratulations to Athletics Essendon.

Victorian Masters Championships

After missing out in 2019/20 due to the COVID outbreak, and also with no National Masters Championships in 2020/21, the Masters' athletes turned out in numbers to participate.

With 45 more entries than 2018/19, a busy weekend at Tom Kelly Athletics Track ensued with athletes from the age of 30 to 88 years old competing across the weekend.

A big thank you to the Victorian Masters Association and Doncaster Athletics Club for their assistance in providing all athletes an enjoyable, exciting, and safe weekend of Athletics.

Victorian Championship Awards

Our Victorian Championship awards are presented to the best individual performance across our summer Victorian Championships including the; 5000m, 10000m, Mile, 100 yards, Multis, Masters, and Track and Field Championships.

The AV team would like to congratulate the following athletes for the 2020/21 season:

Award	Athlete & Event	Club
Open Female	Jemima Montag (5km Walk)	MUU
Open Male	Jack Hale (100 Yards)	ESS
Junior Female	Molly Colgan (Triple Jump)	FKN
Junior Male	Bart Leeton (1500m)	OSC
Masters Female	Lavinia Petrie (1500m)	RWD
Masters Male	George Schiller (Pole Vault)	BOH
Para Female	Erika Gosney (800m)	WTN
Para Male	Marty Jackson (Shot Put)	CHI

Acknowledgments

In previous reports, the team has thanked noted individuals however this year the Sport Delivery Team wishes to thank everybody involved in making the year gone possible. To our members including athletes, coaches, club helpers, officials, administrators, volunteers, committees, and all our Stakeholders involved in supporting Athletics Victoria across the year, thank you for your continued hard work and efforts and offer our best wishes for the new season ahead.

Finally, on behalf of myself as General Manager Sport Delivery and Government, to the Sport Delivery Team and AV team as a collective, although it is our job and also our passion, we could not have foreseen the circumstances we encountered in 2020. Early and continued restrictions necessitated creative thinking and investment in alternate pathways to deliver opportunities to our membership.

Despite the challenges, battles, concerns, late nights, and long hours, I believe we have delivered on our objective in providing an exceptional service and ongoing opportunities to our membership. Great work to all involved and thank you for your continued dedication to the sport.



Dr Caitlin Honey

GENERAL MANAGER – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Season 2020-21 certainly looked different to many other years. I want to first and foremost thank our many volunteers for supporting Athletics Victoria over the past 12 months. Your contributions to the sport have been invaluable, and we truly appreciate it.

Officials: Thank you for your tireless efforts in volunteering your time and energy to ensure that we hosted a full summer season in a shorter timeframe.

Club Committees: Thank you for listening and supporting AV while we navigated the many lockdowns, calendar changes, and membership shifts.

AV Committee and Sub-Committees: Thank you for driving the sport forward through such an uncertain period. The commitment to our organisations survival has not gone unnoticed.

Although the organisation faced many challenges in season 2020-21, the community engagement team were able to adapt and support the clubs and members in many different ways.

Digital Support

Similar to many other businesses, the Community Engagement team moved services and support online during 2020. This shift streamlined the delivery of information and resources to our clubs and members. A key component of the digital support included the introduction of AV's Engagement Hub.

The engagement hub became the community engagement team's mecca for information, supporting documents, forum links and club resources. The team were able to focus on three areas throughout 2020 –

Digital Forums: Seven (7) digital forums were held that explored club governance, club strategy and innovation; recreational running; and fundraising. We would like to extend a special thanks to the guest speakers from VicSport, Australian Sports Foundation and Leisure Networks for their contribution and knowledge to these sessions.

Child Safety and Member Protection: Through the Sport and Recreation Victoria TMA foundation grant, child safety resources and support systems were developed and promoted online. These resources included 'who can report', 'how to become a child safe club', and an online reporting platform. This was loosely replicated for member protection, with a reporting tool developed online for people to submit claims, questions and issues.

The Victorian Government (through Sport and Recreation Victoria) provided financial support and guidance for many Victorian Clubs and groups and we want to extend a special thanks to the many key players who assisted our clubs in securing survival funding and support.

Member Services

We welcomed a new staff member to the Community Engagement team, with Amy joining us in the memberships department. Amy has a wealth of membership and governance knowledge, having spent time at St Kilda FC and establishing a football league in Israel. We are happy to have Amy on our team, and look forward to her working with us.

Diversity and Inclusion

The Community Engagement team spent time working through barriers to sport participation, and how to minimise these barriers in athletics. The 2020-21 season saw several initiatives and relationships strengthened including:

- Rainbow Sport Alliance (Proud 2 Play)
- STARS project (Melbourne University)
- Change Our Game (Leadership programme delivered to volunteers and staff)
- Paralympics Australia and Sport Inclusion Australia

Athletics Victoria are committed to equity in sport, and will continue to grow these relationships in the future.

AV Strategy

Several sub-committees and working groups were established in 2020 to deliver on the final 18 months of the 2019-2021 strategy and associated goals. Of importance, coaching and athlete advisory groups were created to gain insights, expertise and provide support to the general community.



A key component of these advisory groups is to provide a space for coaches and athletes to voice their concerns, share stories around things that work well, and help to engage more people in our sport.

The AV committee were also able to work with a number of athletes returning from overseas who were on athletics scholarships. Most athletics scholarships do not permit athletes from joining a club; therefore, AV have established CLUB AV – a virtual club that is created solely for athletes in the above situation.

Athletes that are restricted due to their scholarships, will pay the approved registration fee and become a direct member of Athletics Victoria via the virtual CLUB AV. As a financial member of Athletics Victoria, the athlete will be permitted to compete at all State and National Competitions; be eligible for medals and records BUT will not be permitted to compete in any relay or Club-based championships event.

Membership Data

Competing Athlete numbers were well below initial projections for 2020-21 largely due to COVID and the impact that the pandemic had on scheduling events. As Victoria was in lockdown for the majority of winter in 2020, we were unable to run a winter cross-country (XCR) season. The inability to host half of our regularly scheduled events has accounted for this drop in membership.

Although numbers were lower than previous years, we managed to renew close to 2500 members once the Summer AVSL season was opened. As a support mechanism for individuals and families, we reduced membership fees to \$95 (open) and \$75 (junior), and provided the eight regional clubs with an opportunity to register new members for a one-off price of \$50.

2020-2021	Male	Female	Total
Under 14	129	142	271
Under 16	265	246	511
Under 18	290	203	493
Under 20	172	150	322
Open	782	421	1,203
Total	1,638	1,162	2,800

Table 1. Season 2020-21 Competing Athlete Breakdown

	Open	U20	U18	U16	U14	Total
2016-17	2,215	360	610	736	566	4,487
2017-18	2,155	347	631	719	518	4,370
2018-19	2,003	320	545	695	681	4,244
2019-20	1,999	319	621	638	442	4,019
2020-21	1,203	322	493	511	271	2,800

Table 2. Competing Athletes (five-year comparison)

Recreational Running:

Recreational Running was again a popular choice amongst Victorians, with a 27% growth in RR membership for the 2020-21 season. We acknowledge that some of this growth is due to the changing nature of people's needs throughout the past 12 months – with some athletes shifting their membership to RR for 2020. We can also see a growing movement in the recreational and social running space, with more clubs and groups than ever joining AV and benefiting from our expertise and support. We are excited to foster the growth of these clubs and support these social runners moving forward.

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Difference
Rec Running	2,236	2,824	3,605	781
Competing Athlete	4,244	4,019	2,800	-1,219
Total	6,480	6,843	6,405	-438

Table 3. Total Membership 2020-21

Ben King, State Performance Coordinator

STATE PERFORMANCE

I think it is fair to say that 2020 threw up more than a few unexpected hurdles, challenging the very notion of a work/life balance that we all aspire to achieve, along with an increased mental strain and physical barriers faced in having to quickly adapt to a new way of living, and training.

In March, sport came to an abrupt halt, Nationals were cancelled, the Olympic Games and a majority of international events postponed, community facilities were forced to close and the masses restricted to a mere 5km radius from home.

Acknowledging the very many hardships, challenges, frustrations, and anguish experienced throughout the past 12 months, it was incredibly humbling to see firsthand, however not all that surprising, the sheer reliance of the Victorian community in coming together (virtually) in support of one another. Along with the innovation, creativeness and connectiveness that has already helped shape a positive change and challenge the 'it's always been done this way' approach, we witnessed the emergence of a new, more determined athlete, resolute on making every opportunity count and boy didn't they make up for lost time!

From the first gun Victoria athletes shone, smashing previous World, Oceania, Australian and Victoria records, securing Tokyo qualifying spots, and with Team VIC capping it off with one of the most dominant Nationals campaigns to date.

I think we can all agree that none of the above would have been even remotely possible, if it weren't for the unwavering support of our passionate, dedicated, and innovative coaches. From remote programming, creative garage gyms and words of encouragement, through to the countless Zoom sessions, our coaches deserve more recognition than ever. On behalf of AV and athletes everywhere, THANKYOU.

OXYGN8 Athletics Victoria Target Talent Program

In 2020, we were delighted to welcome over 120 Victorian U16-U20 athletes, their personal coaches and support Teams to the OXYGN8 AVTTP squad. Due to the COVID situation, we were unable to host the usual face-to-face AVTTP squad days (~ 6 over the winter period) however identified the importance of continued squad connectiveness, with a heightened emphasis on athlete and coach health and wellbeing.

Working with Athletics Australia and our TTP inter-state counterparts, we collectively identified, produced, and delivered 36 virtual workshops covering a range of topics from mental health and wellbeing to event specific technical discussions and program planning.

Up to three virtual workshops were delivered weekly between July to September, coupled with all in squad virtual gatherings, and individual event group virtual sessions.

Across January to March 2021, the AVTTP delivered our first, and only full squad session for the 2020 intake, along with a host of event group specific training days – lead independently by our State coaching leads. With support from Adam Larcom - AA relay coach and Michael Grbac – Physio appointed to several AA World relay campaigns; we also hosted the inaugural AVTTP relay training session. The aim of the session was to develop and strengthen Victorian athlete and coach relay skills, ahead of the 2021 Australian Championships.

With the success of the session, we will continue to offer relay training days throughout the 2021/22 season, opening these opportunities up to top ranked Victorian sprinters and encourage all interested coaches to take part and transition relay skills back to their club environments.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated AVTTP State Coaching Team, our athletes, personal coaches and athlete support Teams, our partners at Athletics Australia and the VIS, along with our key naming rights partner – OXYGN8, for keeping our squad looking good, educated and tracking towards finding that unique balance of success in sport and life.

2020 AVTTP State Coaching Team

State Coach	Event Group
Steve Cain	Combined Events
Sean Whipp	Endurance
Sandro Bisetto	High Jump
Alwyn Jones	Horizontal Jumps
Peter Benifer	Hurdles
Kathryn Mitchell	Javelin
Anula Costa	Para Coordinator
Chris Brennan	Sprints
Kim Mulhall	Heavy Throws
Mark Stewart	Pole Vault
Brent Vallance	Walks

Guest Coaches	Event Group
Jack Dalton	Hammer throw
Manjula Wijesekara	High Jump
Adam Larcom	Relays
Michael Grbac	Relays

Special Guests	Session
Justin Rinaldi	Endurance Q&A
Benjamin Buckingham	Endurance Q&A

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 NASS athletes to excel in sport and life.

Towards the end of 2020 and to coincide with a review of the AA NASS program, the VIS was thrilled to welcome and extend support to an additional 8 Victorian track and field athletes as a part of the new NASS Representative Stream. In all and throughout 2020, the VIS athletics program provided facility access, performance services and financial support to 40 Victorian Track and Field athletes. (refer athlete:coach pairs below)

With a vast majority of 2020's international championships either cancelled or postponed, our athletes found themselves in an unfamiliar, yet unique situation. This 'enforced off period' provided athletes, coaches, and their performance Teams with an opportunity to review, plan and focus their energy on refining the 'one percenters', often set aside as the seasons roll from domestic to international – with little to no break in-between.

The results from this enforced off period really speak for themselves. World, Oceania, Australian and Victoria records and Tokyo qualifiers a plenty – and all before the Christmas break! Athletes reported feeling refreshed, more determined than ever and with a heightened sense of focus and commitment.

Through much of March – October, the programs focus also shifted to ensuring athletes and coaches were able to gain sufficient access to quality training equipment and environments. Initially through the provision of home-based gym equipment, and then with the support of AV and the Victorian Government through their elite and professional sport framework and support grants, we were able to secure sanctioned training sessions at Lakeside Stadium, allowing athletes to continue preparations with minimal interruption.

AV would like to take this opportunity to thank the Performance Team at the VIS for their ongoing support and collaboration in the pursuit of sporting excellence and would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of the VIS through extending facility access and performance services to the Athletics Victoria Target Talent Program.

Victorian Institute of Sport – Athlete And Coach Pairs

Athlete	Event(s)	Coach
Aiden Harvey	Shot Put	Scott Martin
Ben Buckingham	3000m SC	Nic Bideau
Brett Robinson	Marathon	Nic Bideau
Brooke Stratton	Long Jump	Russell Stratton
Catriona Bisset	800m	Peter Fortune
Celeste Mucci	Heptathlon	Darren Clark
Chris Mitrevski	Long Jump	John Boas
Claire Keefer	F41 Shot Put/ Discuss	John Eden
Damien Birkinhead	Shot Put	Scott Martin
Darcy Roper	Long Jump	John Boas
Declan Carman	Discuss	Scott Martin
Ellie Pashley	Marathon	Julian Spence
Georgia Griffith	1500m	Stephen Ellinghaus
Georgia Hansen	1500m	Stephen Ellinghaus
Henry Smith	Long Jump	John Boas
Isis Holt	T35 100m/200m	Paul Pearce
Jack Lunn	800m / 1500m	Steve Fabris
Jack Rayner	5000m/10000m	Nic Bideau
Jaryd Clifford	T12 1500m/5000m	Philo Saunders
Jemima Montag	20km Walk	Brent Vallance
Jessee Wyatt	F34 Shot Put	John Eden
Joel Baden	High Jump	Sandro Bissetto
Joseph Deng	800m	Justin Rinaldi
Kathryn Mitchell	Javelin	Uwe Hohn
Kyle Swan	20km Walk	Brent Vallance
Linden Hall	1500m	
Madeline Hills	3000m Steeplechase	Craig Mottrom
Maria Strong	F33 Shot Put	John Eden
Michal Burian	F44 Javelin	Nick Baltas
Morgan Mitchell	4x400m Relay, 800m	Liz Matthews
Nana Owusu-Afriyie	4x100m	Tony Marsh
Nicholas Hum	T20 Long Jump	John Boas
Peter Bol	800m	Justin Rinaldi
Rebecca Henderson	10km walk	Simon Baker
Rhydian Cowley	20km/50km Race Walk	Brent Vallance
Sam McIntosh	T52 100m	Fred Periac
Sam Rizzo	T54 800m/1500m	Richard Colman
Sinead Diver	Marathon	Nic Bideau
Tim Logan	T12 1500m/5000m	Philo Saunders
Todd Hodgetts	F20 Shot Put	Scott Martin

COACH EDUCATION

Coach Education and support boomed in 2020-21 with a pivot to online education services. We want to thank the team at Athletics Australia for enabling this shift to a digital platform where coach courses could be held virtually.

It was a steep learning curve for our facilitators in 2020, and we think they team did a tremendous job in delivering courses digitally (and eventually face to face when restrictions eased). Athletics Victoria would like to thank the following people for their efforts throughout 2020-21.

- Jill Taylor
- Mark Reed
- Tom Watson
- Lisa Verstraten
- Kath O'Connell
- Tim Crosbie (RR)
- Bronwyn Humphrys (RR)

These individuals continue to inspire the next generation of coaches, and we are grateful for sharing their expertise. National evaluation forms and feedback also reflect this sentiment, with facilitators receiving above average ratings from evaluations (4.5-4.8 / 5).

Course	2019-2020 (Prev)	2020-2021 (Current)	Difference
Level 1 Community Athletics	128	115	↓ 13
Level 1 Recreational Running	75	133	↑ 58
Level 2 Club Coach	20	49	↑ 29
Level 2 Recreational Running Coach	81	51	↓ 30
Level 3 Performance Development Coach	35	10	↓ 25
Total	339	358	↑ 19

Special mention to Doug from North Vic Hub, who organised the delivery of a regional Level 2 course for 10 women with the help of a Change our Game community activation grant. Thank you, Andrew, for your dedicated time, effort, and knowledge you bring to the coaching space, it is greatly appreciated.

Coaching Seminars

Alongside the many coaching courses delivered throughout 2019-20, the coaching team also hosted five Professional Development seminars online during 2020. Each seminar had a guest host who spoke about their experiences in the sport.

The following topics were covered in the seminar, and can be found in the coaching hub on the AV website:

- 'How to coach while still competing as an athlete' (Alwyn Jones)
- 'Transitioning an athlete to another coach' (Mark Stewart)
- 'Advancing as a coach as your athlete reaches new levels' (Steve Fabris)
- 'Coach and Athlete Conflict' (Adam Didyk)
- 'Coping with 'disappointment' in Competitions' (Cathy Woodruff)

Thank you to our guest presenters who provided engaging and insightful discussions.

New and Outgoing Staff

We said goodbye to Matilda Skok in 2020 and want to thank her for her work in both the Coaching and Target Talent departments. Tilly was able to tackle many tasks head on, and hit the ground running when we had to switch to digital education, and we thank her for managing this challenge well.

We have recently hired a new Coaching leader, Claudia, and we are sure you will all get to know her over the coming months.



Tim Crosbie

RECREATIONAL RUNNING COORDINATOR

RECREATIONAL RUNNING

Despite the challenges thrown at individuals, clubs, coaches and event organisers throughout 2020 and into 2021, Recreational Running played an important role in providing a level of continuity and support to a broad base of the population during uncertain times.

The rise of ‘virtual’ events or challenges, the ongoing role of Recreational Running clubs as a rallying point for members and the positive messaging from peak bodies such as Athletics Victoria ensured that individuals had external motivators to maintain physical activity.

For Athletics Victoria it became a priority to continue to service the Recreational Running market via a number of key strategies, including:

- the transition of coach education to an online platform in cooperation with Athletics Australia
- being a conduit of information to clubs in relation to the restrictions put in place by Government
- targeting Recreational Runners with a number of published articles on various topics
- briefing Event Organisers on return to play guidelines and the permit processes in place.

Clubs and Club Membership

During 2020-21, thirty five Recreational Running clubs were affiliated with Athletics Victoria, representing 2,773 members. As expected with the Recreational Running market, the vast majority of these were adult members, with junior membership accounting for approximately 10% of membership

Due to the circumstances surrounding the pandemic it was common for our clubs to relax or waive fees to their members during 2020, so there is no doubt the ‘active’ membership of most clubs exceeded those that had a financial relationship with Athletics Victoria.

In terms of overall membership, these were the top ten Recreational Running clubs in 2020-21:

TXR Runners	304
Diamond Creek Runners	291
Lalor Running Club	205
Melbourne Frontrunners	201
The Melbourne Midday Milers Inc	177
Crosbie Crew	159
Westerfoldians	125
Shepparton Running Club	124
Hamilton Running Club Inc.	122
Running in the Burbs	122

Notable amongst the Recreational Running statistics was 204 active accredited coaches. This strong base of coaching within the 35 clubs is a major point of difference with other non-affiliated clubs emerging in terms of value to members and maintaining strong training principles and practices.

Coach Education

With an inability to conduct traditional face to face courses, from April 2020 Athletics Victoria commenced delivering online Coach Education. With the Level 1 Recreational Running course as the pilot, by August 2020 this had extended to include the Level 2 course.

As of 31st March 2021 Athletics Victoria had delivered 18 online Recreational Running Coach Education courses across 76 online meeting sessions to just over 200 participants. With course capacity capped at around 12 participants per course and no practical demonstrations, there’s no doubt it was a different learning environment. Feedback from the courses however was excellent as it ensured continued learning opportunities to a geographically diverse audience.

The changed work conditions for many, including compulsory working from home and non fixed work or study hours meant that Athletics Victoria could provide a more flexible approach to education and support for new coaches.

Even with a return to face to face classroom style education, Athletics Victoria has continued our online offerings as the reputation of these courses has grown to the extent that in any given course interstate and even international (New Zealand) participants represent over 50% of the course registrations. In real terms this means that our education curriculum is reaching metropolitan and regional centres across the country.

With the easing of Victoria's restrictions face to face courses recommenced in February 2021 subject to room capacity limits, snap lockdowns and the uncertainty now a part of our general lives.

A campaign of Professional Development for existing coaches was also undertaken with visits to the Hamilton Running Club and Hobsons Bay Running club conducted. This campaign will continue through the remainder of 2021-22.

Event Organisers

A market segment seriously impacted by the pandemic, Athletics Victoria continued our support for a growing number of events across the state. Our guidance has been sought in relation to interpretation of the Government's Restricted Activity Directions both moving in or out of the restrictions.

Early in 2021 Athletics Victoria also increased our presence at a number of supported events as a means of linking more closely to the Recreational Runners participating. Demystifying Athletics Victoria and the role we play in the market outside our own events is the key driver for this initiative.

As we move further into 2021 the number of events sourcing Athletics Victoria as a partner continues to grow and we look forward to expanding this portfolio in successive years.

So whilst 2020-21 provided our organisation with challenges, in the Recreational Running space there were certainly opportunities that arose and Athletics Victoria reacted accordingly.



Dan Wilkins, haarper.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

The terms of 2020 allowed us to collect and analyse our members' attitudes and behaviours toward our offerings and the fitness and events category.

Over the last twelve months, we have sought responses through ten surveys, the largest being our now annual brand survey, released in July. These responses give us significant insights into our current members' attitudes and behaviours. When we compare our research to other studies, we can adapt and develop products that improve the sport's prospects.

Despite changes to the 2020 XCR season, the AVSL season was almost uninterrupted. Therefore, it was pleasing to see that in our AVSL season review survey, our brand score improved some 8 points vs the season prior. Our brand score is how we measure our offering, delivery and experience. The insights from this research will influence our AVSL delivery in the 2021/22 season.

At the end of 2020, we introduced several 'Community Pass' events focused on people with low awareness of Athletics Victoria. Pleasingly these events were very well-received, with overwhelmingly positive feedback. Correspondingly, we developed our Training Tips features.

These articles covered topics from overtraining to moving in the rain to mixing up running in your 5km radius. We expect these kinds of informative pieces to continue as we expand our products into new markets.

Our media network continues to see growth, despite the limited events in 2020. Across our social channels, we saw a 5.9% increase in our audiences and almost half a million page views across 71,000 users on our website. We are always looking at ways to improve our content distribution and promotion, and our improving media mix aims to reflect this.

Of vital importance is ensuring we regularly feature in the markets that offer growth whilst simultaneously providing accessible opportunities for people to engage with our offerings. We're looking forward to welcoming more people to our sport in 2021 and beyond.

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Statistics MEMBERSHIP

Club	Open M	U20	U18	U16	U14	Total M
Albury Athletics	2	0	6	2	3	13
Athletics Chilwell	9	2	8	18	5	42
Athletics Essendon	54	10	16	13	3	96
Athletics Nunawading	18	4	2	6	2	32
Athletics South West	5	2	1	4	2	14
Athletics Waverley	10	1	0	2	1	14
Ballarat Harriers Athletic Club	8	4	2	2	4	20
Ballarat YCW Harriers Athletic Club	14	1	5	5	4	29
Bellarine Athletics T and F Club	7	1	2	5	2	17
Bendigo Harriers Athletic Club	17	0	3	3	2	25
Bendigo University Athletic Club	11	1	0	2	0	14
Box Hill Athletic Club	43	10	16	12	6	87
Brunswick Athletic Club	7	0	1	1	0	9
Casey Cardinia Athletics	12	3	9	14	2	40
Coburg Harriers Athletic Club	12	0	1	0	0	13
Collingwood Harriers Athletic Club	45	2	3	7	6	63
Corio Athletic Club	7	1	4	2	0	14
Dandenong Springvale Athletics	6	0	4	3	2	15
Deakin Athletic Club	5	0	1	0	1	7
Diamond Valley Athletic Club	33	12	10	8	3	66
Doncaster Athletic Club	38	4	10	17	12	81
Eaglehawk Athletic Club	14	3	7	1	0	25
Eureka Athletic Club	9	2	7	6	1	25
Frankston Athletic Club	7	3	7	6	1	24
Geelong Guild Athletic Club	12	5	15	2	3	37
Gippsland Athletic Club	4	0	1	0	1	6
Glenhuntly Athletic Club	53	13	13	17	5	101
Ivanhoe Harriers Athletic Club	1	7	2	1	0	11
Keilor St Bernards Athletic Club	16	5	11	9	3	44
Knox Athletic Club	10	4	12	6	4	36
Maccabi Athletic Club	1	0	5	4	3	13
Malvern Harriers Athletic Club	12	0	0	0	0	12
Melbourne University Athletic Club	36	7	2	0	0	45
Mentone Athletic Club	9	5	12	5	3	34
Mornington Peninsula Athletic Club	21	5	7	12	7	52
Old Melburnians Athletic Club	6	2	5	2	2	17
Old Scotch Athletic Club	15	4	11	9	5	44
Old Xaverians Athletic Club	10	4	4	3	0	21
Preston Athletic Club	2	0	0	1	0	3
Richmond Harriers Athletic Club	9	0	0	0	0	9
Ringwood Athletic Club	15	7	12	8	3	45
Sandringham Athletic Club	26	6	10	4	5	51
Shepparton Athletics	3	0	2	1	2	8
South Bendigo Athletic Club	9	4	6	4	2	25
South Coast Athletics	3	0	2	1	1	7
South Melbourne Athletic Club	6	0	0	0	0	6
St Kevin's Amateur Athletic Club	25	7	9	9	4	54
St Stephens Harriers Athletic Club	8	1	0	1	1	11
Traralgon Harriers Athletic Club	5	0	1	1	0	7
Victorian Cross Country League	0	0	0	0	0	0
Victorian Masters Athletic Club	9	0	0	0	0	9
Wellington Athletic Club	0	0	0	2	0	2
Wendouree Athletic Club	11	6	4	5	2	28
Western Athletics	25	9	10	10	4	58
Whittlesea City Athletic Club	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williamstown Athletic Club	7	2	2	3	4	18
Wodonga Athletic Club	1	0	1	1	1	4
Wyndham Track and Field Club	6	0	3	4	2	15
Yarra Ranges Athletics	12	3	3	1	0	19
Club AV	1	0	0	0	0	1
Independent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Athletics Clubs Total	782	172	290	265	129	1638

Open F	U20	U18	U16	U14	Total F	Open Athletes	Junior Athletes	Recreational Runners	Coaches	Officials	Social	Total
4	1	1	4	4	14	6	21	97	3	2	0	129
11	1	6	7	2	27	20	49	0	9	9	0	87
26	11	11	8	11	67	80	83	2	12	9	1	187
7	4	4	4	6	25	25	32	0	5	5	1	68
3	0	4	4	4	15	8	21	0	3	1	0	33
6	0	0	1	2	9	16	7	0	3	1	0	27
4	1	3	8	3	19	12	27	20	1	2	2	64
5	2	4	2	5	18	19	28	0	4	2	0	53
0	0	0	5	2	7	7	17	0	1	6	0	31
10	2	5	5	3	25	27	23	1	5	4	0	60
3	0	0	1	1	5	14	5	1	2	1	0	23
15	12	21	12	7	67	58	96	0	21	9	1	185
8	3	1	0	0	12	15	6	0	2	6	2	31
4	5	5	3	0	17	16	41	6	7	5	1	76
2	1	0	4	1	8	14	7	1	7	3	1	33
13	3	7	1	2	26	58	31	106	21	17	8	241
4	1	2	0	0	7	11	10	0	2	6	2	31
2	0	2	1	2	7	8	14	6	5	2	0	35
5	2	2	0	0	9	10	6	1	6	3	0	26
13	4	5	13	8	43	46	63	2	12	11	0	134
16	2	10	12	12	52	54	79	69	18	8	5	233
11	4	4	6	2	27	25	27	0	3	7	0	62
6	2	3	2	4	17	15	27	0	5	6	0	53
11	4	6	7	3	31	18	37	0	11	7	0	73
7	10	11	10	1	39	19	57	0	12	10	1	99
1	0	2	0	0	3	5	4	5	1	5	0	20
31	9	9	11	5	65	84	82	1	20	14	1	202
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	4	5	0	20
10	3	5	9	2	29	26	47	4	9	6	2	94
6	2	5	2	1	16	16	36	0	8	5	0	65
2	0	0	4	4	10	3	20	120	4	5	0	152
5	0	0	0	0	5	17	0	18	1	1	0	37
39	3	0	0	0	42	75	12	21	13	1	0	122
6	4	6	9	6	31	15	50	12	12	3	2	94
7	3	3	14	6	33	28	57	4	6	4	0	99
0	1	0	1	0	2	6	13	0	0	0	0	19
0	0	1	0	0	1	15	30	1	5	1	0	52
8	3	2	2	0	15	18	18	0	8	1	0	45
4	1	3	2	2	12	6	9	0	2	3	0	20
0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	4	1	0	4	18
16	4	8	5	2	35	31	49	42	10	6	0	138
14	15	13	19	4	65	40	76	1	21	7	4	149
6	1	0	1	3	11	9	10	28	3	2	0	52
14	3	1	6	0	24	23	26	1	6	10	0	66
2	1	1	1	1	6	5	8	0	1	0	7	21
1	2	0	1	0	4	7	3	0	2	0	0	12
3	0	3	11	5	22	28	48	2	4	1	0	83
5	2	1	1	0	9	13	7	0	3	3	3	29
1	0	0	0	0	1	6	2	110	3	0	0	121
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	7	16	0	3	3	1	0	23
1	0	1	6	3	11	1	12	1	2	1	4	21
8	3	2	1	1	15	19	24	4	7	14	1	69
11	6	6	8	5	36	36	58	7	13	4	5	123
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	2	7	4	3	24	15	27	2	5	2	0	51
1	0	2	1	0	4	2	6	4	1	1	1	15
1	2	0	2	4	9	7	17	1	1	1	1	28
4	5	5	5	0	19	16	22	0	7	1	0	46
3	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	72	0	79
421	150	203	246	142	1162	1203	1597	708	373	322	60	4263

Report

VICTORIAN OFFICIALS

It never ceases to amaze just how flexible and adaptable our Victorian Officials can actually be!

With the return to Athletics late last year this certainly was evident. Over the past 12 months we have seen a decline in the number of registered Officials, with only 331 returning to officiating. This is a reduction of 35 Officials compared to 366 from the 2019 – 2020 season. Many did not feel comfortable in returning after the year that was.

Officials' wellbeing and welfare was of paramount importance with an average of 55 calls being made monthly to ascertain their health – both mentally and physically. The calls were all very much appreciated.

Victorian Officials Committee

For the 2020 – 2021 season the Victorian Officials Committee consisted of:

Chair	Lorraine Morgan
Education	Richard Lawysz
Cadets	Shane Bicknell & Stuart Schnaars
Mentors & Recruitment	Sarah Davis & Stuart Schnaars
Media & Facebook	Stuart Merrick
Schools & Newsletter	Kirsteen Farrance
Officials Wellbeing	Andrea Hallett (AV Staff representative)

The Committee achievements for the past 12 months included:

Cadets – A zoom meeting conducted with the Cadets and parents. To ensure that all were pleased with the concept and the outcomes being achieved. Cadets were placed in positions at the Victorian Championships and loved the opportunity. Mentors were appointed to each Cadet.

Mentoring – Lots of worthy members of the group. Produced the Officials Kit Bag video and currently working on two other videos - Long / Triple Jump Officiating and Pole Vault Officiating.

Schools – The use of students at our events is invaluable. Melbourne High School students involved in a Communication / Community program assisted at the Championships. There must be other schools with similar programs who would appreciate the hours and tasks we could provide. Need to pursue this with schools.

Media – A Victorian Officials Facebook page was initiated.

Education – Many Zoom meetings were conducted. World Athletics and World Para Athletics Rule Changes; Chief Referee responsibilities; Race Walking. In addition, the Level 1 World Athletics TOECS Course was conducted over many weeks via Zoom.

Surveys – Aspirations of Officials and Officiating in the future

Publications – Created/updated Handy Hints for Club Helpers/ Parents. Updated the Officiating Handbook. Updated the Flip Book.

At the end of March several Committee Member's tenure ended and the following members advised that they would not be seeking renomination on the Committee:

Chairperson – Lorraine Morgan.

Schools – Kirsteen Farrance

Recruitment and Mentoring – Sarah Davis.

We thank these members for all their hard work and contributions over the past season and wish them well in their adventures ahead. Pam Noden has accepted the position of Chair of the VOC for the next four years.

Zoom Virtual Meetings and Education Seminars

Officials embraced technology, becoming experts in using the Zoom platform, CS Sports Apps and QR codes. To help Officials stay in contact with each other, several zoom virtual meetings were conducted. In July there was a meeting set up with guest speakers including Michelle James from Athletics Australia and Ross Cunningham from Athletics Victoria to discuss the impact of COVID and the Athletics Calendar, with 63 Officials tuning in to the session. In August two sessions were conducted lead by Richard Lawysz and Lorraine Morgan who enlightened all with the World Athletics and World Para Athletics Rules updates with a total of 96 jumping into the zoom meetings for these.

September saw two additional sessions with our first ever Virtual Officials trivia evening hosted by Michael Brazel with 22 participants and then over 70 Officials joined in for our Virtual Officials Awards Function, with a trip down memory lane looking back at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games with our guest speaker Anne Lord. Congratulations to Ronda Jenkins who was announced as our Official of the Year and Jenny Baird announced as our Rising Star award.

Region and Zone Award winners were:

Red Zone	Ian Fisher
Blue Zone	Maureen Austin
Yellow Zone	Neil Lawson
White Zone	Yvonne Glover
Bendigo Region	Craig Graham
Geelong Region	Heather Holzer
Western Country Region	Julie Bicknell

Several Victorian Athletics Officials were also recognised with Service awards acknowledging their length of service to Athletics in the State. Amongst them were Helen Rieniets and Lynne Wolowiec - 35 years, Richard Lawysz & Hugh McKechnie - 40 years and 50 years of service to Margaret Dunbar and Laurie Preston. Wonderful achievements!

Other sessions included the Virtual Road Map to Competition & Innovations Seminar, where Ross Cunningham informed Officials on the proposed Return to Competition plan, and there were 104 Officials that joined into that session. Then there were 147 Officials including Officials from Interstate who tuned into our Virtual Chiefs & Referees – Roles and Responsibilities Seminar which was run in conjunction with Athletics Australia and hosted by Richard Lawysz.

In November, Kirsten Crocker, a Race Walking ITO, conducted a Virtual Race-Walking Seminar and again there were Officials from Interstate joining in with 33 participating overall.

Technical Officials Education and Certification Scheme (TOECS) – Level 1

Seventeen Officials, 15 from Victoria and two from northern Tasmania, began a world first unique course from their homes on October 19, 2020. The World Athletics TOECS course, usually conducted as a live-in five day or two weekend programme was held for these participants via Zoom. The Course consisted of weekly theory sessions for six weeks via the Zoom platform, two sessions of practical applications, an oral exam and with the easing of COVID restrictions a written exam utilizing both the AV Board room and the Cathy Freeman room to ensure that we were socially distanced on January 10! A very long process!

Felicitations to the following who participated: Gayle Anderson, Jenny Baird, Shane Bicknell, Phil Clayton (Tas) Malcolm Duncan, Brendan Ferrari, Brenton Hall, David Hansford, Russell Harper, Lance Kamau, Kathleen Marsh, Jessica Newton, Lyn Owen, Louise Roberts, Sandra Speers (Tas), Emma Werner.

Congratulations to Brendan Ferrari who was awarded a Seiko Watch which was very kindly donated by World Athletics for this course.

Richard Lawysz and Lorraine Morgan were the main Lecturers for this course, with guest appearances from Kirsteen Farrance, Josh Savage and Stuart Schnaars who hold World Athletics Level 1 Lecturer's accreditation added to the content and variety of presenters.

A special thanks to Glenn Turnor for approving the course be held and Regan Kama, the Oceania Regional Development Manager for liaising with World Athletics and very quickly gaining approval.

Return to Competition – XCR - Welcome Back event

The first event for the 2020–2021 season was a very modified XCR Welcome back event held at Cruden Farm in November which was conducted over two days. Eighteen Victorian Officials were appointed, and no Club Helpers required in trying to lower risks. This event was the perfect opportunity to test COVID procedures and all the Officials and Athletes were very glad to be back doing athletics again. Cruden Farm was just the perfect venue with the rose garden in full bloom. The Officials briefing was conducted on the Thursday evening prior the event via zoom where Officials had the opportunity to ask questions about the various new processes. Unfortunately, due to various factors this was the only XCR event that took place.

Athletics Victoria Shield League – AVSL

AVSL Rd 1 kicked off in late November, albeit very different from previous years. With only 50 athletes in each of the four time slots due to the restrictions. Four Metro and three Regional venues were established. Within each time slot an athlete could have a run, jump and a throw. Metro venues operated on Sunday mornings for the first four Rounds with HVC Hurdles being included in the program in the afternoon at two venues each round. Challenges to overcome with the first four rounds of AVSL was finding the officials to cover the four Metro venues. Each week there were 88 Victorian Officials and 56 Club Helpers required.

Feedback from Clubs and Athletes was very positive with many enjoying the opportunity to compete for one hour and then having the rest of the day to themselves.



Rounds 5 to 10 were conducted in January through to March returning to Saturday afternoon competition with more events being introduced back into the program. There were two Metro and three regional venues established limiting each to 1000 patrons. Safety Officers were introduced for AVSL to cover the COVID requirements. For the two Metro venues we now required 70 Victorian Officials and 28 Club Helpers to ensure all events were officiated correctly.

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AVSL Playoffs were held on Saturday 27 March and were a great success. Format was good and all events ran on time with 60 Victorian Officials involved, many opting to assist for half a day only. Eighteen Clubs covered the 25 duties required, with most Clubs splitting up the duties amongst the Helpers. The atmosphere during Playoffs was lacking a little compared to previous years.

Overall, the Officials embraced the COVID changes put into place. During the modified AVSL season there were 772 Victorian Officials positions to be covered with 392 Club Helpers required to ensure the competition all ran smoothly. Thanks to those Officials who travelled and attended other venues to ensure all positions were covered during the season.

Victorian Track & Field Championships

Victorian Championships returned again in January 2021. Very challenging and taxing on Officials with trying to fit six months of athletics in to just three months. Club Duties for the Championships were based on Club entries, assisting with identifying Club Helpers based on Club's presence. There was a balance of Venues used for these over the three months.

Victorian Country Championships (22-24 January – Ballarat)

Friday 40 Victorian Officials - 33 Club Helpers
Saturday 43 Victorian Officials - 36 Club Helpers
Sunday 43 Victorian Officials - 22 Club Helpers

Zatopek (Tuesday 26 January – Box Hill)

52 Victorian Officials
12 Crosbie Crew

Victorian Track Relay Championships (30 & 31 January - Box Hill)

Saturday 28 Victorian Officials - 15 Club Helpers
Sunday 24 Victorian Officials - 14 Club Helpers

Victorian Multi Championships (6-7 February – Bendigo)

Sat 21 Victorian Officials - 24 Club Helpers
Sunday 24 Victorian Officials - 24 Club Helpers

With two Championships being conducted at Country venues, this was the perfect opportunity for new Officials to be involved and be given the chance to Chief events. Many of these Officials also officiated at the Metro venues as well which was wonderful to see.

Victorian 5km Championships (Thursday 11 February – Box Hill)

18 Victorian Officials

Victorian T&F Championships (Weekend 1)

19-21 February – Lakeside Stadium

Friday 42 Victorian Officials - 12 Club Helpers
Saturday 42 Victorian Officials - 18 Club Helpers
Sunday 48 Victorian Officials - 18 Club Helpers

Victorian T&F Championships (Weekend 2)

27 & 28 February – Lakeside Stadium

Saturday 60 Victorian Officials - 26 Club Helpers
Sunday 50 Victorian Officials - 26 Club Helpers

When preparing the provisional timetable and due to the number of athletes entered for the events, the decision was made by the Sport Delivery Team to reschedule the Friday nights events into just two days.

Athletics Victoria was very fortunate to have 15 students from Melbourne High School who assisted with various tasks, thus allowing a reduction of Club Helpers required.

Victorian Masters Championships (24 & 25 April – Doncaster)

Saturday 38 Victorian Officials
Sunday 35 Victorian Officials
Club Helpers supplied by Victorian Masters.

Specialist Meets

Several specialist meets were conducted at various locations.

There were nine HVC meets scheduled for the months of January through to the middle of April, with one of these being conducted in Geelong and unfortunately, meet 5 being cancelled due to a Stage 4 Lockdown set for Victoria during February. Overall, 133 Officials positions were required to conduct these meets.

Victorian Milers conducted 5 meets, with 23 Officials ensuring all positions were covered at the various locations.

AV Throwers had nine meetings scheduled but again one did not go ahead due to the snap lock down in Victorian.

Officials were also organised for the Box Hill Burn and Box Hill Classic.

Eight Officials assisted with the Box Hill Burn and 10 Officials for the Box Hill Classic.

The Melbourne Track Classic was conducted at Lakeside Stadium in late March allowing for many Victorian Officials the opportunity to officiate at a National event in our own back yard. 55 Victorian Officials assisted with this event, many including Country Region Officials and one of our own Cadets.

Eight Interstate Officials were also involved in delivering the National Championship. Many Victorian Officials chose not to attend due to COVID concerns.

Cadet Program

The Cadet program has been in operation now for several years. The objectives of this program are to:

- To attract young people to Athletics Officiating.
- Assist transition of athletes from Little Athletics to Athletics Victoria.
- To provide a positive, safe and enjoyable learning environment.
- To provide broad experiences across the multiple discipline of Athletics (Summer / Winter) at AVSL, XCR and State Levels of Competition.

Who can be a cadet Official and what qualities do they need:

- Athletes aged from 15 to 21 with an interest in officiating.
- A Duke of Edinburgh participant looking to complete the Skills or Community Volunteering Section of the Bronze, Silver or Gold Level Award.
- A willingness to learn.
- Access to the internet for online education.
- The ability to get to competition venues.
- A current, active Athletics Victoria Official with suitable personal qualities and qualifications to be their Mentor – ideally someone from their Club whom they know and enjoy working with.

Mentors, pre-requisites and appropriate skills and requirements:

- Ability to work with Cadets, parents, other Officials, volunteers and athletes in a friendly and professional manner.
- Be a Level 2 or above Athletics Australia Official.
- Hold a valid WWCC.
- Completed and be current in the Play by the Rules (PBTR) 'Child Protection' and 'Discrimination & Harassment' modules.
- Be able to attend AVSL and State Championship events.
- Ability to complete tasks in a timely manner.
- Good verbal communication skills.
- Develop a 'season' program with the Cadet.
- Assist the Cadet to complete their e-learning and 'Practical Card'.
- Debrief the Cadet after each 'day' of competition.
- Build relationships with parents/carers of Cadets!
- Liaise with the VOC with regard to the Cadet's progress, education and event participation.
- Abide by Athletics Australia and Athletics Victoria Codes of Conduct & Child Safety / Protection policies.

Five young athletes from across Victoria participated during the season and all reported they enjoyed the opportunity to both compete and contribute to the sport. Thanks to Abby Bicknell (Wendouree), Charlotte Holmes (Diamond Valley), Georgia Tarr (Geelong Guild), Jorja Sharp (Eureka Athletics Club) and Samuel Graham (Eaglehawk) for all being involved in the program.

Officials in Schools Program

The 20/21 year resulted in a very different outcome for the program compared to previous years with events being rescheduled to later dates or cancelled from mid-March onwards due to the onset of the pandemic.

At the commencement of the school year in 2020, there were more than 60 events prebooked across the 4 terms. A total of 4 events were conducted before Victoria went into lockdown and unfortunately remained the total number for the school year.

Term 1 2021 saw a strong recovery as competition returned with vigour. A total of 78 placements across 14 events were held in the Feb – April period and was largely welcomed by athletes, organizers and Officials. Nine of those placements were for the return of the Victoria Police & Emergency Services Games, successfully held at Landy Field in Geelong.

Feedback from organizers has been consistently very positive as the reporting year wound up with many commenting on the flexibility, professionalism and welcome 'safety focus' that Athletics Victoria Officials appointed to these events continue to show. Our relationship with our school's clientele continues to grow with a very robust calendar for the current reporting period scheduled.

We thank our regular participants in the program and continue to invite more Officials who are available during business hours to come along and get involved.

Our thanks to all Officials for your incredible dedication to our sport, your support to Athletics Victoria is outstanding and for volunteering to ensure the athletes have the very best experience possible. We greatly admire the commitment, enthusiasm and hard work undertaken by our Officials.

To the Clubs, Administrators and Team Managers, we appreciate that supplying Club Helpers throughout the season can be a very challenging task at times and we appreciate all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes and for your support towards Athletics Victoria. Thanks for all that you do for our sport.

Sadly, during the 2020 – 2021 Report Year we lost several of our valued Officials.

Pat Gartside

Pat was a member of the Brunswick Athletic Club for 42 years until she passed away on the 6th April 2020 after several years of with debilitating decline in her health.

She was a very active Official for the majority of her time as a Field Judge and Recorder, Pat was Controller of Officials for 15 years and worked many years in the admin area for Victorian Championships.

She was a Volunteer at both the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000 and the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in 2006.

Elaine McLeod

Elaine McLeod – Elaine passed away after battling Parkinson's Disease, 17 April 2020. During the 1960's Tasmanian Elaine was amongst the top female sprinters in Australia, representing both Tasmania and Victoria and was an Australian 400m Champion

Elaine was the head coach of Essendon Aberfeldie Women's Athletic Club and was still coaching while working full time. She was at the track in rain, hail or shine until her last athlete had finished training. She was a Life Member of the Club, an AV Delegate, Coach and a qualified AV Official, who was appointed as a Jumps Official at the 1982 Commonwealth Games and 1985 World Cup.

Bill Toohey

Bill Toohey, a member of Knox Athletics Club was well known within the Race-Walking community holding an AA Level A Race-Walking qualification. Together with Diana Barnett and Lorraine Morgan in the early 90's, he developed the concept of the Umpire Reporting Forms which are still in use today. He was the Competition Manager for the 2000 Paralympic Games.

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Joy Bradbury

Joy Bradbury was a member of the Waverly Women's Athletics Club, later known as Waverley Athletics Club. Joy was a coach at the Club and Starter at both interclub and State events. She passed away on Friday 29 January 2021, aged 99 years. Joy will be remembered for her ability to get the girls off their blocks cleanly.

Russell Dickenson

Russell Dickenson was a more senior Official and also a Victorian Race-Walking Committee member, Club Captain and Race-Walking Judge, who would do anything at AVSL as well.

Russell possessed a strong and efficient Race-walking technique, a high level of fitness and a love of racing, and a model for walkers of all ages, but particularly for those of mature years. He continued racing with the VRWC even when his energies were directed more towards administrative work with the Victorian Masters Association. Always affable and approachable, Russ was never far away from any group or gathering of master's athletes where humour and lively conversation was on hand.

Valete: Patricia Gartside, Elaine McLeod, Bill Toohey, Joy Bradbury and Russell Dickenson.

Lorraine Morgan
Chairperson 2020 – 2021 Season

Andrea Hallet
Officials Training and Accreditation Manager.

Craig Morrow
Business Support Leader.



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Records

LIST OF VICTORIAN RECORDS BROKEN: 2020-21

Men

Jack Boulton	400 mts	State	Under 17	Country	Under 17	47.18	Sydney	13/04/21
Noah Burns	Pole Vault			Country	Under 15	4.10 mts	Ballarat	24/01/21
Alec Franzke	3000 mts			Country	Under 13	9.27.98	Sydney	13/04/21
Jack Hale	100 yards	State	Open			9.43	Geelong	09/01/21
Caleb Kilpatrick	400 mts			Country	Under 14	51.20	Ballarat	23/01/21
Caleb Kilpatrick	400 mts	State	Under 14	Country	Under 14	50.22	Sydney	13/04/21
Bart Leeton	1500 mts	State	Under 13			4.20.39	Glenhuntly	03/12/20
Bart Leeton	1500 mts	State	Under 13			4.14.16	Lakeside	29/02/21
Bart Leeton	1500 mts	State	Under 14			4.11.07	Sydney	12/04/21
Bart Leeton	3000 mts	State	Under 13			9.13.39	Ballarat	22/01/21
Bart Leeton	3000 mts	State	Under 13 & 14			8.58.50	Box Hill	1/04/21
Stewart McSweyn	1500 mts	State	Open			3.31.48	Stockholm	23/08/20
Stewart McSweyn	1500 mts	State	Open			3.30.51	Doha	25/09/20
Stewart McSweyn	3000 mts	State	Open			7.28.02	Rome	17/09/20
Archie Noakes	2000m Steeplechase	State	Under 17 & 18			5.45.52	Sydney	18/04/21
Jake Penny	100 yards			Country	Open	9.54	Geelong	09/01/21
Brett Robinson	Half Marathon	State	Open			59:57	Japan	02/02/20
Liam Shadbolt	High Jump			Country	Under 14	1.83 mts	Bendigo	05/02/21
Liam Shadbolt	High Jump			Country	Under 14	1.84 mts	Lakeside	20/02/21
Liam Shadbolt	High Jump			Country	Under 14	1.87 mts	Sydney	13/04/21
Will Thompson	10,000m Race Walk	State	Under 19			41.58.95	Sydney	16/04/21
Guy Williams	Long Jump			Country	Under 13	5.37 mts	Ballarat	22/01/21
Guy Williams	Long Jump			Country	Under 13	5.41 mts	Lakeside	28/02/21
Guy Williams	Long Jump			Country	Under 13	5.49 mts	Lakeside	28/02/21
Guy Williams	Long Jump			Country	Under 13	5.58 mts	Lakeside	28/02/21
Tayleb Willis	110m Hurdles	State	Under 19 & 20			13.48	Sydney	13/04/21
James Woods	Pole Vault			Country	Under 18, 19 & 20	Eq 4.80 mts	Ballarat	23/01/21
James Woods	Pole Vault			Country	Under 19 & 20	Eq 4.80 mts	Sydney	18/04/21

Women

Hana Basic	100 yards	State	Open			=10.62	Penguin Tas	29/12/20
Hana Basic	100 mts	State	Open			11.18	Brisbane	27/3/21
Xylavene Beale	Hammer			Country	Under 15	45.96 mts	Sydney	3/12/20
Alyssa Benbow	Shot Put			Country	Under 14	13.91 mts	Ballarat	24/1/21
Amy Bunnage	3000 mts	State	Under 16			9.19.00	Lakeside	28/2/21
Molly Colgan	Triple Jump	State	Under 13			10.94 mts	Lakeside	19/2/21
Mia Gross	100 yards			Country	Open	10.77	Geelong	9/1/21
Linden Hall	1000 mts	State	Open			2.35.90	Box Hill	8/3/21
Linden Hall	1500 mts	State	Open			3.59.67	Box Hill	1/4/21
Elyssia Kenshole	Pole Vault	State	U20, U19, U18			4.26 mts	Melb Uni	31/3/21
Ebony Lane	100 yards	State	Open			10.59	Geelong	9/1/21
Kijana McCowan	High Jump			Country	Under 13	1.62 mts	Sydney	12/4/21
Kijana McCowan	Triple Jump			Country	Under 13	10.82 mts	Lakeside	19/2/21
Kijana McCowan	Triple Jump			Country	Under 13	10.89 mts	Sydney	13/4/21
Jemima Montag	5000 mts Walk	State	Open			20.51.03	Lakeside	27/2/21
Amelia Parfitt	Hammer Throw			Country	Under 16	47.32 mts	Lakeside	20/2/21
Amelie Parfitt	Hammer Throw			Country	Under 16	48.37 mts	Sydney	17/4/21
Mia Scerri	Heptathlon	State	U18, U17			5435 pts	Bendigo	7/2/21
Mia Scerri	Heptathlon	State	U18, U17			5553 pts	Lakeside	25/2/21
Mikayla Talbot	Long Jump			Country	Under 14	5.45 mts	Sydney	13/4/21
Mikayla Talbot	Long Jump			Country	Under 14	5.53 mts	Sydney	13/4/21

Mixed 4 × 400m Relay

Ath Essendon – Mitrevski, Despard, Searle, Hale	4×100 mts Relay	State	Open Club Record			39.86	Box Hill	31/1/21
Ballarat Harriers – Anderson, Fraser, Crowe, Kelly	4×100 mts Relay			Country	Under 15	50.39	Ballarat	24/1/21
Sandringham – Scerri, Wood, Francis, Milat	4×100 mts Relay	State	U17 Club Record			48.41	Box Hill	31/1/21
Ballarat Harriers – Anderson, Fraser, Crowe, Kelly	4×100 mts Relay			Country	Under 15	50.02	Box Hill	31/1/21

Records

RECREATIONAL RUNNING

2020-21

Club	OPEN			JUNIOR			TOTAL					Total
	Male	Female	Prefer Not to Say	Male	Female	Prefer Not to Say	Open	Junior	Coaches	Officials	Social	
Antonio Giuliani Running Group Inc.	2	4	0	4	1	5	6	10	0	0	0	16
Bacchus Marsh Running Club	9	22	0	12	14	0	31	26	1	0	0	58
Big Long Run	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Crosbie Crew	72	61	11	3	1	0	144	4	11	0	0	159
Diamond Creek Runners	88	160	3	8	10	0	251	18	22	0	0	291
Friends of Mount Worth	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Generation Run Running Squad	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
Gippsland Road Runners	0	43	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	43
Goldfields Trail Runners	12	8	5	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	26
Hamilton Running Club Inc.	28	46	0	22	20	0	74	42	6	0	0	122
Hobsons Bay Running Club	40	20	37	1	0	0	97	1	4	0	0	102
Independent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	4	0	113
Iron Sharpens Iron Fitness	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	10	1	0	0	11
Knox Road Runners	40	30	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	0	0	71
Lalor Running Club	51	105	7	20	18	0	163	38	4	0	0	205
Langwarrin Running Club	8	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	10
Lara Runners	32	41	5	1	1	0	78	2	2	0	0	82
Lionheart Athletics & Recreation	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Marian College - Myrtleford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Melbourne Frontrunners	88	31	76	0	0	0	195	0	6	0	0	201
Melton City Runners	38	34	0	7	4	0	72	11	1	0	0	84

Club	OPEN			JUNIOR			TOTAL					Total
	Male	Female	Prefer Not to Say	Male	Female	Prefer Not to Say	Open	Junior	Coaches	Officials	Social	
Mordialloc Social Running Club	25	33	0	0	0	0	58	0	3	0	0	61
Northern Runners Incorporated	27	57	0	12	6	0	84	18	0	0	0	102
Point Cook Runners	13	14	0	3	6	0	27	9	3	0	1	40
Red and Black Running Incorporated	12	21	0	0	0	0	33	0	3	0	0	36
Running in the Burbs	66	52	0	0	1	0	118	1	3	0	0	122
Rye Sports & Social Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Shepparton Running Club	37	50	0	18	16	0	87	34	3	0	0	124
SLACers Running Club	8	5	0	3	3	0	13	6	1	0	0	20
Stawell Amateur Athletic Club	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Stawell and Ararat Cross Country Club	10	5	0	1	0	0	15	1	1	0	0	17
Surf Coast Trail Runners	20	20	0	1	0	0	40	1	2	0	0	43
The Melbourne Midday Milers Inc	148	25	1	1	0	0	174	1	2	0	0	177
Tour de Trails	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TXR Runners	48	45	183	4	2	16	276	22	6	0	0	304
Victorian Race Walking Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Wandi Trail Runners Inc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Wangaratta Runners Inc	5	11	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	16
Warrnambool Athletics Club	43	31	0	5	2	0	74	7	0	0	0	81
Westerfoldians	46	64	1	5	7	0	111	12	2	0	0	125
Whittlesea City Athletic Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
WJR Latrobe	8	6	0	1	0	0	14	1	0	0	0	15
Wynfit	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Recreational Clubs Total	1025	1050	329	139	115	21	2404	275	204	6	8	2897



FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position

(For year ended 31 March 2021)

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	299,051	337,410
Trade and Other Receivables	4	217,656	58,763
Other Current Assets	5	52,204	52,210
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		568,911	448,383
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment	6	400,928	464,620
Right of Use Assets	15	712,775	770,961
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,113,703	1,235,581
TOTAL ASSETS		1,682,614	1,683,964
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	8	145,950	137,618
Employee Benefits	9	127,901	155,600
Borrowings	12	15,358	14,471
Lease Liability	15	50,803	38,779
Other Liabilities	10	134,952	57,753
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		474,964	404,221
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	12	24,825	40,183
Lease Liability	15	712,496	741,680
Employee Benefits	9	20,700	28,800
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		758,021	810,663
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,232,985	1,214,884
NET ASSETS		449,629	469,080
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		449,629	469,080

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income

(For year ended 31 March 2021)

	2021 \$	2020 \$
REVENUE		
Registrations	292,530	615,162
Development Grants	142,423	139,010
Sponsorship	650	27,654
Merchandising	16,311	8,728
Development Activities	98,510	169,377
Competition Activities	278,072	979,809
COVID-19 Government Stimulus	736,295	65,764
Other Income	118,674	208,345
TOTAL REVENUE	1,683,465	2,213,849
EXPENDITURE		
Development Activities	55,582	180,809
Competition Activities	173,699	531,118
Employee Benefits Expense	969,799	924,181
Depreciation Expense	133,074	125,115
Office and Administration	289,535	327,042
Inventory Write-off	-	85,022
COVID-19 Direct Compliance Costs	50,967	-
Finance Costs	30,259	29,816
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,702,915	2,203,103
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(19,451)	10,746
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Year	(19,451)	10,746

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statements of Changes in Equity

(For year ended 31 March 2021)

	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS \$
Balance at 1st April 2019	458,334
Surplus attributable to members	10,746
Balance at 31st March 2020	469,080
Loss attributable to members	(19,451)
Balance at 31st March 2021	449,629

Statement of Cash Flows

(For year ended 31 March 2021)

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		1,705,213	2,446,829
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,670,639)	(2,146,378)
Interest received		153	2,887
Interest Paid		(30,259)	(29,816)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	16	4,468	273,522
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for Property Plant and Equipment		(11,196)	(149,639)
NET CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(11,196)	(149,639)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCE ACTIVITIES			
Payment of lease liabilities		(17,160)	(48,688)
Proceeds from borrowings		(14,471)	45,429
NET CASH FLOWS USED IN FINANCE ACTIVITIES		(31,631)	(3,259)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		(38,359)	120,624
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		337,410	216,786
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	3	299,051	337,410

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 March 2021

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

Basis of Preparation

Athletics Victoria Association Inc applies Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDR) 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.

(a) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Committee make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described under each relevant accounting policy note in this financial report.

(b) Revenue from Contracts with Customers

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Income from funding with sufficiently specific performance obligations are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the Association has satisfied the performance obligations under the terms of the funding. The Association exercises judgement over whether the performance obligations have been met, on a funding by funding basis. The performance obligations for activity-based funding are the number of services provided or program objectives achieved in accordance with terms and conditions agreed to with the funding providers.

Revenue is recognised when a service provision is completed or a program objective is achieved. The performance obligations have been selected as they align with funding conditions set out in the agreements issued by the funding providers. Athletic related activity income is earned from provision of services when performance obligations are either satisfied over time or at a point in time. Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

Revenue from the provision of registration subscriptions is recognised when performance obligations are satisfied over time.

Government and other funding income are recognised when performance obligations are satisfied under the terms of the funding agreement.

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

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

Key Estimates – Long Term Contracts

The Association undertakes long term contracts which span a number of reporting periods. Recognition of revenue in relation to these contracts involves estimation of future costs of completing the contract and the performance obligations of the contract. The assumptions are based on the information available to the Association at the reporting date, however future changes or additional information may mean the expected revenue recognition pattern has to be amended.

(c) Income Tax

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

(d) Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances. No interest is charged on trade receivables.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

Receivables are stated inclusive of GST.

Should a provision for doubtful debts is required, the Association applies the simplified approach to providing for expected credit losses (ECL) prescribed by AASB 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables will be grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The impairment provision will be based on the best information at the reporting date. The amount of the impairment will be recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

(e) 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.

(f) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the first in first out basis and is net of any rebates and discounts received. Net realisable value is estimated using the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date and inventory is written down through an obsolescence provision if necessary.

(g) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs.

Financial Assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through other comprehensive income equity instrument (FVOCI equity)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised Cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of Financial Assets

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for financial assets measured at amortised cost.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Association considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Association's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

The Association uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Association uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Association in full, without recourse to the Association to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial assets are more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Association in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Other Financial Assets Measured at Amortised Cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial Liabilities

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables, bank and other loans and finance lease liabilities.

(h) Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

(i) 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.

Key Estimates - Impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment

The Association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions specific to the Association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value in use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

Key Estimates – Useful Life of Assets

The Association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated.

(j) Right of use assets

At the lease commencement, the Association recognises a right of use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the Association believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right of use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives received.

The right of use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

(k) Lease Liabilities

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Association's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the Association's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right of use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right of use asset has been reduced to zero.

Exceptions to Lease Accounting

The Association has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low value assets. The Association recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Key Judgements – Lease Term

The lease term is a significant component in the measurement of both the right of use asset and lease liability. Judgement is exercised in determining whether there is reasonable certainty that an option to extend the lease or purchase the underlying asset will be exercised, or an option to terminate the lease will not be exercised, when ascertaining the periods to be included in the lease term. In determining the lease term, all facts and circumstances that create an economical incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option, are considered at the lease commencement date. Factors considered may include the importance of the asset to the company's operations; comparison of terms and conditions to prevailing market rates; incurrence of significant penalties; existence of significant leasehold improvements; and the costs and disruption to replace the asset. The company reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option, if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances.

Key Estimates – Incremental Borrowing Rate

Where the interest rate implicit in a lease cannot be readily determined, an incremental borrowing rate is estimated to discount future lease payments to measure the present value of the lease liability at the lease commencement date. Such a rate is based on what the Association estimates it would have to pay a third party to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right of use asset, with similar terms, security and economic environment.

(l) Accounts payable and other payables

The Association's financial liabilities include trade and other payables, which are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying amounts are considered to be a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

Payable are stated inclusive of GST.

(m) Employee benefits**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 associations 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.

Key Estimates – Employee Benefits Provision

The liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

(n) Goods and Services Tax

Revenue, expense 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.

(o) Comparative Figures

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

(p) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Association has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 31 March 2021, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Association

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
2 Key Management Personnel Compensation			
Key Management Personnel Compensation		334,185	241,475
The key management personnel includes employees with management responsibilities for the activities of the Association. Gross payroll is offset by secondments to outside organisations which were reduced in 2021 due to Covid constraints.			
3 Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash on Hand		300	300
Cash at Bank		298,751	337,110
BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2021		299,051	337,410
4 Trade and Other Receivables			
CURRENT:			
Trade receivable		58,436	43,400
Accrued Income		159,220	15,363
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS		217,656	58,763
5 Other Current Assets			
CURRENT			
Prepayments		52,204	52,210
		52,204	52,210
6 Property, Plant & Equipment			
Office Equipment & Furniture at cost		575,725	564,529
Less accumulated depreciation		(467,768)	(416,796)
		107,957	147,733
Leasehold Improvements at cost	6(a)	500,000	500,000
Less accumulated depreciation		(207,029)	(183,113)
		292,971	316,887
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		400,928	464,620

6 (a) Property, Plant & Equipment

The Association has a MoU with the Department of Health and Human Services and Parks Victoria to occupy Athletics House at Albert Park. The Association contributed \$500,000 to the costs of building and fit-out of the building and in return receives commercial benefits over the duration of the lease. As at the balance date, no formal contracts have been signed.

6 (b) Movement in Carrying Amounts

	Office Equipment & Furniture	Leasehold Improvements	TOTAL
2021:			
Balance at the beginning of the year	147,733	316,887	464,620
Additions	11,196	-	11,196
Depreciation	(50,972)	(23,916)	(74,888)
Balance at the end of the year	107,957	292,971	400,928
2021:			
Balance at the beginning of the year	41,106	340,803	381,909
Additions	149,639	-	149,639
Depreciation	(43,012)	(23,916)	(66,928)
BALANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR	147,733	316,887	464,620

7 Trade and Other Payables**CURRENT:****Unsecured Liabilities:**

Accounts Payable	68,195	102,143
Other Payables	77,755	35,476
Total Trade and Other Payables	145,950	137,618

8 Employee Benefits**CURRENT:**

Provision for Annual Leave	48,101	92,700
Provision for Long Service Leave	79,800	62,900
	127,901	155,600

NON-CURRENT:

Provision for Long Service Leave	20,700	28,800
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	148,601	184,400

Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
Employee Benefits include the amount accrued for long service leave entitlements that have vested with the employees. Based on past experience, the Association does not expect the full amount of long service 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.		
9 Other Liabilities		
Funding Contract Liabilities	128,927	53,753
Deposits	6,025	4,000
TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES	134,952	57,753
10 State Government Grants		
Athletics Victoria is a current recipient of funding from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions via Sport and Recreation Victoria's 'Together More Active with Athletics' and 'Women In Leadership' grants programs, and the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Multicultural Sports Funds Grant Program'.		
Together More Active Program 2019 - 2023	44,000	50,000
Multicultural Sports - Active Aths Community Program	40,000	40,000
Women In Leadership Course	10,000	-
Athlete Pathway Travel Grants Program 2019 Round 2	-	6,000
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS	94,000	96,000
11 Borrowings		
CURRENT:		
Athletics Victoria Foundation Loan	15,358	14,471
	15,358	14,471
NON-CURRENT:		
Athletics Victoria Foundation Loan	24,825	40,183
	24,825	40,183
12 Events after the Reporting Period		
The Association continues to monitor COVID-19 restrictions and developments, including government requirements and recommendations at the national, state, and local level to evaluate possible extensions to lockdowns.		
The Association continues to take steps to reduce risk, protect its financial position and maintain financial liquidity and flexibility, including continuous review of operating expenses and reducing capital expenditure where possible.		
Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.		
13 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 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:		
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	299,051	337,410
Accounts receivable and other debtors (cost)	217,656	58,763
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	516,708	396,173
Financial Liabilities		
Accounts payable and other payables (i)	115,272	125,647
Borrowings - current	15,358	14,471
Borrowings - non-current	24,825	40,183
Lease liabilities - current	50,803	38,779
Lease liabilities - non-current	712,496	741,680
TOTAL FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	918,754	960,760

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

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
14 Right of Use Assets and Lease Liabilities			
Statement of Financial Position			
ASSETS			
Building		829,147	829,147
Accumulated depreciation		(116,372)	(58,186)
		<u>712,775</u>	<u>770,961</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Lease Liability – Buildings		50,803	38,779
NON-CURRENT			
Lease Liability – Buildings		712,496	741,680
		<u>763,299</u>	<u>780,459</u>
Statement of Financial Performance			
Depreciation – Right of Use Assets		58,186	58,186
Interest Expense on Lease Liabilities		27,301	28,020
15 Cash Flow Information			
Reconciliation of net result to cash provided by operating activities:			
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(19,451)	10,746
Non-cash flows in surplus/(deficit):			
→ depreciation		133,074	125,115
→ bad and doubtful debts		-	-
→ write-off of inventory		-	85,022
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
→ (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables		(158,893)	25,377
→ (increase)/decrease in other assets		6	27,196
→ (increase)/decrease in inventories		-	6,859
→ increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		8,332	(35,856)
→ increase/(decrease) in income in advance		77,199	(437)
→ increase/(decrease) in employee benefits		(35,799)	29,500
Cashflows from operations		<u>4,468</u>	<u>273,522</u>

16 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

The Association did not have any contingencies at 31 March 2021 (31 March 2020: None).

17 Association Details

The registered office of the association is:
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 Level 1, Athletics House
 31 Aughtie Drive
 Albert Park Vic 3206

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In the opinion of the Committee the financial report:

1. Gives a true and fair view of Athletics Victoria Inc.'s financial position as at 31 March 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Athletics Victoria Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Signed:



Dated: 19 July 2021

Allison Robison – President

Signed:



Dated: 19 July 2021

Jamie Strudley – Committee
Member

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 2021, 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 2021 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

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 2020, 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.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ATHLETICS VICTORIA INC.

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

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19 July 2021

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