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Brighton Little Athletics Centre

2017 / 2018 Centre Executive & Operations Team

Centre Executive

Centre President	Mark Barling
Vice President	Nicole Nabout
Secretary	Fiona Rebbechi
Treasurer	Matt Dever
Registrar	Kelvin Monsborough
Competition Director	Brian Bellamy
Coaching Director	David Saunders
Membership/Publicity & PR Co-ordinator	Craig Jackett

Operations Team

Results Co-ordinator	Jenny Mongan
Chief of Officials	Paul Davidson
Competition Duty Coordinator	Annette Leahy
Region & State Team Managers	Ed Allen
Championship Officials Manager	Patrick Hill
Equipment Manager	Andrew Richey
Chief Starter	Ian Jickell / James Edmond
Announcer	Anna Wellington-Boyd
Canteen Managers	Mark Stevens
On Track Co-ordinator	Paul Davidson
Handbook and Website	Mark Barling / Craig Jackett
Uniform Managers	Kasia Zienta
Cross Country Co-ordinator	Leah Isles
SMR Centre Delegate	Mark Barling

Notes: Nil





President's Report

I wrote 12 months ago how fast time flies and I can't believe we've completed another magnificent season at Brighton Little Athletics Centre.

From mid-winter planning, to some stunning autumn mornings attending the Bayside Cross Country, to the realisation of key parts of our plan around infrastructure, I'm proud of the achievements we have made together as a club.

Before I reflect on the year's achievements I want to firstly say a huge thank you to every parent and athlete who continue to define what Brighton Little Aths stands for – an engaging club, a trusted community member and a centre for kids to enjoy time with their mates and strive for their own personal best.

To the Executive Committee and Operations Team, I can't say enough for the contribution you give, week in week out. To all parents who contributed their time as Age Marshalls, any duty you fulfilled or supported the team at a regional or state event, thank you.

To the highlights...and didn't we see a lot of them.

- Growth from last season's membership to 315 members – a great result! Kids have lots of options for sport, a huge thank you
- Over 30 Centre records set at Dendy Park, Frankston's Ballam Park and Lakeside Stadium
- Regional and State events were well attended with some fabulous team and individual results.
 - 65 competing at the SMR Relay Championship at Springvale
 - 45 competing at the SMR Regional Track and Field Championship
 - 9 competing at the State Multi-Event during the school holidays
- The club raised \$300 for the Royal Children's Hospital appeal and clocked up over 50kms in the Relayathon round
- We travelled to Sandringham for the Inter-Centre competition with Sandy being victorious again. This fun competition is great at getting our two clubs together and we both remain supportive of continuing this new tradition
- And finally, Brighton were instrumental in helping launch The Circuit, a dedicated 3-round pilot competition for U13+ athletes. This competition is designed to do two things – provide a viable competition to retain older athletes and create a pathway for them to pursue senior athletics (or be a feeder to other sports). The intent from the 5 clubs that participated is to include this in the season program again in 18/19 and develop the concept further thanks to athlete feedback

Other initiatives from 16/17 were continued with the focus on ensuring every member got value for money from your membership. We held competition during Regional and State event days so everyone had a chance to compete throughout the season. We held canteen prices the same as last season along with merchandise.



Thanks to ongoing prudent financial management, season 17/18 saw us continue to invest in the club in many ways:

- **Coaches** – 8% of our total budget is spent on dedicated Coaches to help your athletes be the best they can be. From Commonwealth Games stars Jack Dalton and Damian Birkenhead to brilliant parent volunteers, your athletes have access to some of the best coaches going around. Coaching is one of our 4 pillars from our Strategic Plan and will see increased investment throughout the next three years
- **Infrastructure and equipment** – the big-ticket item this year were new electronic timing gates. After a few teething issues, Timing Solutions joined us on-site and we were able to rectify all of them and they performed perfectly from the mid-season break. For season 18/19, our investments will be more targeted as we work with Council to improve on-track infrastructure such as the long jump run-ups
- **Social media** – this year we had a real crack at increasing the connection between ourselves and you through social media. Instagram became a huge favourite with your athletes and Facebook was a positive with the parents. Your feedback is always welcome, and we look forward to developing these channels further next season

With a sound financial position and a great team in place, the club has been able to look beyond each week and put in place a 3-year Strategic Plan. This has moved from draft to reality this year! Attached in this report is the 1-page overview of our Vision, Mission and key investment pillars. Our Vision – to be one of Australia's leading junior sports clubs is a big statement, but an aspirational one to guide not only our immediate investment but for the years beyond our custodianship. Your committee firmly believes that we should be the number 1 option for kids in Bayside for junior sport during the summer.

And finally, a series of thank-yous to round out a successful on and off-field season:

- To our sponsors who help ensure we can keep our fees and overall cost to attend athletics as competitive as we do. Buxton (20 years commitment) leads the way but are joined by Up and Running Podiatry, M8 Finance, Andrew Richey Photography, Jackett Agency and Grill'd
- To our Coaches and On Track team, thank you for providing our athletes, from U6 to our oldest group of U14 girls, with brilliant advice, coaching and encouragement. The results are clear for all to see and I encourage all parents to take advantage of the free coaching provided during the season
- To Fiona and Nicole, who are stepping down after 2 years on the Executive Committee, thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to the club. You each approached the Secretary and Vice President positions respectively with enthusiasm and care, thank you
- To our key Region and State team, Cam Tampion, Ed Allen and Paddy Hill, thank you for the countless hours you dedicated to helping both our athletes and parents get the most out of these days. We are indebted to you



So, we turn our attention now to planning season 18/19 and start the preparation for the Centre's 50th anniversary. This historic moment will be celebrated in style so make sure you are a part of it from October 2018.

I am constantly in awe of the support people will give if they can see value in what you do. I'm very honoured to lead a team that leads a club with the support we have from you, our parents and athlete community. I can ensure you that support is never taken for granted, and always sincerely appreciated. To season 18/19 and beyond!

Mark Barling
PRESIDENT



Vice President's Report

Pre-Season Recruitment

The club continued to actively promote BLAC in the pre-season by distributing flyers in the local community. We had two well-attended open days run by the committee, parent volunteers and some of our wonderful older BLAC members. This is a great way to introduce little athletics to potential members and to build a BLAC presence. We often get drop-ins from people just passing by with their kids. There are also Little Athletics in-school workshops run by LAVic and BLAC volunteers. We have had a tremendously successful year both maintaining past members and recruiting new members. We thank everyone who has helped in this including the kids who tell the mates how much fun they have at little aths at Dendy Park. Having a healthy membership keeps the competition fun for the kids and also gives us a little more influence with the funding bodies.

Liaising with Council

After our win last year with council, saving our wonderful grass track, we got back to the work of applying to fund works such as new long jump pits, external storage for the high jump mats and updating the club rooms. It would it be great to get them looking a little more swish and useable. We are constantly in contact with council and feel confident that they will fund the long jump pits in the next budget. There will be a draft budget out soon and we have been told the item will be listed. As many members of BLAC are Bayside residents and ratepayers we encourage you to stay active in the community and aware of where your rates are going. Bayside council has many demands on its recreation budget and we all need to make sure the funds are shared fairly.

The following links have detailed information regarding Bayside plans. Bayside is very active in this area and with our growing BLAC membership we are confident of their continued support.

<https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/have-your-say-budget-and-council-plan>

<https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/plans-and-strategies> > sports and recreation

Fundraising

We had great fun organising the raffle and calling out winners on presentation day. Thanks to all our sponsors and volunteers who sold the tickets. Next year we will run a social fundraising evening and hope you will support the club by coming along.

To our participants, volunteers and committee members thank you for another fun year. With all the challenges that face our children in a continually changing landscape, a run on grass with friends, a chance to jump long or high or throw far remains a simple joy. As parents it is an easy gift to give thanks to BLAC.

Nicole Nabout
VICE PRESIDENT



Treasurer's Report and Audited Results

I am pleased to present the Special Purpose audited financial results for Brighton Little Athletics Club (BLAC) for the year ended 31 March 2018. In line with the change to BLAC's financial year as agreed by the Members at last year's AGM, this report encompasses a 14-month period, from 1st February 2017 to 31st March 2018. Subsequent financial year reporting will be from 1st April to 31 March.

The Independent Auditor's Report to the Members, prepared by H.G & CO, is attached to this report.

Executive Summary

BLAC enjoyed another successful season, reflected in the strong financial performance for the year. The Net Asset position of BLAC at the end of the financial year was \$82,270, a 6% increase from 31 January 2017.

Summary of Financial Position

BLAC generated a surplus of \$4,469 for the 14 months to 31 March 2018 (made up of \$2,382 for the 2-month period to 31 March 2017 and \$2,087 for the 12-month period to 31 March 2018).



Income Statement

	2 mths to 31 March 2017	12 mths to 31 March 2018	14 mths to 31 March 2018
Income			
BLAC registration fees	466	39,177	39,642
Canteen Sales	5,557	14,281	19,837
Event Fees	-	110	110
Grants	993	-	993
Sponsorship	1,000	6,000	7,000
Uniform sales	1,715	10,801	12,516
BLAC marketing events	8,986	950	9,936
Other	-	3,335	3,335
Total Income	18,716	74,653	93,369
Expenses			
Affiliation fees	-	110	110
Bank Charges	102	599	701
Centre Equipment	122	24,478	24,600
Canteen	1,900	6,470	8,369
Cleaning	705	65	770
Coaching	920	4,157	5,077
Council fees	-	1,661	1,661
Donations	-	296	296
Electricity	870	1,553	2,423
Event fees	-	250	250
Linemarking	1,450	3,274	4,724
Marketing	2,395	3,227	5,622
Office Supplies	959	1,934	2,893
Other expenses	2,280	1,894	4,173
Printing	544	3,409	3,953
Registration refunds	80	-	80
Travel	-	248	248
Trophies	3,487	6,308	9,795
Subscriptions	230	-	230
Uniforms	-	10,759	10,759
On track	360	2,280	2,640
Total Expenses	16,404	72,970	89,374
Operating Surplus	2,313	1,683	3,995
Other Income			
Interest Income	69	405	474
Net Surplus/Deficit	2,382	2,087	4,469



Commentary

Income

Total Income was \$93,369 for the 14-month period.

Registration income was the major contributor with membership numbers far exceeding forecast in a post-Olympics year.

In line with the increase in athlete numbers, canteen sales and uniform sales were strong contributors to total income.

Income from BLAC's annual marketing event was realised primarily in the 2-month period to 31 March 2017. There was no marketing event at the end of the 2018 season.

Other income consisted primarily of proceeds from an insurance claim during the year.

Expenditure

Total Expenditure for the 14-month period was \$89,374.

Centre equipment expenditure was \$24,478, including a capital investment of \$21,900 for the new timing gates.

Other major expenditure items included canteen at \$8,369, coaching at \$5,077, trophies at \$9,795 marketing at \$5,622 and uniforms at \$10,759.

Budget Review Financial Year 2018

BLAC performed well against the Committee Approved budget for the 2018 financial year, finishing marginally below budget with a surplus of \$2,087. Overall the Club was down on budgeted income by \$6,550 primarily due to no end of season marketing event. Expenditure was below budget in the areas of the marketing, coaching and line-marking.

Summary

In summary, BLAC remains in a very sound financial position. The Club has sufficient net assets to provide for strategic investment and innovation, whilst maintaining a Committee approved minimum net asset surplus.

Matt Dever
TREASURER





Secretary's Report

A key component of the secretary role is triage and management of communication into the club and key point of escalation for matters with council regarding our facilities, as well as supporting pre-season recruitment and new member enquiries. It was terrific to have so much interest from new members this season as well as strong numbers from our returning members.

Grant applications

We were successful recipients of a grant for an automated external defibrillator via the Defibrillators for Sporting Clubs and Facilities Program (Department of Health and Human Services). The defibrillator now resides in our pavilion and is a valuable resource not just for our club but all members of the public and users of the pavilion on a year round basis. The grant included first aid training provided by St John Ambulance Service and was made available to all members.

Compliance

Compliance requirements covered this year include:

- BLAC Constitution amended to reflect our change in financial year and lodged with Consumer Affairs
- Mandatory Working With Children changes were implemented, as well as ongoing updates to the Working With Children Register as new members joined the committee and operations team
- Various council requirements including Tenancy and Food Safety
- Insurances and Certification requirements for the Club with LA Vic
- Monthly Committee meeting minutes provided to SMR
- Appointment of a Child Protection Officer (thankyou Louise Staite) to manage the increasing requirements of mandatory Child Safe Standards

I was filled with enormous pride this year for our club and what we stand for. Personal bests and inclusion are two of our strongest values, and the feedback from some of our friends at other clubs (Caulfield and Sandringham), as well as new members, highlighted how well our community is living these values.

The wonderful development and enjoyment of our athletes is a credit to the environment created by our coaches and volunteers. It is such a pleasure to see growth in confidence from our children, in particular those athletes that may not have participated in sport or athletics previously.

As this is my last year in the role I would like to thank the committee and all BLAC families, the future of BLAC is very exciting!

Fiona Rebbechi
SECRETARY



Competition Director's Report

October 2017 saw the start of another great season at Dendy Park.

As part of new season preparation, BLAC moved to three main programs with five events for each age group (except u6s, with four events per week) - with age groups doing one less field event each week compared to recent prior seasons. The use of a restricted program with only four events each age group on the first competition day continues to serve us well.

With increased registrations and try-outs this year the start of the season was particularly busy and we adjusted our programs for the first few weeks to try to assist everyone in settling in.

Thank you to everyone who assisted on competition days. Together we created a great atmosphere for the successful running of our weekly athletics programs.

Significant Developments for 2017/2018 season

- 3 Revised '5 event' main programs
- Scissor kick in HJ for U9s (will apply to U8/U9/U10s in 2017/2018 season)
- Adoption of Timing Solutions timing gates replacing the 'Tassie' gates

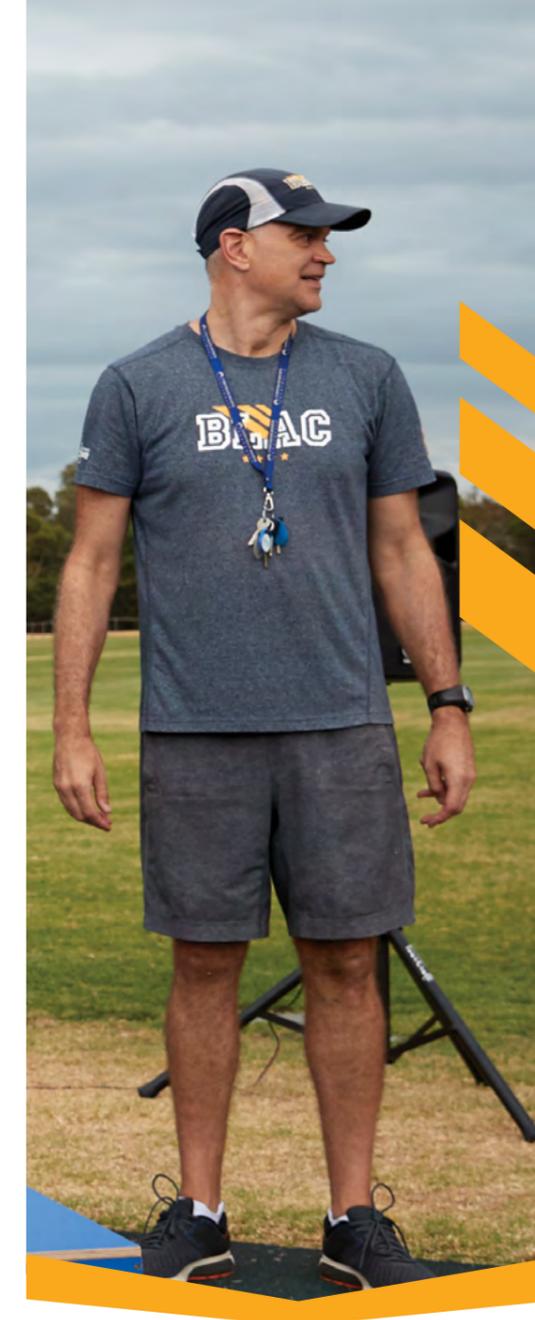
Overall, the new programs raised few concerns in the weekly competitions. With the phased nature of the HJ change, this will require ongoing attention in the 2018/2019 season.

The adoption of the new timing gates did pose some challenges, particularly in the first half of the season. The Operations team needed time to learn the new gates/racehq software, and Timing Solutions released updated software/firmware with revised best practice guidance for centres running two sets of gates during competition. The experience after the Christmas break significantly improved and gave us confidence for the coming 2018/2019 season.

We continue to concentrate on identifying improvements to the weekly program to ensure the engagement and smooth flow of athletes from one event to another with minimal wait times, while providing a varied event program for all age groups.

Key aspects to achieve the above:-

- * Working closely with the coaching team to ensure athletes are kept engaged and provided with coaching at each track and field event; and of course
- * Track Operations Team / Age Group Marshals - thank you for your tireless efforts on competition day.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed this year (even when not on duty) to make sure our athletics centre remains a successful, fun and friendly place for athletes to compete and strive for personal bests.

Brian Ballamy
COMPETITION DIRECTOR





Membership/Publicity & PR Co-ordinator

Refreshed commitment from two key sponsors and the introduction of M8 Finance as a new sponsor at BLAC has enabled us to invest further in key resources this season. Our 'BLAC' Athletic style sub-brand and uniforms have become a familiar addition to our Bayside communities 'casual wear', often worn by athletes and parents alike outside of competition hours the brand continues to be a strong seller in our store.

Buxton Brighton continued the second of their 3-year sponsorship commitment. Buxton enjoyed their 20th straight year of sponsoring BLAC and those who attended our presentation day would have had the opportunity to meet with Angie face to face. We have secured Up & Running Podiatry on a 3 year deal sponsorship deal. There is a terrific synergy between athletics and podiatry and this became evident throughout the season with many of our parents and athletes visiting them as a result.

Valued partnerships such as the above continue to be greatly appreciated by BLAC. Please remember these contributors first should you require goods or services within their field of expertise, you will find them more than accommodating.

Due to unforeseen circumstances our 3rd annual BLAC social night had to be cancelled, many of you will be happy to note that we intend to bring it back next year bigger and better than ever. It's traditionally a great night, raises some much need funding for the club and is a golden opportunity for parents to relax and enjoy themselves without worrying about their athletes.

This season saw the introduction of Committee and Coaching tee shirts. This was designed to assist in identifying key volunteers to new parents and athletes. We are looking at extending this initiative to key operational volunteers throughout the 2018/19 season.

At the beginning of this season we initiated a membership drive directed towards local Primary schools and junior sporting institutions. As in previous seasons a wide distribution of flyers was also dispatched to major traffic areas throughout Brighton and local shopping precincts.

Team App has officially become the main communication tool for BLAC members. This transition has been pretty smooth with the majority of parents adopting it.

Social Media engagement with parents and athletes continues to grow. Instagram membership has increased considerably throughout the season with Mark Barling the main contributor to our account. Regular updates on club activities are posted and I'd encourage parents to follow us, most children with Instagram accounts already do.

We've been more active on Facebook this season and had some success with 'live feed' and additional posts on this media. Understandably, parents are the biggest users of Facebook so please like and follow us for updates if you have an account.



Our website is a great tool for parents and athletes. Our 'What's on' menu shows updates for extracurricular club competition days, SMR and state championship results and clubs news amongst other things.

This is my 4th year at BLAC and my 3rd year on the Committee, a position I thoroughly enjoy thanks to the people and athletes that surround me. A special thank you to those who continue to 'step-up' and make this club a great place to spend a Saturday morning with their kids. You know who you are. See you next season.

Craig Jackett
MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY & PR
CO-ORDINATOR





Coaching Directors Report

The 2017/18 season can be characterised as one of expansion and transition, with our coaching bench depth swelled and a concerted effort to encourage athletes to pursue training in both track and field events.

In the lead up to the season opening, we the club embarked on an aggressive campaign to promote training and coaching at BLAC to attract more athletes to midweek sessions to enhance their technical skills and encourage them to greater success in their chosen events.

We introduced a new training format, featuring field events on Tuesday afternoons, with track events—sprints and hurdles—on Thursdays. The aim was to give athletes the opportunity to pursue supervised training sessions for a broader range of events. Whilst attendance numbers were up, particularly in the first half of the season, we are hoping to get even more of our athletes to the track, pits, rings etc in 2018/19.

As part of the push to promote training, we sought to expand the coaching roster and during the course of the season we added seven new coaches. Damian Birkinhead, an Olympic shot putter, joined fellow Australian hammer thrower Jack Dalton in the throwing rings and proved an instant success. We are proud to have Jack and Damien, who both recently represented Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, at our club.

On the track, Laura Bainbridge successfully completed her first season in charge of sprints coaching, under the guidance of mentor and former coaching director Andrew Stanford. Laura's enthusiasm has been infectious and she won over athletes of all ages with her innovative and energetic track sessions.

Cam Tampion, a stalwart of the club and regular at the finishing line at Saturday competition, took on the challenging role of relays coach and did an outstanding job. Slowly but surely, he cracked teams into line and the results came, with 12 teams making the state championships, including the U9 boys who took home silver in the 4x100 metres final.

Brett Lewis continued his excellent work in the jumps pits, while Allan Poynton clocked up another successful season coaching the hurdlers. Down on the cricket fields we were also fortunate to have Cam Hughes assisting our javelin throwers.

Another innovation this year was to utilise the On Track team for midweek coaching. This season, Tessa McCann and Jack Davidson both made an impressive transition from their regular Saturday appearances looking after our youngest members to coaching our junior high jumpers. On Saturday mornings, we were fortunate to have the experience and patience of Peter Fromont for another season.

Speaking of high jump, late in the season we also gained the services of Izabella Jorek and recent BLAC alumnus Callum Tampion, who gave us glimpses of a promising coaching future around the crash mats. The challenge will be to build on these foundations in the coming season.

Izabella also had a stunning impact on our walkers, taking hastily arranged training sessions with Paul Davidson—a tireless advocate of walks competition at BLAC over many years—for athletes in preparation for regional walks competition in February. Four medalists at the regionals gave vindication to those sessions, and underlined how preparation and working on technique outside competition days can have a genuine impact.

It is also fitting that we recognise the contribution made by my predecessor in this role, Andrew Stanford. His unswerving commitment to the club and his mentoring both of young athletes and fellow coaches, his energy and dedication at committee level—well beyond his own child's involvement at BLAC—and the endless stream of ideas and suggestions for improvement are irreplaceable. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew, both personally and on behalf of BLAC, for his outstanding contribution. Work, rugby, and family commitments permitting, he continues to materialise at training—and at the start line on a Saturday. And long may that continue!

I would also like to acknowledge the magnificent contribution to the club from Ian Scott. A BLAC life member, Ian continued to have a presence as a coach around the club decades, long after his own children had finished competing at Brighton. Ian retired from coaching at the end of the 2017/18 and we wish him well.

The 2017/18 season underlined the benefits for our athletes of coaching and the promotion and restructuring of training. However, to improve the performance of athletes—and to ensure greater enjoyment, camaraderie and commitment to their sport—we will need to attract even more expertise. Our goal is to ensure that every discipline in track and field is covered by midweek coaching and to make it as attractive as possible for as many athletes as possible to attend. Whilst the nature of athletics is that we cannot mandate that all athletes attend training (as is the case in other team sports), we will continue to promote and highlight the benefits of doing so, acknowledging that it is incumbent on the club to ensure that we continue to provide the standard—and frequency—of coaching and training required by our athletes to take them to new heights of personal achievement.

David Saunders
COACHING DIRECTOR



Registrar's Report

This year we saw another increase in membership with 297 members last year to 315 members in 2017/18. Even though we compete with other Summer sports such as basketball, netball, cricket, the list goes on...Little Athletics is popular.

Flyer drops, school (LAPS) programs, following up interested parents and lapsed members from the previous year has helped us to maintain a healthy membership base. I have also tried to follow up with parent's enquiries during the season as quickly as possible.

Our membership base this year has seen a jump in under 6 girls and boys, and under 8, 9 and 10's continues to be strong. However, it is very pleasing to see the retention in under 13 boys and girls (and 4 from under 14 girls) this year, the signs are good for next season with quite a few competing in Cross Country over the Winter.

Parent duty this year has been very good however there are still lots of parents who do not nominate for a duty upon registration. I urge you all to do this as without the parents helping each Saturday we cannot run our club and we cannot expect the same parents to chip in every week.

Overall, a great first season for me as registrar, I have had lots of support from my predecessor Michael Verbene, and of course the committee.

BLAC is a great club, members are the key, fitness, fun and friendship, that's what all about.

Kelvin Monsborough
REGISTRAR



Cross Country Report

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

This year the winter season kicked off at Bald Hill Park on Saturday April 22nd. Brighton was represented by 37 keen athletes who competed throughout the season including several who joined us just for the winter cross country season.

The SMR Region Challenge was held on Saturday June 24th, at Ballam Park, Frankston. Brighton was represented by 7 athletes with Bridie Hill finishing 2nd in the U12G 2km event, Sam Allen finishing 2nd in the U10 boys 1.5km event and Hugo Richey finishing 3rd in the U11B event. Well done to Ashley Harris, Chelsea Harris, Samantha Ballamy, Zev Sanchez and Hugo Richey for a great effort.

Brighton entered 1 team of 3 athletes in the State Road Relay Championships, held at Sandown Racecourse on the 8th July, with Zev Sanchez, Marley Lewis, and Zac Barling coming 12th in the U12B event.

The State Cross Country Championships were held on Saturday July 22nd, at Cruden Farm, Langwarrin. Brighton was represented by 5 athletes – congratulations to Ashley Harris, Sam Allen, Chelsea Harris, Zev Sanchez and Bridie Hill.

The Bayside Cross Country end-of-season awards were held on Saturday 12th August, at the Mentone Life Saving Club. 20 Brighton athletes received participation awards for attending more than 6 Bayside XC events during the season. Age group awards were also presented to Kaden Iles U8B (1st), Matthew Ballamy U8B (2nd), Spencer Saarsen U9B (3rd), Sam Allen U10B (1st), Chelsea Harris U11G (3rd), Hugo Richey U11B (1st).

Thank you to Stephen Lloyd for coordinating the equipment/set-up each week, Kelvin Monsborough for manual timekeeping and Craig Jactt for electronic timekeeping.

Leah Iles
CROSS COUNTRY COORDINATOR





Equipment Managers Report

BLAC looked good in season 2017/18. Beautifully branded marquees and banners certainly gave the centre a big lift and our representation at regional and state events projected an image that reflects the positive approach of our club and little athletes.

A key focus still exists to be more organized with storage in a very limited and difficult environment. With better storage systems in place (and still evolving), roll out for the set-up crew on comp morning is now becoming a simple and speedy exercise.

The biggest advance this year has been the implementation of new timing gates in two areas of the track. They are a wonderful addition and asset to the club with the technology providing a more streamlined approach to timing and management of data. Although the new system presented some technical challenges, the capable team were able to resolve and rectify the issues early in the season.

Discussion with council has begun about the possible introduction of an outdoor high jump cover. Investment in this area will enhance the clubs facilities and make high jump easily accessible for training and competition. It will also be greatly appreciated by the pack up team and minimize large amounts of heavy lifting. We do need approval from council and hope that we can make good ground in this area.

In my mind, the most exciting move forward for the club came after season close this year. A number of willing volunteers assisted in a huge clean up and filled an 8m meter skip with old, obsolete and unwanted junk that has been plaguing the clubroom and storage for many seasons. You won't recognise the clubrooms next year!

Andrew Richey
EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Regional and State Event Reports

We have just completed the State Track & Field finals which have given closure to five successful external events for BLAC – SMR Regional & State Relays, State Multi-Event and the aforementioned SMR and State Track & Field.

In terms of participation, we have continued with many kids representing the club at State & Regional events. The relays are always a great way to commence the season that create a strong sense team building and spirit. We had some teams qualify for the State finals at Lakeside with our U9 Boys achieving silver in the 4x100m.

The Multi Event was staged at Casey Fields in Cranbourne in late January in 36 degree heat over both days. It was a credit to the LAVIC team, families and kids that participated levels given the exhaustive heat. Notable results were; Faith Little (gold) and Sam Allen (silver). Given the time of year – location, holidays, weather and school beckoning, it is fantastic that we have a select group that make the effort to compete against the very best all-round athletes from other clubs.

The SMR Track and Field event were held at Frankston LAC in FEB with 46 athletes competing to qualify for the State Track & Field in March. Many PBs and some records were broken in an eventful weekend. Seventeen of the squad qualified for the State champs that were held at Lakeside in mid-March.

The finale to the representative season has just being completed with 17 athletes competing against the best athletes from all parts of VIC. We had a nice blend of sports entered covering; walks, sprints, distance and field events. I feel the club can be very proud of the efforts from all of the participants, many of whom won medals, broke existing BLAC records and achieved PBs. In total, the club achieved two gold, four silver and two bronze medals.

It was great to witness the enthusiasm and determination of our team members participate at the home of Athletics VIC. We had many new entrants from the younger age groups that had not competed at State level and we hope that these kids can carry on the tradition of fine performances from the club.

It's important to acknowledge the support from the coaching group covering all of the disciplines. By March, the season is long and exhaustive and as parents, we are grateful to Alan (Hurdles), Jack (Throws), Brett (Long Jump) and others for their tireless work in helping improve the performance of the BLAC kids. I'd also like to thank both Andrew Richey and Paddy Hill for undertaking tasks that are generally very time consuming and typically thankless. We showcase our club with premium marquees and banners in the best locations at these external events and Andrew has made these tasks seem seamless.

Finally a big thanks to Mark who is always 'front and back of house' covering PR comms for these events, attending with family and always assisting in any way possible.

Ed Allen
REGION & STATE TEAM MANAGER



A summary of medals were:

GOLD

Faith Little U10G 200m
Faith Little U10G 60m Hurdles

SILVER

Faith Little U10G 100m
Sam Allen U11B 400m
Sam Allen U11B 800m
Bridie Hill U13G 800m

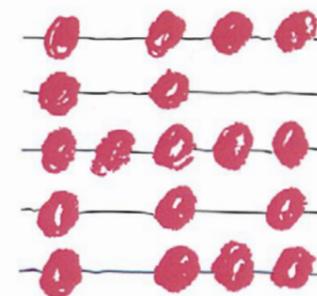
BRONZE

Henry Sutherland U11B High Jump
Bridie Hill U13G 1,500m

Outside Centre records broken at the State Track & Field

Faith Little U10G 60m Hurdles 10.67
Bridie Hill U13G 1,500m 4.57.51
Bridie Hill U13G 800m 2.22.58
Sam Allen U11B Triple Jump 9.27m
Kai Vivian U12B High Jump 1.50m

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Brighton Little Athletics (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial period ended 31 March 2018 (14 months).

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Brighton Little Athletics is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of the Australian Capital Territory 1991 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also includes such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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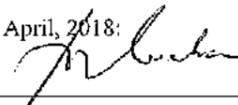
Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Brighton Little Athletics as at 31 March 2018 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of the Australian Capital Territory 1991.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Brighton Little Athletics to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of the Australian Capital Territory 1991. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Signed on 9th April, 2018:



John Graham CPA

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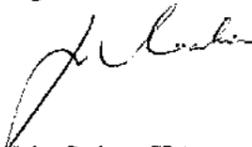
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001

To THE COMMITTEE OF: Brighton Little Athletics Club

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the period ended 31 March 2018 there have been

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the Audit; and
- (ii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Signed


John Graham CPA

15th March 2017



Brighton Little Athletics Club

Profit & Loss Statement

Feb 2017 to March 2018
(14 month period)

	\$	\$
Income		
BLAC registration fees	39,642.10	
Canteen Sales	19,837.39	
Event Fees	110.00	
Grants	993.00	
Sponsorship	7,000.00	
Uniform sales	12,515.70	
BLAC marketing events	9,936.01	
Other	3,335.10	
Total Income		93,369.30
Expenses		
Affiliation fees	110.00	
Bank Charges	700.80	
Centre Equipment	24,600.16	
Canteen	8,369.44	
Cleaning	770.35	
Coaching	5,077.00	
Council fees	1,660.83	
Donations	295.95	
Electricity	2,422.60	
Event fees	250.00	
Linemarking	4,724.13	
Marketing	5,622.29	
Office Supplies	2,892.79	
Other expenses	4,173.45	
Printing	3,953.30	
Registration refunds	80.00	
Travel	247.50	
Trophies	9,794.90	
Subscriptions	230.10	
Uniforms	10,758.67	
On track	2,640.00	
Total Expenses		89,374.26
Operating Profit		3,995.04
Other Income		
Interest Income	473.87	
Total Other Income		473.87
Net Profit (Loss)		4,468.91



BLAC

Balance Sheet

As of March 2018

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Assets		
Cheque Account	\$1,875.61	
Cash Reserve Account	\$80,182.94	
Petty Cash	\$212.00	
Total Assets		\$82,270.55
Liabilities		
Net Assets		\$82,270.55
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	\$2,067.32	
Historical Balancing	\$80,183.23	
Total Equity		\$82,270.55



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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 January 2017

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act . The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

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

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





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