



2022-2023

# ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT



Prepared by  
Nicole James

# PRESIDENTS REPORT



We started this year by creating a new website and domain as Joondalup Athletics, officially removing the “little” from our name. We discovered that the old website was costing the centre a large amount each year for the developer to maintain it. Thanks to our External Liaison Officer, James Ridgway, we were able to set up the new domain, website, and e-mail addresses for a small one-off fee and no ongoing costs. Creating the website was a steep learning curve and required time and patience, however with James’ help, we got it up and running ready for the start of the summer season.

Thanks to Rebecca Habbits’ amazing grant funding applications, we were awarded a Stronger Communities Grant, which enabled us to purchase our highly sought-after equipment ATV. We were also successful in receiving a Coles Community Round Grant. With this grant we purchased 2 new speakers for our own PA system, and 2 branded Gazebo's. Both of these have proved invaluable throughout the season and will be well used for future seasons.

We started the year with a very successful cross-country season. Ben and Ria took over as coaches this year and their sessions proved very popular with all ages. Weekly numbers were well over 50 athletes for each session. This required a lot of additional support from parents to ensure athletes were well supervised at our training locations. I would like to thank all of the parents who supported and joined in these sessions. Word quickly got around about the quality of our cross-country program and saw interest and transfers from athletes at surrounding clubs. The level of team spirit was also evident at all of the cross-country competitions. We were the only club who had a tent for athletes and supporters, and we regularly had the highest number of athletes in each event. The support and encouragement from our community did not go unnoticed by Athletics West or the other Centres.

The summer, track & field season has provided a number of challenges for our board to get the full season delivered to you. This started with the Listen Out Festival returning to HBF Arena, causing a delay in us being allowed back onto the oval to start our season. As in previous years we looked to Santiago Park to allow us to begin our season on time and in line with other metro centres. Following a few negotiations, we were able to start training on time. Our first competition also took place at Santiago Park as a modified multi event program. This proved popular amongst all our members who enjoyed the atmosphere of the first competition.



We were thrilled to be able to return to HBF Arena in time for our 30th Anniversary celebration. There was a lot of planning involved in this event and we were delighted to have so many special guests attend and show their support. The cake was particularly popular, with not a crumb left behind.

We had some issues with our timing gates at the beginning of the season, however, we were able to source a replacement timing hub and managed to get them back into working order after a few programs. Unfortunately, there were still issues when using the gates for twilight competitions, resulting in all scheduled twilights being moved to morning competitions. We have been liaising with other centres as to the cause of the issues and we will be working in the off season to get them rectified via upgrades for the 23/24 season.

Our new coaching program for U9+ has proved to be very popular and well received by many members. There were some teething issues with large group numbers and finding the best balance for both the athletes and the coaches. We successfully managed to get through the season, however, we did need to call in additional coaches to assist with the large numbers, so there will need to be some adjustments made to ensure we can deliver the quality of coaching that our athletes deserve. I want to extend my thanks to Kristy Barnard, Keeley Horton, and Scott James, who volunteered their time to help our coaches each week, without their support, our coaches would have struggled to provide the coaching they did.

I would also like to thank our Event Coaches this season. Ben Merito took on the role of coaching our athletes in Hurdles, Sprints and Distance. Once again we were able to secure the services of Allana Wignall and Janno Van Der Linde to coach the throws. Callum James and Ella Dow took on the role of Jumps Coaches for the first time with us this season. We have had positive feedback towards all our Coaches and look forward to you returning again next season.

We were disappointed to see the cancellation of Zones Championships this year. This is a popular event every year and we will be campaigning to have it re-introduced for future seasons. With the introduction of State Qualification Standards, the centres did not feel that they were able to host Zones. This competition requires a high level of parent volunteer support and the consensus from the metro centres was that families would either not attend if they had already qualified, or they would not roster if there was no incentive to do so (their child qualifying for State Champs). We are hopeful that Athletics West and the metro centres can work out a way to make this event viable again, however, this will rely heavily on commitment from families to volunteer.

Our grounds have not been up to their usual standards this season and there have been a number of issues with uneven surfaces and flooding. This is something I have been in constant contact with Venues West about. They have been working with us in attempts to get things back to an acceptable standard for next season. We have also noted the issues that the burnt in lines have caused across the track and the jump pit runway's. This has been addressed and will be rectified for next season.

Our centre championships were a great success. The 2 days over 1 weekend format proved to be very popular with many of our members. It was wonderful to see so many PB'ss across the 2 days and a number of athletes achieving a Junior State Qualification. For the second season in a row, we recorded at least 1 centre record every week, with a total of 67 records for the season, improving on last year's 62.

By completing our regular program by the end of February, we were in line with the majority of other metro centres. We were also able to focus our final 3 weeks of training on those athletes who were attending Junior and Senior State Championships. It was important for us to be able to focus our attention on these athletes to provide them with the quality of guidance required for the level of competition they are competing at. Our athletes and coaches equally enjoyed the reduced numbers and more focused approach.

I want to congratulate all athletes who competed at all State Events this year. From relays through to State Championships, we have had a very successful season. We took an approach of assessing our strongest possible teams across the track and field this year, rather than prioritising one over the other. This proved to be successful, and we achieved a higher number of medals than the previous year, along with higher positions outside of the medals as well. We secured 2 gold medals at State Combined Events Championships in December. We would like to see a greater representation from Joondalup Athletics Centre at this event in the future. Even if you do not believe you are a strong "all-rounder" this event is the perfect warm up and exposure to state level competition for our athletes.

This was the first year that U14+ athletes were only able to compete in the Senior State Championships. Our athletes achieved some great results and handled the pressure of performing at a senior level with grace. We would, however, like to see a higher number of athletes competing, especially from our U13's who are able to compete at both Senior and Junior Championships, we will look at holding some information sessions for our older athletes prior to this event next year.

Our junior athletes did themselves very proud in the Junior State Championships. We came away with the 2nd highest total medal tally across all Centres. We were 1st in track and 3rd in field. This is the most successful season for our juniors in the years I have been involved with Joondalup Athletics Centre

I would like to thank our exiting board members for their work this year. James Ridgway, our External Liaison Officer has been invaluable in liaising with the City of Joondalup, ACSRA, and in setting up our website. His support has set many foundations for cost saving and efficiency in running our centre. Yishi Hu, our Treasure has been on the board for 2 years and has provided excellent financial leadership. Ria Merito, our Development Director is also stepping back from her board role of 2 years. She has been amazing in building relationships with our coaches and ensuring our members can benefit from high quality coaching. I am grateful to each of them for the work they have done for our club and hope they continue to love and be involved in athletics.



Congratulations to all athletes for a wonderful season. We have seen our mini athletes develop athletics skills for the first time, and have witnessed 2 of our older athletes set new State Records. Each achievement is just as cherished by us and we love to see the enjoyment on our participant's faces. There were 4,613 PB's this season; a fantastic representation of what Little Athletics is all about - Being Your Best.

We are always looking at ways to improve our Centre, so please get in touch with your feedback and suggestions. The earlier we receive suggestions, the easier it is for us to consider and implement them. Thank you and congratulations again on another wonderful season of athletics.

**Gemma Keyes**  
**President**



# EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

This is my second season as Executive Officer at Joondalup Little Athletics Centre, and I have loved every minute of it.

This season saw us launch a brand new website. Full of all the information needed for families to consider joining us for Athletics, as well as for existing families to keep updated. As a non-profit we were also able to take advantage of a free Canva Pro account. This program had been used for posts during the previous season, but with the additional features it has proved a valuable tool.

Looking back at previous years, I put to the board we re-introduce the Yearbook. This is a snapshot of all our events, results and records for the season. This was produced at the conclusion of the winter season and will continue this year.

I also introduced a Parent Handbook, made available on our website for families to have access to our Season Calendar, Weekly Programs and all this pertaining to Athletics.

For our State Events, I introduced a booklet for each event, emailed to all families involved with rules, regulations, programs and start lists.

Moving forward we will be trialing the Stack Team App for our Winter Cross Country. This app is easy to access and will contain all information on events, training and programs offered. We hope to bring this tool in on a permanent basis for the 2023-24 season.

## ROSTERS

I would like to thank all families who have assisted with the rosters this season. As everyone is aware, athletics is extremely volunteer heavy and without the continual support of the families we are not able to run an efficient program. Each week we require a minimum of 101 volunteers for our Saturday's to run smoothly. Many of you have gone above what was asked as part of your requirements for the season. Having experienced families filling the roles, sometimes at the last minute, makes my Saturday Mornings easier.

I would like to thank the families who have helped me with the Field Data Entry every week. This enabled our athletes to view their results at the conclusion of the Saturday's Competition, and saved me having to input the data results over the weekend. Special mention goes to Jacquie Davidson, Michelle Robeson and Cami Dearden who volunteered to help me out over our Centre Championships. Having experienced helpers made the results process run smoothly and we were able to get the award winners out to the medal dais in a timely manner.

A special mention goes to Robert and Abby Kay who between them completed an astounding 21 rosters.

A number of other families did well above their 7 minimum rosters. To the Bhangu, Marr, Gunn, Horton and Oliver families thank you for your dedication to Athletics.

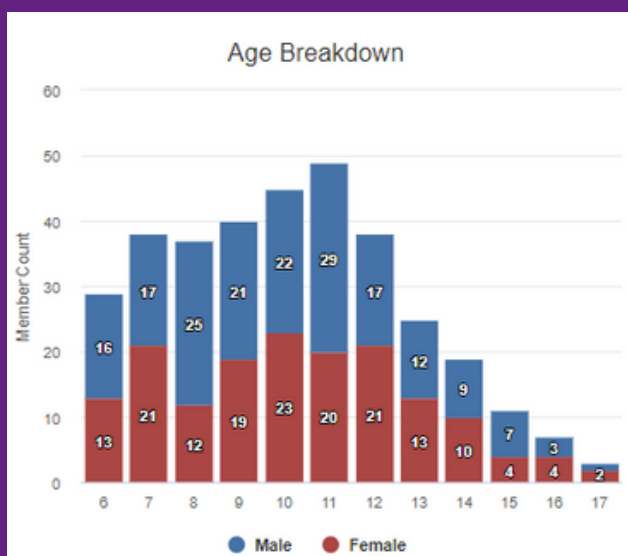
## REGISTRATIONS

At the end of the season we had a total of 341 athletes registered as Little Athletics athletes, an increase of 13 from last season. we had a total of 7 Seniors registered and 13 athletes who registered as Dual members this season.

This season, our Under 11 boys were our largest group with 29 registered athletes. Our numbers in the Under 6 to Under 12 age groups were also up on last season.

Our U13 to U17 age groups continue to be declining in numbers. We are open to suggestions on how to look at keeping these athletes.

With us now becoming a One Sport Centre we are able to accommodate athletes from 4 to Open. We will be working closely with our senior athletes during the off season to help increase numbers, as well as creating a separate category for Saturday competitions for those over 17.



2022-2023 Season  
Age Group Breakdown  
as of 30-03-2023

## COMPETITIONS

Our season commenced at Santiago Park on 15th October with a modified program due to the Arena still being under repair following the Listen Out Festival. We then moved back to our home venue in time for our Twilight 30th Anniversary celebration on 22nd October.

We had an average of 227 athletes compete at our weekly competitions, this was up by 10 on the previous season.

We held a total of 7 Program A and 7 Program B's during the season, plus a number of Special Events.

This season our Multi Event Day was held earlier in the season to allow families to get a feel for the event before the State Combined Championships in December. We used a different points system for this event this season, making it fair for all athletes who took part.

Unfortunately, with the last minute change to our opening program, we had to cancel our Joondalup Chase Event. We hope to program this in again for next season.

Due to the track refurbishment at the WA Athletic Stadium, we hosted Ridgewood Athletics Centre at our home venue for the Smith-Bossert Challenge. We had a total of 215 athletes take part in this twilight event. Unfortunately we were not able to secure a win, mainly due to the low number of registered athletes in our 14 plus group.

Our Centre Championships took on a new format this season, with the program being held over the 1 weekend. This proved to be popular with our families and we will look at doing this again next season. We had a total of 219 athletes take part in events over the 2 days.



## STATE EVENTS

As a One Sport Centre we are able to take part in both Junior and Senior State Events hosted by Athletics West.

This begins in November with the WA All Schools Championships. We had 16 athletes take part, bringing home 5 Gold, 6 Silver and 3 Bronze medals.

With the WA Athletics Centre being closed for track refurbishments, the State Combined Event Championships were moved to December and were held out at Ern Clark Athletics Centre. We had 21 athletes compete over the weekend, bringing home 2 Gold Medals.

The State Track & Field Relay Championships was the first event for 2023, and was held back at the WA Athletics Centre. We put in 23 Track Teams and 13 Field Teams for this event. We came home with 2 Gold, Medals, 5 Silver Medals and 4 Bronze Medals. An improvement from the previous season.



With Athletics West now implementing their One Sport model, Junior and Senior States were split and held over 2 separate weekends.

Our U13 to U17 athletes took part in Senior States at the beginning of March. Athletes competed alongside Senior competitors from the Strive Program held weekly by Athletics West. We had 21 athletes compete over the 3 days, bringing home 8 Gold Medals, 7 Silver Medals and 5 Bronze Medals.

With Zones being cancelled this year, the only state event left was the Junior State Championships, held in mid March. We had a total of 74 athletes in the U9 to U13 age group nominated to compete in this event. We came away with 16 Gold Medals, 13 Silver Medals and 17 Bronze Medals.

We finished 2nd overall on the medal tally with a total of 46 medals. We came in 1st overall with the most track medals, 29 in total. and 3rd overall in the field medal tally, with 17 medals.

This is a fantastic achievement for our Little Athletics Centre, and shows that the effort we have put in to improve our training this season has paid off.



## RECORDS

Our record summary for the season was 67 Home Records, 7 Inaugural Records and 50 Away Records.

Certificates were presented for all athletes who broke a record this season, as well as acknowledgement of their record in our Joondalup Journal.

We had 2 athletes break an Athletics West State Records. Shy'Kyla Narrier broke the Under 12 Girls Pentathlon record in December, and Kavroop Bhangu broke the Under 10 Girls Turbo Javelin Record at the recent Junior State Championships. Both girls were presented with their framed State Record Certificate at our Presentation Day.

This year the Board decided to introduce Centre State Relay Records for both track and field. We looked back at historical data from the previous 3 years to create these records.

We had 9 of our Track Teams break a record, and 7 of our Field Teams.

Athletes were then presented with a record certificate if their team broke this record.



## WINTER CROSS COUNTRY

Registered athletes are also able to take part in Winter Cross Country. This Season we had an average of 46 athletes compete in one of the 6 Cross Country Events.

Our highest number of competitors was at the opening event at Lake Gwelup, where we had 59 athletes registered to run.

The State Cross Country Championships were held at Jorgensen Park in Kalamunda. We had 49 athletes compete, bringing home 4 Gold Medals, 4 Silver Medals and 1 Bronze Medal.

## WA REPRESENTATION

Our Cross Country athletes kicked off our WA Representation, with 11 athletes competing in the School Sport WA Cross Country Championships. Harmony Narrier came away with a Silver Medal and our athletes were also part of relay teams that came home with 3 Bronze Medals.

We also had 3 athlete who went on to represent WA on a National Level for Athletics.

Emilia Reed, Leon Boonzaaier and Lili-May Rowbotham represented WA at the Australian All Schools Championships in Adelaide in December.

Leon came away from this event with a Bronze Medal in the U14 Boys High Jump.

We are still waiting on the Team announcements for the Australian Junior Track and Field Championships and the Australian Little Athletics Championships, both being held in April this year.



## **SUMMARY**

Over the Summer our athletes took part in 2,206 events, and came away with a total of 4,613 PB's. Our highest PB winner this season was Payton Kavanagh with 34 PB's.

We have had a very busy and productive 2022-23 Season. Our total State Medal Haul for all events during the season is 37 Gold Medals, 34 Silver Medals and 30 Bronze Medals.

I have loved watching all our athletes compete every week, at our Centre Competitions, as well as watching them beaming with pride wearing the Purple and Gold at all State Events.

If you have any feedback or suggestions on how we can improve, please let us know. We are keen to listen to ideas and suggestions from our members.

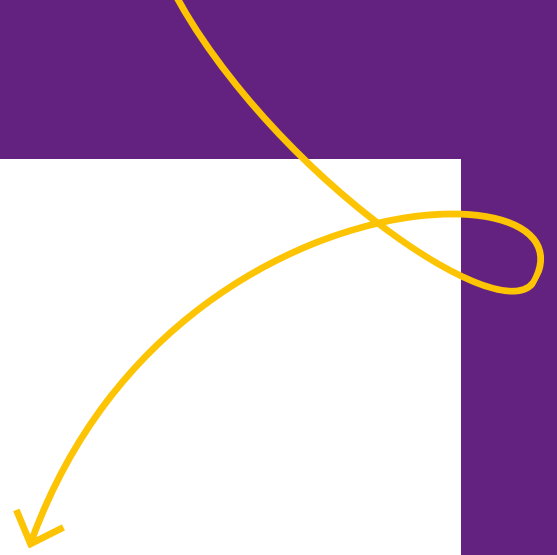
Enjoy your break and I look forward to seeing everyone again for the 2023-2024 Season of Athletics.

**Nicole James**  
**Executive Officer**





# TREASURERS REPORT



This year the profit has increased to \$7,500 compared to last year.

This is mainly due to extra income generated from

Fundraising - \$1500 extra from general fund-raising and \$1900 from sausage sizzle

Grants - \$6000 extra

Registration fees - increase of \$2,500

We have spent more on general/administration fees, coaching and uniform acquisitions, due to the increase in registrations, but all are within reasonable range.

This year we have fixed assets on the book for over \$10,000 at cost. They will be depreciated over years at respectively depreciation rates.

Our income for the 2022-2023 season is \$101,144.00 and we had expenses totalling \$84,502.15. Our profit this season is \$16,671.85.

There are still several invoices to come in for March. These invoices will fall into the 2023-2024 Financial Year. Once these are paid our profit for the year will be around \$10,000.00.

**Yishi Hu**  
**Treasurer**



**BALANCE SHEET**  
As at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Bank</b>	
Solutions Cash Reserve	62,686.76
Solutions One	11,306.76
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>73,993.52</b>

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Petty Cash	100.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Plant and Equipment	10,447.90
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant and Equipment	(1,102.64)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>9,345.26</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>83,438.78</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>83,438.78</b>

<b>EQUITY</b>	
Current Year Earnings	16,671.85
Retained Earnings	66,766.93
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>83,438.78</b>



**PROFIT AND LOSS**  
For the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

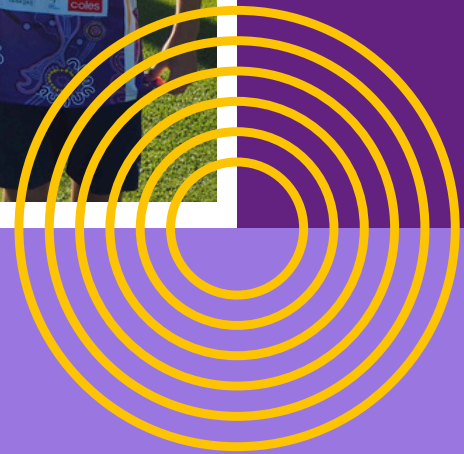
<b>TRADING INCOME</b>	
Commission	34.71
Fundraising	3,718.29
Grants Received	11,585.36
Interest Income	239.27
Other Revenue	676.33
Rebate	8680.75
Registration Fees	58,421.90
Registration Fees - Winter	424.40
Sausage Sizzle Sales	4,519.85
Sponsorship	2,010.00
Uniform Sales	10,833.14
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>101,144.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>101,144.00</b>

<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
Donation	30.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>30.00</b>

<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Advertising	30.00
ASCRA	3,619.00
Audit Fees	770.00
Bank Fees	136.14
Coaching	12,745.00
Depreciation	1,102.64
Equipment	5,263.40
Events	350.00
Executive Officer	14,215.25
Fees - Square	326.51
Fundraising Costs	250.00
General Expenses	1,391.13
Office Expenses	1,511.18
Oval Hire	11,424.45
Printing & Stationery	596.99
Registrations	1,768.40
Repairs & Maintenance	146.35
Sausage Sizzle	1,028.47
Special Events	1,283.64
Subscriptions	117.96
Telephone & Internet	150.00
Trophies & Medals	9,951.36
Uniforms	16,324.28
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>84,502.15</b>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>	<b>16,671.85</b>



# EXTERNAL LIAISON OFFICER



The role of the External Liaison Officer has been primarily focussed on the representation of Joondalup Athletics Centre on the board of ACSRA, who manages the operation of Joondalup Sports Centre clubrooms used by our club. The Board of ACSRA have been working hard to improve their financial position following a difficult period during the Covid-19 pandemic. This position is continuing to improve but there is still work to be done. Members are encouraged to purchase items from the canteen during competition days, hire the facility for private events and enjoy meals and drinks from the sports bar. This will provide much needed financial support to the centre and ensure it continues to be available for us to enjoy going forward.

I also represented Joondalup Athletics Centre at the Athletics West State Conference in August where an update on the One Sport model for athletics was a major theme.

Useful information was also provided on grants, attracting sponsorship income and encouraging both elite and recreational pathways for our youth to senior athletes.

A great outcome of the conference was awareness of grant funding and support through Coles. Funding from this allowed us to procure the new gazebos members would have seen. Coles also kindly donated the sausages for our successful Bunnings fundraiser.

There have been some challenges this year with a major event being held on the running track, which led to us having to move training for our first month, as well as our opening competition to Santiago Park in Ocean Reef.

There was also significant damage to the turf at Arena, which required extensive repairs. While this was unfortunate, we did manage to secure compensation for the temporary relocation, additional line marking costs incurred and loss of access to our usual grounds.

Going into the 2023/24 season, we are facing some financial challenges with the introduction of new Venues Hire Fees & Charges policy by the City of Joondalup.

This removes a 50% rebate received each year from the City of Joondalup for the ground hire fees we are charged by Venues West. There is also an 11% increase in these fees flagged by Venues West for the new season.

There continues to be a substantial amount of work being done behind the scenes to minimise the impact for our club. Members may be called upon to add their voice to representations to the local members of parliament for our area and the City of Joondalup should a satisfactory outcome not be achieved.

Whilst I am stepping down from my role of External Liaison, I will still be working closely with the Board on this issue.

**James Ridgeway**  
**External Liaison Officer**





# DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

## COACHING

First of all, a huge thank you to all of our age group coaches. We had a number of first time coaches at our club this season - Callum (U7 Boys) Paul & John (U8 Boys) Oliver (U6's) Lucy (U10 Girls) and Emma (U11 girls).

We also had a number of age group coaches return for their second or third year as an age group coach at JAC. These people were - Michael (U7'Girls) Joel (U8 Girls) Bec (U9 Girls) Brendon (U9 Boys) Anthea (U10 Boys).

From every athlete and every member of our club we thank you for your time, effort and dedication to our age group athletes this season.

## EVENT COACHING

We thank Janno and Allana for coaching throws again this season. Your guidance and expertise are an invaluable asset to our athletes. A special mention and thank you to Kirsty Barnard for also assisting Janno on many occasions and coaching groups of our athletes.

We thank Callum and Ella for coaching jumps this season. Your enthusiasm and passion for athletics was appreciated and reverberated within the athlete groups who were guided by you in triple jump, long jump and high jump.

Thank you to Keeley and Scott who assisted in coaching Junior Sprints and Senior Sprints training sessions. You were all an integral part of our coaching team. Our athlete groups were able to benefit from having multiple coaches to help run these highly attended training sessions. Your time and effort in these disciplines were greatly appreciated.

## MINI ATHLETICS

For the fourth year we conducted Mini Athletics which was a 60 minute session on Saturday mornings for 3 and 4 year olds. This program has gone from strength to strength and this season we had 60 mini athletes. Huge thank you to a former JAC athlete and first time coach - Alyssa Horton for stepping up, preparing for and conducting these sessions.

Your delivery of these sessions were well received and enjoyed by these mini athletes and their parents.

The sessions are aimed at introducing 3 and 4 year olds to athletics using fun games. Those participating thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and due to a large increase in numbers the expectation is to continue on with it next season.

## CROSS COUNTRY

We had an average of 40-50 athletes attend each of our training sessions. The largest groups this season were our Under 10 and Under 11's.

Our training sessions were located around 6 Joondalup locations, with Yellagonga being the most popular.

Moving forward, athlete numbers above 50 will require parent assistance as it becomes harder to monitor the tail end and lead runners.



## EVENT COACH REFLECTION

This season we added U9's, U10's and U11's to the list of age groups who were invited to attend the event coaching training sessions.

All sessions were incredibly popular and well attended by many athletes.

In reflection and discussion with all of the event coaches of this season, I would like to recommend that event training sessions be revised for next season.

I commend the current board for trying a new approach this season and adapting a new event training model which we hope future board and coaches will continue to develop and refine.



## COACH THE COACH

Our season kicked off with us once again holding a Coach the Coaches Training Day, this year held at Santiago Park.

A Coaches Book was also distributed to our Age and Event Coaches for use throughout the season.

This program is beneficial to all our age group coaches to prepare them for the coaching season ahead.



## STATES TRAINING DAY

Due to the cancellation of Zones, and us moving our Centre Championships forward to the end of February, the Board opted to not hold a States Training Day this season.

Training for athletes attending both Junior and Senior States was made available from Monday to Thursday in the weeks leading up to the Championships.

A decision on whether to continue with this training day will be made once the 2023-2024 Season Calendar is released.

## THANKYOU

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role of Development Director this year. Watching the athletes and seeing their improvements during the season. It has been an absolute privilege to serve our Centre in this role and wish the new Development Director good luck for 2023-2024.

**Ria Merito**  
**Development Director**

# COMPETITION DIRECTORS REPORT



It was a great year working with the Joondalup Board as Competition Director. This was my first year in the roll and I learnt so much.

The main responsibilities of Competition Director were to set up the 2022/2023 Calendar.

This included changing some of the events for the Multi Competition, so that some athletes weren't doing the same events for 3 weeks.

Choosing the events for Program A and Program B for weekend competitions. and re-arranging the marshal and event start times for each age group, to allow for less time spent waiting for the athletes next events.

We initially included some twilight competitions as per the feedback we received through the survey sent to members the end of the previous season, unfortunately due to issues with the Timing Gates we had to revert back to our Saturday Morning time. We will endeavour to fix these issues for the 2023-2024 season.

With the commencement of our Season at Santiago Park, we had to adjust the Season Calendar to enable us to fit in an equal number of Program A and Program B Competitions. This unfortunately meant the removal of the Joondalup Chase and Fun Event program for this season. We will definitely look to include this or something similar in next year's calendar.

This season saw the introduction of the first "All star 800m" races. This gave our top performing distance runners the chance to run against each other, improving their times and gaining valuable pack running experience. Families also enjoyed coming early to watch these events. We will include these events again in 2023-2024.

With the removal of Zones this season, we were able to move our Centre Championships forward to the end of February. This allowed those athletes not taking part in State Events to finish their Centre Program without having to wait till the end of March.

Athletics West decision to move the State Relays to February, instead of its usual December slot gave us the chance to select teams early giving them additional time to train for the event. The teams were more prepared for the event, and it paid off in us achieving more medals than the previous season.



We introduced cameras at our End of Track this season. Images were taken of each track race finish, and they were very successful in assisting us with any issues post event.

I would like to thank all the Board members for welcoming me and for making my time on the board an enjoyable one.

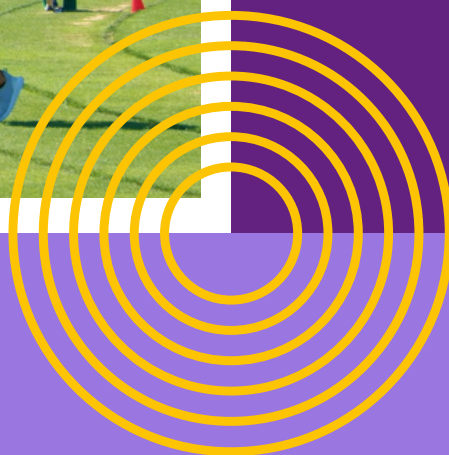
I am looking forward to working with the board again this season.

**Kerry Brogden**  
**Competition Director**





# OFFICIALS DIRECTOR REPORT



This is my fourth year in the role of Officials Director at Joondalup Athletics Centre. There are still improvements to be made as with any role. The main part of my role is to make sure that the coordinators and parent helpers on sites are officiating correctly and in accordance with Athletics West Rules of Competition. It also involves looking after the safety of the athletes, officials and spectators. The position also requires communication and working closely with the officials from the Western Australia Officials Club.

This season we had 5 inaugural records, due to changes to the implement weights, distances or heights for some of our 14 to 17's events. It was exciting to measure these records and then see these records broken again during the season when the athletes achieved a new personal best.

This season, whilst walking around and helping at sites I had the privilege of recording an astounding 67 records. This is my favourite part of my role. Being called to a site for a potential record and watching the athletes compete and the excitement on all the athletes faces when a record was broken.

My focus this year was to educate and assist at as many sites as possible. We also had a member of the officials club join JAC as a parent last season. He has assisted the Centre with the short track starting every week. He is a qualified Level 2 Throws Official and is in the final stages of completing his qualifications as a Level 2 Jumps Official. He is a great asset for our Centre to have every weekend, and is happy to discuss any issues you may have.

Again, this year we have advertised the free official's course in several newsletters and on Facebook throughout the season. The basic course is easy to complete and is very helpful for any parent/carer interested in the rules and being involved in Athletics.



This year all new board members completed this officials course online and several members also attended the officiating afternoon that the Athletics West hosted in conjunction with the Officials Club. This explained the rules at each site and was great to see the officials club acknowledge the JAC parents present.

We have again had support from the officials from the Western Australian Officials Club. Three officials visited our centre early in our season and walked around letting the us know areas that we can improve upon and advise us on some modifications that can be made to our Saturday Competition. Some of the safety features were implemented straight away. This included the bunting being extended around the shot put area and athletes and parent helpers only to be permitted entry to the Competition Arena.

This year 3 of our regular Co-Ordinators took on roles of Officiating at Senior and Junior States. We would love to see more of our families take on these roles next season.

**Natalie Rizvi**  
**Officials Director**



# EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT



Thank you very much to all our athletes and families for making the first season as your 'Rope Master' rewarding.

Neville and the previous Equipment Directors have ensured that we had everything in place to allow Dion and myself to make a great start – however it was extremely disappointing not to have a fully stocked fridge for our first competition! Thanks to Nev and especially Phil for helping point us in the right direction.

A special mention to the Board and our Elite Fundraising guru Rebecca Habbits' for getting an incredible sum in Grants that have allowed the Centre to buy new equipment including our trusty ATV. This machine not only makes for a great Santa Sleigh but does take a lot of the heavy lifting away from the parents on set up and pack down.

The majority of our equipment is in good shape for the 2023/2024 season and a shopping list will be supplied to the board to ensure we are even better shape when we restart in October

Our Equipment wish list includes:

- Replacement Gazebos
- More trolleys with tubeless tires
- Wheeled tubs for Age Group Coaches to use
- More equipment for Age coaches with allocated bins in the training shed
- Refreshing of equipment that needs a little TLC. (shot puts, Hurdles, Javs)
- And of course, perhaps some new ropes!

There have been some standout families and individuals that are always pitching in – so thank you - we really appreciate everyone putting in the hard yards early in the morning and again under the blistering sun at the end of our competitions!

I would like to thank the Board for all the effort they make to ensure everyone has a great experience and successful competition each week – so much goes unnoticed. Special thanks to Nicole and Natalie for helping us Equipment guys navigate the early weeks, and to Gemma and James for setting up the Timing Gates every Saturday. Their help means I am able to focus on the sites being set up and ready to go for the first event.



On a personal note – thank you Dion - without your help and cheeky beverage at the end of the day, it may have been my first and last season. Ben and Ria, who give so much and are always there before and after competition – thanks for your support.

We are looking for a third amigo for the next season to assist every second week with setup and pack down – it will help immensely and help reduce the time everyone spends here at the end of the day. It may involve a few laughs and a catch up at the end of the day for 30 minutes for a “debrief”. Must have good sense of humor, want to ride the ATV, and perhaps has a secret love of ropes.....

I have a few people in mind - if this sounds like you – please come and see Dion or myself !!!!.

See you next Season.

**Greg Bryant**  
**Equipment Director**



# FUNDRAISING OFFICER REPORT

Rebecca Habbits  
Fundraising Officer



## SUCCESSFUL GRANTS

- Local Government Community Grant - \$5,000  
Spent on Quad Bike
- Stronger Community Round 7 - \$2,500.00  
Spent on Equipment & Trolley's
- Coles Community Round \$4,085.36  
Spent on Speakers and Gazebo's

## UNSUCCESSFUL GRANTS

- Active Sports Foundation Grant - \$5,000.00  
Applied for purchase of training uniform

## PENDING GRANTS

- Volunteers Grant - \$2,500.00 - May 2023  
Applied for training Coaches/Officials

## LANE SPONSORSHIP

Keep on Running  
Emily Hamilton - Member for Joondalup  
Albert Jacobs - Mayor of Joondalup  
Redmond Realty  
JDP Coaching

## PARTNERSHIPS

Grill'd Joondalup - 300 vouchers for athletes  
Event Cinema Whitfords - 400 vouchers for athletes

**Thankyou to all our athletes, their family and friends for being open to all our fundraisers and giving up hard earned cash and donations along the way.**



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Bunnings BBQ - raised over \$4,519.00

Cake Stall - \$326.00

Icy Pole Stall - \$165.00

Xmas Raffle - \$691.00

100 Square Game - \$500.00

Grill'd Local Matters - \$300.00

JAC Coin - Ongoing

Entertainment Book - Ongoing

Containers for Change - Ongoing

I Sponsor - Ongoing

## Our Aim

**To continue to  
fundraise in a fun  
and family  
orientated way  
during the season  
and on Competition  
Days**



## DONATIONS

IGA Kinross

Coles Currambine

Bunnings Joondalup

Bounce Joondalup

Coho Hair Lounge

Queens of Clutter

In Distress

Two Tags

Perth Cryotherapy

Emily Hamilton

City of Joondalup

## Targets for 2023-2024

**To have all 8 lanes sponsored**

## New in 2023-2024

**JAC Bucket Hats**

**JAC Socks**

**JAC Hair Ribbons**