

# ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEASON 2010/2011



# LITTLE ATHLETICS VICTORIA

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS SEASON 2010/2011

### EASTERN METRO

Box Hill	414
Camberwell/ Malvern	416
Cockatoo	81
Collingwood	210
Croydon	334
Doncaster	519
Kew	253
Knox	600
Lilydale & Yarra Ranges	199
Nunawading	428
Ringwood	261
Sherbrooke	214
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,257</b>

### GIPPSLAND

Bairnsdale	124
Casey	418
Corner Inlet	45
Cranbourne	237
Leongatha	158
Moe	110
Orbost	63
Pakenham	109
Sale	144
Traralgon & District	169
Warragul	132
Wonthaggi	107
Yarram	86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,902</b>

### NORTHERN METRO

Coburg	315
Craigieburn	54
Diamond Valley	620
Essendon	502
Hume	81
Keilor	461
Kilmore & Districts	165
Preston / Reservoir	78
Lancefield / Romsey	74
Sunbury	196
Whittlesea City	450
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,996</b>

### NORTHERN COUNTRY

Albury	182
Barooga	135
Benalla	115
Bendigo	386
Corowa	53
Echuca/Moama	154
Howlong	64
Kyabram	108
Kyneton & District	101
Lavington/Jindera	57
Mansfield	95
Mt. Beauty	54
Murrindindi	46
Nathalia	66
Rochester	84
Rutherglen	57
Seymour	219
Shepparton	175
Wangaratta	216
Wodonga	269
Yarrawonga/Mulwala	73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,709</b>

### SOUTHERN METRO

Brighton	296
Caulfield	253
Chelsea	248
Dandenong	144
Frankston	561
Mentone	403
Moorabbin	150
Mornington	256
Oakleigh	55
Sandringham	595
Seaford	217
Skye Valley	34
Southern Peninsula	56
Springvale	108
Westernport	81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,457</b>

### WESTERN METRO

Altona	219
Bacchus Marsh	259
Brimbank	141
Corio	256
Geelong	738
Gisborne	122
Melton South	191
South Melbourne & District	194
Werribee	431
Williamstown	216
Woodend	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,783</b>

### WESTERN COUNTRY

Ararat	64
Ballarat	243
Bar-rook	18
Camperdown	83
Casterton	90
Charlton	26
Cohuna	72
Colac	166
Dimboola	24
Hamilton	88
Horsham	128
Kerang	35
Maryborough	116
Portland	89
St Arnaud	41
Stawell	128
Swan Hill	78
Warrnambool	133
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,622</b>

**STATE TOTAL 19,726**





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## Our Mission

*"THROUGH THE ENJOYMENT OF ATHLETICS, DEVELOP POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE FOR OUR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY."*





# Little Athletics Association of Victoria Inc.

## Staff

Dean Paulin	General Manager
Graham Lucas	Special Projects Coordinator
Julie Green	Finance Coordinator
Shane Bertrand	Education & Development Coordinator
Melissa Broekhoff	Administration & Membership Coordinator
Matt Collister	Competition & Events Coordinator
Jo Linford	PA to General Manager & Public Relations
Kim John	eCommerce Coordinator
Lauren Dick	Competition & Events Coordinator August to March 2011

## Board of Management

Gordon Major	President
Bernie Curtin	Education Director
Andrew Duncan	Competition Director
Steve Ryan	Finance Director & Vice President
Judy Wilmshurst	Membership Director
Kerry Semfel	Public Relations Director

## Standing Committee Members

### Public Relations

Andrew Stirling	Associate Director
Tina Miller	Associate Director
Merle McBean	Associate Director
Marion Sparkes	

### Membership

Andrew Edney	Associate Director
Fred Wilmshurst	Associate Director
Malcolm Duncan	
Andrew Rouch	
Dawn Vanderhorst	

### Education

Paul Bray	
Rosemary Merrigan	Associate Director
Andrea Hallett	Walks Rep
Neville Harris	
Lindsay Harrison	
Bryan Neighbour	ATFCA Rep
John McCall	On Track

### Finance

Gerard Hayes	Associate Director
Ian Brown	
Warren Paterson	

### Competition

Graham Lucas	Associate Director
Zac Smith	Associate Director
Stan Stoop	Associate Director
Michael Brazel	
Shaz Cairns	
Debbie Higgs	
Michelle McIntyre	

## Life Governors

1974 Trevor Billingham (dec)	1982 Jim Stewart	1991 Tim Berriman (dec)	1999 Tammy Fry
1975 Alan Triscott	1983 Les Armstrong	1991 John Guerra	1999 Pam Mulholland
1977 Max McLennan	1983 Margaret Caldecoat (dec)	1991 David Tracy	1999 Shirley Scherger (dec)
1977 George Nevitt (dec)	1983 Bill Field	1992 Lois Daffy	2000 Don Baker
1979 Alan Brumley	1983 Peter Taylor (dec)	1992 John Ellem	2000 Robyn Van Lieshout
1979 Jim Jamieson (dec)	1984 Maureen O'Callaghan	1992 Ian Fisher	2002 Noel Rasti
1979 Jim Mason (dec)	1984 Randall Robinson	1992 Wes Heywood	2002 Merle McBean
1979 Bruce Seeley	1984 John Treanor	1992 Margaret Robertson	2002 Sylvia Cook
1979 Norm Walsh	1985 Peter Bailey	1993 Irene Harris	2003 Dave DaFonte
1980 Pat Harris	1985 Don Blyth	1994 Ray Canning	2003 Beth Girdwood
1980 Mal Hastie	1985 Norm Esh	1994 Gordon Major	2004 Jeff Hawkins
1980 Keith Maughan	1985 Alan Johnson	1995 John Doherty	2005 Gwen Timmins
1980 Mary McLennan	1985 Andrew Osborne	1995 Meggsie Harvey	2005 Peter Frenken
1980 John Spicer	1985 Bruce Reynolds	1995 Peter Jones	2007 Christine Doubleday
1980 Bill Vincent (dec)	1985 Bill Toohey	1995 Ian Sparkes	2007 Robert Zuber
1981 Ron Brown (dec)	1985 Ken Wyles (dec)	1996 Judy Jones	2009 Neville Harris
1981 Noel Deller	1986 Charles Gorman	1997 Campbell Cain	2009 Fred Wilmshurst
1981 Gordon Murphy (dec)	1986 Eric Wenckowski	1997 Golda Cain	2009 Judy Wilmshurst
1982 Bert Edwards	1988 Bernadette Barnett (dec)	1997 Malcolm Francis	2010 Ian Brown
1982 Wes Osborne (dec)	1988 Peter Hendy	1998 Ian Thompson	2010 Graham Lucas
1982 Lockie Purton	1991 Lawrie Barnett	1999 Allen Carey	



## Presidents Report

*This year has again been an extremely busy and fruitful one for the Board of Management, and I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to them all for their total support and for the efforts they have made to help all the staff, members, Centres and Regions.*

### Board of Management

The many meetings, both Metropolitan and Country they have travelled to, the numerous days and weekends when they have volunteered to help, are greatly appreciated. To Steve Ryan, Vice President and Finance Director, Andrew Duncan, Competition Director, Bernie Curtin, Education Director, Kerry Semfel, Public Relations Director and Judy Wilmshurst, Membership Director. On behalf of the membership, thank you.

### Staff

To all the staff Shane Bertrand, Melissa Broekhoff, Matt Collister, Lauren Dick, Julie Green, Kim John, Jo Linford and Graham Lucas, again thank you for your assistance and support to the Board and your outstanding help to the members. We are very lucky with the staff we have, they are all very professional in their approach to their work and to their involvement with Little Athletics.

Lauren, who looked after the Competition and Events, left us early this year to travel overseas after working within the Little Athletics' family for several years. Her replacement is Matt Collister who has already shown that he is an extremely good replacement for Lauren.

The Board and staff continue to move forward together due, to a large degree, by the work and time put in by our General Manager, Dean Paulin. This year Dean was able to organise and to get Little Athletics involved in a new event held during the Stawell Gift. This was an outstanding success, with the request from the Stawell Athletic Club for us to return next year. All the athletes and their parents who attended and took part, fully enjoyed the different types of events and certainly enjoyed the prizes.

Sponsorship is a big part of Dean's portfolio, and he has been working very hard to attract several new sponsors to come on board and help keep the costs down for our families and members. It was very pleasing to see Dean marry in January of this year. We all wish him and Sarah the very best for the future, even with Sarah believing at times, that she is still single, due to the hours and weekends that Dean works for us all. To Dean again, a special thank you from not only me, but from all the Board and the staff.

### New Office

Unfortunately the search goes on. We looked very seriously at a new office/warehouse complex within Port Melbourne, which did need some modifications to bring it up to what we needed, but the owners were not prepared to reduce their price from \$2.2M.

We have considered looking at several all weather athletic complexes' to see if we can get a long lease to take over one of the current tracks within the metropolitan area, to build or renovate the current buildings for our offices and storage, and to also take over any bookings etc. for other groups. We have been advised that one Council is very keen for us to move to their track, other possibilities we have not explored at the time of writing this report.

We have also been notified that the new State Government has declared that all the Athletic bodies within Victoria will be situated at Albert Park, which came as news and a surprise to us, seeing that no one from the new Government has approached us to re-consider our objections to moving into the new facility. The Government has allocated a further \$15M to the complex, which in part will permit a second floor to be added to the Athletic building.

This will allow Athletic Australia (AA) to move in and take over the second or top floor, Athletics Victoria (AV) the first floor and Little Athletics Australia (LAA) to occupy a section of the ground floor. This money will also allow for the old grandstand along the front straight to be refurbished and for the extension of seating, again along the front straight. Unfortunately the new proposed Athletic building has not been started and it is not expected to be completed until the latter part of 2012.

We will be attempting to approach and speak to the new Sports Minister before this AGM to see if it is viable for us to re-consider our objections to moving into Albert Park. If this is considered viable it will still leave us until, at this stage, 2015 before using Albert Park in March of each year for our State T&F Championships, because of the Formula 1 Car Race. Parking, storage and costing also need to be cleared up before we commit ourselves to a tenancy.





## Retention of members

At the start of this season it was found that nearly 49% of all our athletic members from the previous season did not return. Registrations this year were down about 3,500 and this is a big concern, to not only the Board, but it must also become a concern for Centres. Very little appears to have been done by Centres to contact those that did not return to find out why they did not come back. There must be a reason, and yet we all don't bother to pick up the phone or send an Email to ascertain why. We need Centres to do this. We need to find out why we are losing children.

Late last year at their Conference in Hobart, LAA intimated that by 2020 Little Athletics will only have 75,000 athletes Australia wide. In 2009/10 we had close to 98,000 but this season the number is down to 88,000. If we don't all start to look at the reasons for this problem and try to fix them, Little Athletics will certainly become a small youth group and understandably, receive less support (sponsorship) than we get now.

## Australian Little Athletic Championships (ALAC)

This year the event was held in Sydney at Homebush Stadium. The Trevor Billingham trophy for the Under 13 age group and the Life member's trophy for the Under 15 Multi were won by New South Wales. The Board wishes to thank our Team and Team Management for the terrific effort put in at the championships. We did come second in the Under 13 event, only missing out by about 20 points.

## Little Athletic slogan

We again remind all Centres and Regions, that only "Family, Fun and Fitness" is to be used as our official slogan for any events or paperwork that has originated from a Centre or Region within Little Athletics Victoria (LAVic). The slogan "Be Your Best" is only to be used by Little Athletics Australia or any other State or Territory, if they wish to do so.

## History of Little Athletics

The History of Little Athletics has been commissioned by LAA and it has just been completed. The finished book is due to be launched on the 29th of July in Melbourne. LAA is hoping every Centre, Region and State body will purchase a copy of the book. We, along with most of the other States/Territories, have supplied information and photographs to be included in the completed book. At the launch, Centres will be asked to attend with the Board and Staff.

## Conclusion

Finally, I wish to thank all the membership who have supported the Board, the General Manager and the Staff during the past twelve months. Please remember we are only working for the benefit of you, the members. To Anne, again thank you for putting up with the numerous missed meals, nights and weekends when I am not at home.

**Gordon Major**  
President



## Competition Director

*Firstly I would like to thank my wife, Lisa and children, Patrick and Lucy for their support in allowing me to continue in the role of Competition Director.*

I also want to thank the Board of Management and LAVic Staff for supporting me. I particularly want to thank Lauren Dick, who did a fantastic job in organising the major State Competitions, coordinating the various panels and with putting up with me. For those of you who don't know Lauren left LAVic at the end of State Track & Field to go travelling overseas. I would like to welcome Matt Collister who joined us in February and has settled in well to the role of Competition & Events Co-ordinator.

Thanks also to the Competition Panel - Debbie Baskin, Michael Brazel, Shaz Cairns, Graham Lucas, Michelle McIntyre, Zack Smith and Stan Stoop. They have supported me throughout the year and make the job of organising events easier and as a collective, making informed decisions on Competition matters.

To all the Region Organising Committees thank you for hosting and running the various Qualifying Rounds of State Championships, for without your support and dedication there would be no children at the State Finals.

And to the members of the Starter's, Referee's, Competition Standards, Competition Co-ordinators and Centre Software Panels - thank you for all efforts throughout the year in committing yourselves to the these panels to ensure these areas of competition are well organised.

And last but not least all the parents, grandparents, guardians and other officials who help out at weekly Centre Competitions, Region and State Competitions - thank you, for without your involvement Little Athletics would not be able to operate.

The second year of my term of office has been an interesting and varied one. It has been a year of consolidation from the changes implemented the previous year. These included:

### Revising and implementing a new Relays timetable

The timetable was changed this year to start with the 4x200m and conclude with the 4x100m. The intention of this was to enable the start of the day to be less hectic as the events were slightly longer, the majority of infringements occur in the 4x200m and so being at the start of the day - these issues can be dealt with and any time can be caught up with throughout the day.

On the whole the changes seem to have improved the day with most regions finishing on or near programmed time and at State we finished about 18 minutes after the scheduled time. Presentations at the end of the State Relays were a concern and the Comp Panel has done a major review on how these should be handled in the future.

### Formation of a Competition Standards Panel

The intent of this Panel is to review the Competition Regulations and make recommendations for change where necessary and to be a panel to review changes presented to it from the membership throughout the year. As you will see the Panel has been hard at work over the past 3 months and a raft of changes have been approved by the BoM and those deemed worthy of being presented to the membership have been listed at the General meeting.

### Starters Panel / Referee's Panel / Competition Co-ordinators Panel

Over the past year these Panels have met on various occasions to implement & review the various aspects of Competition. The Starters Panel has done some good work on revising the Starters course and introducing a mentoring program where our senior starters make themselves available to come to centres to mentor and train new up and coming starters.

The Referee's Panel is made of Referees from all Regions and State who meet prior to the major meets to discuss any changes to Competition Regulations and to discuss issues that have arisen at any of the meets and ensure that decisions made by the referees are consistent across the state. All the referees find these sessions invaluable and I thank them for their time. It has been great to see that the referees are working really well together.

Last September I invited the Region Competition Coordinators together to discuss the year ahead. This meeting was done to have all the Co-ordinators together to disseminate information and processes across and to obtain conformity across all regions.





## Formation of a Centre Software Panel

The formation of this Panel was to review the software Centres are currently using and what they would like to see in a software package for the purpose of running Centres more efficiently. A number of packages have been reviewed and there will be presentations at Centrefest. The role of this panel will more than likely expand to review all software used by the Association and how to best enable them to interact with each other.

## Changes to State Event Scheduling

These changes were implemented by the BOM as a two year trial to gauge the effects on what impact this would have on the membership. There have been mixed reactions to these changes and over the coming months these will be reviewed together with an end to end review of Competition at all levels

## Summer Centre Weekly Competition

This year has been a very challenging year for many Centres in conducting their weekly Competitions over the summer months. With the inclement weather that occurred this summer it was very difficult for Centres to get a continuity of competition without having to cancel every second week or so due to rain. In planning your Centre programs next year and beyond, I encourage Centres to pre-plan alternative programs for these days, be it a shorter program with safer events, running cross country races or hold training sessions to try to keep some form of events for your members who do turn up on these days.

### *Now to the major State Competitions...*

## State Cross Country Championships

Last season's titles were held at the Geelong racecourse on a cold August day. It was the first time in 45 years that a State Title was held in Geelong. Unfortunately on the day of the event we were informed that the main grass course could not be used and we had to realign the course onto the synthetic course, so for the first time Cross Country was run on a synthetic track.

This year's titles are being held at the Buninyong Community Facility just out of Ballarat in early July. At the time of writing this report everything is on track to have a successful day and I hope that all has gone according to plan.

## State Multi Event - Shepparton

These were held in Shepparton in November. The conditions on the weekend were fantastic. It was the first time in a number of years the Multis were held on a grass track. There were concerns that the track would not be up to hosting the event, however, apart from the inside lane the rest of the track was in very good condition.

The numbers of athletes competing were up by about 100 on Bendigo earlier in the year - Bendigo (424), Shepparton (537) and were the highest number of competitors in five years.

Thank you to Shepparton Little Athletics Centre and the Greater Shepparton Council for the work over the weekend. Also thank you to members of the Competition Panel who did a fantastic job on the Friday in getting the venue ready for the athletes to compete over the weekend. There was one VBP broken - U16G.

## State Relay Championships

Qualifying Rounds were held in December at all 7 Regions. With the interrupted season to date the weekend seemed to go pretty smoothly, except for a couple of issues - the Werribee track had a major dip in the track, due to the ground underneath the track collapsing because of the amount of rain that had occurred over the previous 2 months and NCR had to move their event from Seymour to Bendigo - due to the state of the track after the Great Victorian bike Ride had descended on the venue earlier in the week and destroyed the grass surface.

The State Championships were held at short notice at the Doncaster Athletic track. Three weeks out from the event Olympic Park informed us we could not use the venue as the track was being resurfaced, so the decision was made to move the titles to Doncaster. A big thank you goes to the Doncaster LAC in helping to host the Championships and to Laruen Dick and the Competition Panel in making the event run as smooth as possible under the circumstances. The track events finished about 20mins late, however presentations did run way over time and processes will be put in place next season to ensure this does not happen again.

There were four VBP's broken this year at the State Qualifiers and State Titles. Relay Team Entries across the state were down by about 8% on the previous year which aligns with total registration numbers which were also down by about 8%.

*Total Entries received by Regions (the numbers next to the arrows indicate the difference in teams from 2009/10):*

- Metro - EMR (565,↓73), NMR (423,↓2), SMR (345,↓127), WMR (375,↓13)
- Country - GIPP (180,↔0), NCR (203,↑20), WCR (67,↑9)
- Overall down 188 teams on last year.
- Of the total teams entered 10% were scratched by Centres - down 2% on the previous year.
- 36 (↑5) Centres did not enter any teams this year
- 22 Centres have not entered teams in the last 3 years.

As I said last year - I encourage all those Centres who have not been involved in relays over the past couple of years to get involved and allow your athletes the opportunity to be part of a team environment and represent their centres at these events.





## State Track & Field Championships

The Region qualifiers were held in February at various locations throughout the State and all regions held successful competitions. The weather over the weekend made running the events challenging at times however all Regions managed to complete their events with some minor scheduling along the way.

This year saw the last Little Athletics event held at Olympic Park and for many present and past athletes and officials it was a sad farewell to a track where you always found that little bit of something to get the best out of yourself.

The whole weekend seemed to go off without a hitch and many people, who have been around a lot longer than I have, commented it was the best run Track & Field event they can remember, so to all who officiated, congratulations on a job well done. Your professionalism, enthusiasm and teamwork to keep the event moving along and on time were fantastic.

There were twenty four VPB's & two ABP broken during the State Qualifiers and State Titles so congratulations to all those athletes on achieving those results.

*Entries across the State were down by about 11% on the previous year. In 2010 there were 12438 entries and this year 11126. Total Entries received by Regions:*

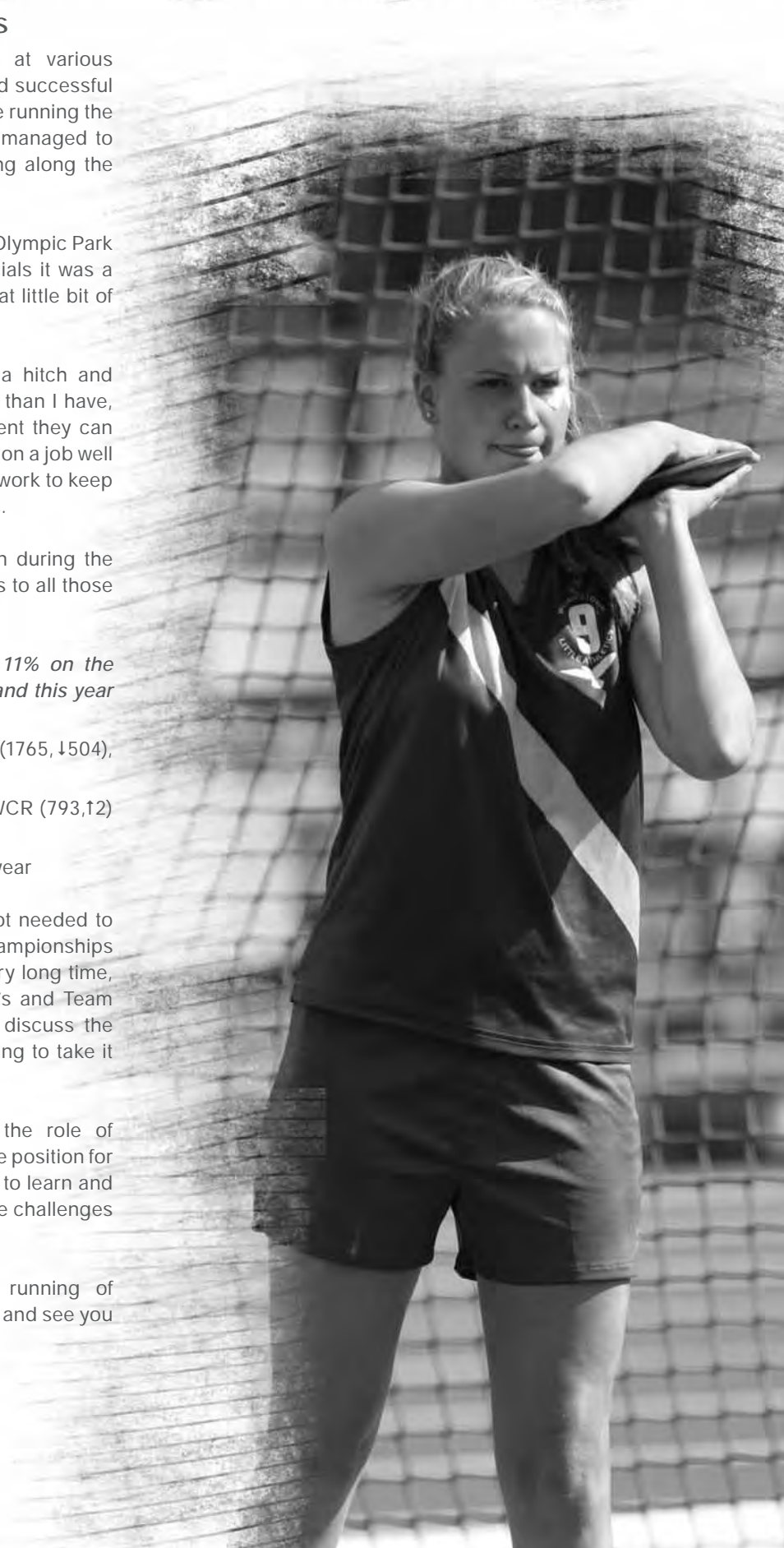
- Metro - EMR (2441, ↓452), NMR (1842, ↓40), SMR (1765, ↓504), WMR (1800, ↓160)
- Country - GIPP (1321, ↓11), NCR (1164, ↓143), WCR (793, ↓12) (includes WIMM entries from last season)
- 11(12) Centres did not enter any athletes this year

I also want to add that the Jury of Appeal was not needed to be used at all at any of the State Championship Championships this year. This I believe, has not occurred for a very long time, if at all, and I want to applaud both the Referee's and Team Managers in their abilities to communicate and discuss the issues and agreeing on the outcome without having to take it further.

I have really enjoyed my past two years in the role of Competition Director and will again nominate for the position for another term. I have learnt a lot and still have a lot to learn and if successful in my nomination, I look forward to the challenges ahead.

So thank you to everybody involved in the running of Competition Events at all levels of the organisation and see you at the next event.

**Andrew Duncan**  
Competition Director





## Education Director

*The 2010-2011 Education has been as busy and as full as any in the near past. As usual on Committees, there have been some disappearances and some new blood.*

I would like to thank Steve Cowburn and Lindsay Harrison for their long service to Education and welcome Paul Bray to the Committee for his insights into our role. The year also saw a changing of the guard with myself coming on as Education Director. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Neville on where he has left the Education Portfolio after 6 years of intensive work.

### Under 13 ALAC Development Clinic

In a new move, we invited the placegetters from the 2009/2010 Track and Field Championships along to an Under 13 Clinic, where they were exposed to the elements on a freezing day, and were given addresses by the ALAC Management Team. They were then taken out of their comfort zones with events that they had not competed in at top level, to see how adaptable they were.

### On Track

John McCall has continued his role in his professional delivery of "On Track" and has even won over this old Coach with his enthusiasm and the worth of the program. Some of the delegates gathered at Centrefest this year will hopefully have taken part in John's session and have seen the light.

### Walks

The Walks Committee has been more pro-active with Andrea's representation on the Committee, and I have had very fruitful discussions with the Committee in relation to promoting the discipline and the sport as well as providing first class judging panels. The Collingwood Clinic has again been well supported with 40 athletes attending as well as 15 attendees at the Walk Judging Seminar.

### U7 - U10 McDonald's Skills Clinic

While has been a success in the City environments, lack of support from Country Centres has put this at risk of being cancelled. This year will see us running two clinics in both Bendigo and Melbourne and re-assessing the format and viability of the programmes.

### Introduction to Coaching Courses

The ITCC is directed towards Parents who are active on their Centre's track on Saturday mornings. We will be running 12 courses this year - in the past season we ran 15 courses with 211 graduates. The role of ATFCA has altered somewhat this year, with AV now being the major course presenter.

### Officials Seminars

This last season saw 5 Officials Seminars with 80 attendees.

### U11 Skills Clinic

This is probably one of the most rewarding programs that we have implemented in recent times, and last season saw 135 enthusiastic under 11's and their families make the pilgrimage to Melbourne to participate. As usual, 20 well versed, experienced senior coaches gave up their weekend to assist in the clinic.

### U14 - U16 Multi Event Clinic

The Multi Clinic was this year combine with JDS Day 3, and those involved considered the move to be a positive one with 120 athletes concentrating on four of the 5 disciplines in the Multi.

### Junior Development Squad (JDS)

We once again managed 7 JDS Coaching days this year. Ormond College was once more alive with the sound of track & field athletes in January with 87 athletes 8 supervisors and 16 coaches involved in the Camp. The qualifying standards have been increased this year and this keeps us in touch with the national scene and the direction in which the Education Committee must take.

### ALAC

While we may not have been as successful this year as we would have liked to be, our athletes amassed sufficient points that would have won the event last year. Personally I see this as a challenge and remind us that we must continue to adapt and overcome.

Congratulations to the Management Team on pulling together and getting the past teams pulling together.





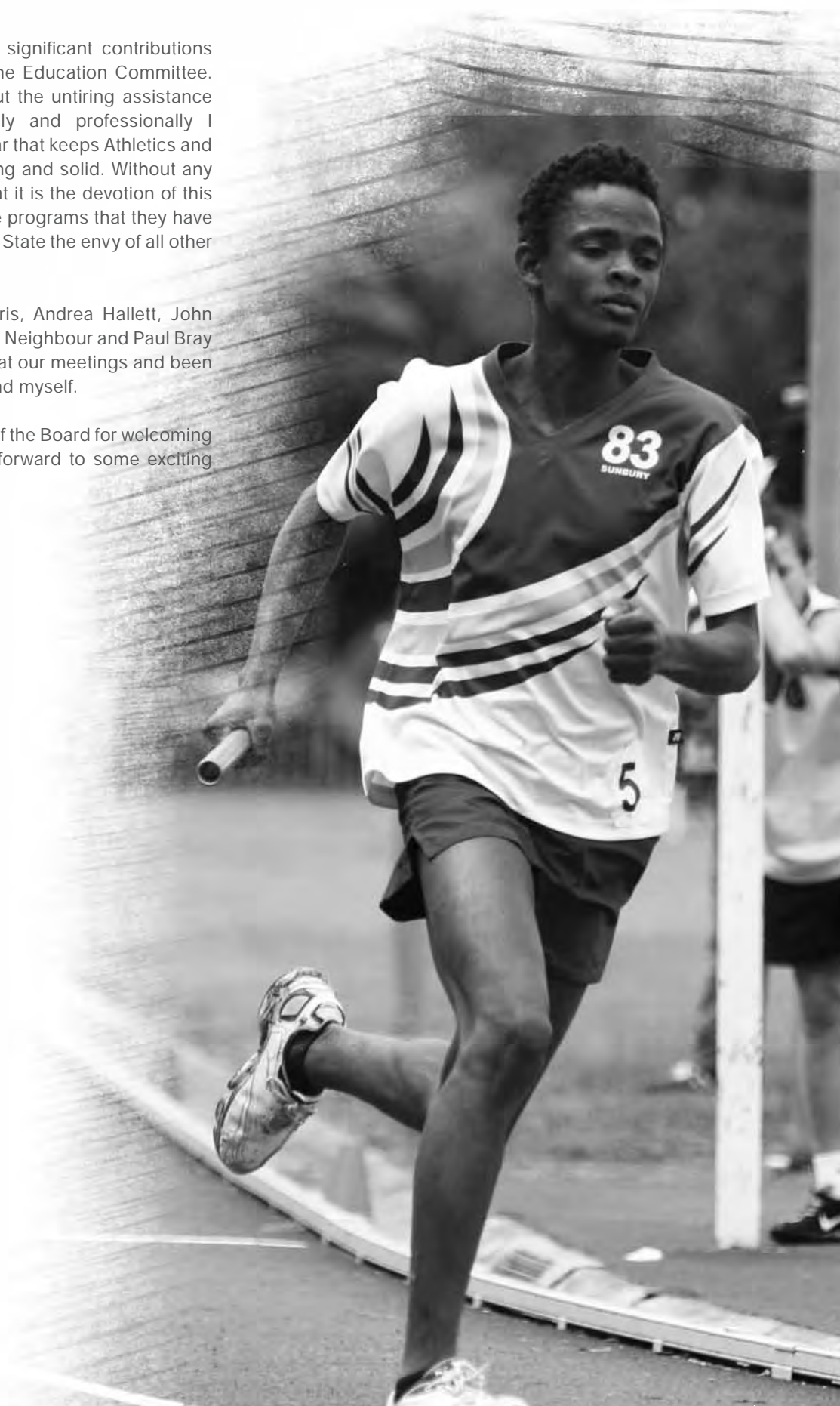
## Conclusion

Shane Bertrand has again made significant contributions to the aims and organisation of the Education Committee. None of this could happen without the untiring assistance of our coaches. Both personally and professionally I consider this group to be the mortar that keeps Athletics and particularly Little Athletics so strong and solid. Without any fear of contradiction I consider that it is the devotion of this group of people, implementing the programs that they have devised in a manner that make this State the envy of all other States.

The Committee itself, Neville Harris, Andrea Hallett, John McCall, Rosemary Merrigan, Bryan Neighbour and Paul Bray have all had continued presences at our meetings and been a tremendous support to Shane and myself.

I would like to thank the Members of the Board for welcoming me into their presence and look forward to some exciting times.

**Bernie Curtin**  
Education Director





## Membership Director

*2010/2011 has been an interesting year with the introduction of the two new portfolios. Although Business Assurance and Membership Development did not operate this year, a lot of time was spent determining job descriptions and preparing for the coming season.*

The Membership and Public Relations Committees worked closely together and held enjoyable and successful joint meetings.

Despite the efforts of the Board, staff and Centres we have seen the number of registered athletes fall to 19,500. The Commonwealth Games did little to encourage children to become Track and Field athlete and our own recruitment programs had less than the usual success. Many Centres also experienced lower retention rates than in previous years.

This has prompted us to look closely at the subject of Retention and to formulate several documents and a PowerPoint presentation on the topic. These will be part of the Our Future presentation at Centrefest. LAA has also adopted them to assist the other states, all of whom are facing similar problems.

### New Centres

This year we welcomed two new Centres to the Association. Yarram reformed after a long recess and Rutherglen affiliated for the first time. Both Centres have had a successful first year but now face the challenge of retaining their members in what has habitually become the "crunch" year. They will both need the continued support of the Office and their respective Regions.

### Centre Liaison

Over the last twelve months Board Members, Committee personnel, Staff, Region Executives and Life Governors have travelled to all corners of the state to attend Region and Centre meetings, Open Days, Championships, Presentation Nights and regular competition days.

As well as assessing each Centre for the Top Centre Award we have chaired meetings, presented medals, conducted workshops, inspected venues, given advice, answered questions and helped out where ever needed. The most valuable thing about visiting a Centre or Region is meeting and interacting with the people who personify our motto; most of our families are there for fun and fitness.

### LAPS

The program continued in 2010 with the emphasis changing from bookings by Centres to direct bookings from schools. While this meant that schools were interested in LAPS and found the sessions valuable, it also meant less Centre input and therefore less registrations. The overall cost only decreased by \$2,500 although 76 less schools were visited. The Board has therefore decided to charge schools \$30 per session to assist with the overall cost of running the program.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find Centre personnel to attend LAPS sessions so, as well as the usual Centre bookings, schools will be encouraged to initiate bookings themselves. Centres will be notified of all such bookings and asked to send a volunteer along if possible. All schools will receive (via the ADO) a leaflet with the contact details of their nearest Centre.

### McDonald's Bring a Friend"

Many Centres participated in "Bring a Friend", a proven way of gaining new members. However it is generally considered that this day causes too much work for our already busy Centre Committees. Next season, as well as the traditional post card in the registration packs, the invitation will be on the LAVic web site and athletes and friends will be able to register on-line for the competition.

### Awards and Rewards

Nominations for the Bendigo Bank Volunteer of the Year were up on last year and the task of choosing the recipient was difficult. It was decided that the winner should be someone whose contribution to the Association goes far beyond that expected of him in his official positions. He is a person who is involved at all levels and in many different roles.

The runners up take us back to original concept of the Volunteer of the Year Award. They are grass roots volunteers who have this year excelled in their contributions to their Centres. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to recognise the work done by our volunteers.





The IGA Officials Reward vouchers have again proved very popular. Each month the Office was inundated with little vouchers from individuals and Centres trying to win a \$200 IGA voucher. The final draw for a \$400 voucher will take place at Centrefest. This successful means of recognising our important officials will continue next season.

All volunteers who qualified by working at Region and State events are eligible to win Garuda Indonesia and Bali Niksoma Great Volunteer Escape. The lucky winner will be announced at the Gala Awards Dinner.

The IGA Docket Competition again gave participating Centres the opportunity to earn cash prizes. The onerous task of collating the dockets was simplified and despite the later start this year some Centres have achieved very respectable totals. The winners will be announced at Centrefest.

Competition for the prestigious Top Centre Award has again been close. Centres made every effort to improve on their 2009/10 and to win the gold cup. For the benefit of Centres that wish to compare their performance since the inception of this award, or just see how they rate against other Centres, we have prepared a summary document which will be available at Centrefest.

## Acknowledgements

I have served on the Membership Committee for seventeen years, eight of those as the Director. I have enjoyed these years and hope that I have contributed positively to our Association. With the new portfolios of Membership Development and Business Assurance being introduced I believe that it is time for some "new blood".

Therefore I have not nominated for the Board or for a Standing Committee. Thank you to those who have worked with me on the Membership Committee, to my fellow Board members- Kerry, Gordon, Steve, Andrew, Bernie and to Dean and the staff for their friendship and support over the years.

Finally, thank you to the entire Little Athletics family for making my years on the Board so varied and rewarding.

**Judy Wilmshurst**

Membership Director





## Public Relations Director

*The backbone of the Public Relations committee work this season has contributed to the enormous success of merchandise sales at State Championship events. With the sales now the responsibility of LAVic we have seen greater profits.*

With the final State Track & Field event being held at Olympic Park it was indeed a sad time for many athletes and officials so as a parting farewell we gathered a multitude of merchandise to sell to members.

This gave us the opportunity to sell off large quantities of items, enabling us to clear out space in the storage shed in preparation for many new items in the coming season.

With several events being held in smaller venues this year including Cross Country in Geelong, Multi Event in Shepparton and State Relays at Doncaster, this has meant the merchandise having to be sold in a marquee. This does restrict the volume of merchandise that can be taken due to the confined space. We are looking at this situation so it benefits both the members working in the Marquee and public who support us.

Quantities of Championships T-Shirts have been close to the anticipated sales. It is hard to accurately estimate from one season to another but I am pleased that we are getting it right on most occasions and very few t shirts are left over. The quick response to orders placed from our suppliers (Hot Sub) has been terrific. Many customers are happy to order when supplies run out knowing that the shirts will arrive within a couple of weeks. Dean Paulin along with staff members are to be commended for the designs of our t-shirts with many compliments being received.

Now is the time for members and Centres to advise what they would like to see in Merchandise. Plans are underway to introduce some very exciting products and member satisfaction is our aim.

The introduction of the \$1 levy has been welcomed by the PR committee as the donation cheque to the Royal Children's Hospital has certainly decreased over the years. The Royal Children's Hospital 'Change for Kids' and the Good Friday Appeal is something that Little Athletics has been involved with for 39 years now. This is our opportunity to give something back to the community, for our members, our athletes, to give a helping hand for ill children unable to compete in our wonderful sport.

Some of our own athletes have needed the services of the Royal Children's Hospital over a wide range of areas - some serious, some not so serious, some for a short time and some for many, many years. These athletes only highlight the wonderful services provided by the hospital and bring it closer to home, how quickly they may be needed and makes it all the more worthwhile.

There have been many ideas over the years to generate interest with themes now being left to the individual Centres, yet very few Centres become involved in the venture. This situation saddens me. An opportunity is being denied to athletes and their families who may wish to participate or who may wish to contribute.

For those Centres that grab the opportunity to be a part of our major fundraising effort - thank you. I am sure your athletes love the themes you choose to hold, the excitement on the day and for those that become winners of the awards we offer, enjoy the accolade.

*Congratulations to the following winners of our awards,*

**Most Revenue** - Casey - An amazing \$4240.50

**Most Revenue per Capita** - Skye Valley - \$14.63 per athlete

Our dedicated team of volunteers once again ran the Interactive Site on Good Friday at Etihad Stadium. To these volunteers, I thank you for making the day that is made special by dedicating your time on a public holiday as we would be unable to do so without this dedication. It is becoming evident that we need to revamp this site. The present committee is currently brainstorming on developing an 'On Track' style course for children to attract and showcase our sport, which will also involve colour and movement.

We were fortunate to have some of Australia's best athletes including Dale Stevenson, Sean Wroe, Aaron Rouge-Serret and our mascots Vicky and Victor on the day to run in our Celebrity race. The kids loved the interaction with these athletes and the opportunity to race against them prior to Luke Mitchell (Home & Away star) starting the race.





A small band of Casey athletes presented our cheque of \$4240.50 - on live television. This amount brings our overall total from that first cheque in 1972 to \$775,000.00.

What a wonderful accomplishment! With next year being our 40th Anniversary in conjunction with the Good Friday Appeal, the committee is working on making a special theme and having a target of at least \$40,000.00. I hope every Centre will be involved.

With the drop in registrations this season, it has been a case of having to tighten the belt and some items did not come to fruition. The merging of the Membership and Public Relations portfolios has also meant some structural changes, initially with both committees holding meetings together.

My heartfelt appreciation to my committee consisting of Marion Sparkes, Karen McNicol, Lexie Seward, Merle McBean, Tina Miller and Andrew Stirling. Karen and Lexie left our committee very early on in the season but have continued to assist on various occasions at events and I thank you for that assistance. This small band of people has worked hard to complete tasks often without my presence due to me being unable to get down to the city.

To Jo Linford - my Co-Ordinator, the extra burden I have placed on your shoulders with numerous tasks throughout the year must be acknowledged and commended. Thanks don't seem enough, but thank you, your diligence has kept us on track.

To the Membership Committee - Judy and Fred Wilmshurst, Andrew Edney, Andrew Roach, Dawn Vanderhorst, Mel Broekhoff and Malcolm Duncan thank you for your contribution at our combined meetings. Judy I wish you all the best for the future as you stand down as the Membership Director.

To my fellow Board members - Andrew, Gordon, Steve, Judy & Bernie, plus Dean, I thank you for your reassurances and support in what has been an up & down year for me.

The next season will bring changes to the new portfolio and I invite members to join the newly formed Standing Committee to achieve the desired tasks. It is my intention to nominate for the Directorship and I look forward to the new challenges that lay ahead. Please come and join me.

**Kerry Semfel**  
Public Relations Director





## General Manager

*Little Athletics Victoria has faced many challenges this year off the track however we have stuck to our tasks extremely well and delivered some outstanding results which we can be proud of in review. The year has passed in swift fashion and with a multitude of programs provided to members within a rigid budget we continue to offer a wonderful product at an extremely affordable price.*

***In finalising our Strategic Plan last year the Board of Management has fulfilled many of the initial tasks in a very short timeframe including;***

- A review and restructure of the Board of Management.
- Re-establishing relationships with athletics stakeholders both State and National.
- Establishing a communications strategy to cover a diverse range of members.
- Ensuring volunteers are proficient in all areas of the sport of athletics.
- Providing a clear, incremental pathway for athletes, coaches and officials.
- Combined key events with other athletic organisations.

It is our belief that Little Athletics in Victoria is a great product, however if we are to continue to mix it with other sports we need to review our current 'grass roots' weekly structure at all of our 102 venues in Victoria against the competition, and provide a clear program of events delivered in a shorter timeframe. The appeal for volunteers or parents to be involved in a 3-4 hour session is slowly dwindling and we all need to discuss options and embrace change. This will be heavily discussed at Centrefest and I encourage everyone to offer valid suggestions to ensure registrations remain healthy for the forthcoming season and beyond.

We had some outstanding improvements to the organisation as part of the 2010/11 season with communication and technology at the forefront of our assessments. The new and improved LAVic website has been the platform for many online registration events and live results were available for competitors at this year's State Track & Field Championships. These resources will be enhanced at various stages with Region websites created this year and similar services implemented. A big thank you to Kim John for her hard work within all aspects of the ecommerce portfolio.

Communication to all of our members has been a critical operational component that has required constant examination and revision. We have implemented a new server along with streamlined email addresses for Regions and Centres. In order for families to be fully aware of the products and events on offer to them, Centres must be diligent in collecting email addresses

throughout the year especially on registration days. The delivery of electronic news has been a wonderful success and the core of our advertising and promotion.

Registration reconciliation has been a major obstacle in previous years and registrars will enjoy changes next season with reports being generated automatically from IMG Sports Technology at the conclusion of each month. This combined with the registration rebate incentive will enhance productivity and procedures whilst generating revenue back to Centres.

The Board of Management elected to apply uniform licensing as part of the ongoing development and application of uniform guidelines in the future. Congratulations to our three preferred suppliers namely Fashion Clubwear, Hot Sub Sportswear and Lyon Sportswear on their partnerships with LAVic. This was implemented due to the plentiful amounts of garments that were presented as part of the uniform audit. With opportunities to produce lightweight and fashionable garments with modern designs this has proven extremely successful for those Centres that have already engaged our suppliers services. Now the community is aware that an athlete is present as the apparel carries our new logo.

The new logo has been slowly integrated throughout the organisation in administrative material and at LAVic events. The last phase of this immense task will take place in the impending season with signage and marquees at events carrying the new identity. All LAVic merchandise from Hot Sub has been sold at Championship events with positive feedback. A huge thank you to Hot Sub for their extensive service and support. Kevin, Leanne and Pooja have been tremendously accommodating and anyone ordering souvenirs at events were provided with t-shirts in a brief turn around schedule.

Little Athletics Victoria could not possibly operate without the generous support of our sponsors. Throughout the season we have generated new partners and also steered our existing relationships into better collaboration and results. The eagerness of our partners to leverage their commitment, along with our organisation and values has ensured our programs continually improve in a variety of portfolios within LAVic.





IGA	Gold Partner
McDonald's	Gold Partner
Hart Sport	Equipment Partner
Hot Sub Sportswear	Merchandise Partner
Sports In Focus	Photography Partner
Altegra	Marquee Partner
Medal & Trophy	Awards Partner
Garuda Indonesia	Awards Partner
Bali Niksoma Resort	Awards Partner
IMG Sports Technology	Awards Partner
Bendigo Bank	Awards Partner
Athletics Victoria	Support Partner
Good Friday Appeal	Official Charity
Ronald McDonald House	Official Charity
The Athletes Foot	Official Retailer (National)
AXA Australia	National Sponsor
Asics	National Sponsor
Willis Insurance	National Sponsor
ATFCA	National Sponsor
Lyon Sportswear	Uniform Licensee
Fashion Clubwear	Uniform Licensee

- We welcome Sports In Focus (SIF) as the new photographic partner of LAVic. The onsite screen displays at all Championship events has been welcomed by our members with the ability to purchase on the day of the event. Centres are encouraged to book SIF early for Centre visits to avoid disappointment.
- Hot Sub was selected as the official merchandise partner for LAVic and have supplied apparel of the best quality and design throughout the season. As one of the LAVic licensees they have been liaising with Centres regarding new uniforms and other products for volunteers or families. The uniforms at the Stawell Gift 'Little Athletics Handicap' events were fantastic.
- If any Centre is contemplating new equipment please make sure you purchase from Hart Sport and take advantage of your 10% discount on catalogue pricing. Your account details are already set up with sales.
- McDonald's advertising and promotion of Little Athletics has been exceptional and this year they assisted with the caps in the registration packs along with major sponsorship of the Stawell events. This relationship has grown stronger and stronger over the period and I would personally like to thank David Lionetti for his involvement and resources.

In the forthcoming weeks LAVic are seeking further sponsorship opportunities with leading businesses both locally and around Australia. If anyone within the little athletics community has any prospects for generating partnership arrangements we would welcome the chance to discuss a proposed campaign in conjunction with our brand.





The introduction of the McDonald's Little Athletics Handicaps at the Stawell Gift this year was a colossal success. Initially the approach was due to an extended four day program at Stawell because of Anzac Day falling on Easter Monday. The athletes were competing under the same rules as Victorian Athletic League athletes with coloured vests and handicap marks. The experience was truly cherished, as participating in this iconic sporting event for our members has never before been available. Stawell Athletic Club have offered LAVic a limited program at next years' carnival.

As the chapter closes on Olympic Park after many years the new home of athletics will be accommodated at the State Athletic Facility at Albert Park. The new (blue) track has been laid and LAVic events will be conducted at this venue in the season ahead. This is a much smaller boutique venue with grandstands in both the front and back straight. There will also be limited space for Centres to erect marquees at various sites.

Whilst we have many wonderful memories of the State Championship events conducted at Olympic Park and trust that the farewell photographs of athletes and officials will be treasured, we look forward with anticipation too new experiences at this venue. This facility will also house the administrative offices of Athletics Australia, Athletics Victoria and Little Athletics Australia.

The Association was successful in obtaining a grant from the Victorian Government this year which will assist in the preparation and distribution of a new Interactive Centre Resource Guide. This will be promoted and marketed as the backbone of information for our volunteers at Centre/Region level. With a systematic approach to finding information relative to your individual query or portfolio it will be a very unique and sought after tool.

These will be disseminated at Centrefest this year with further enhancements and production over the next twelve months. We value the support grants provide to both the organisation and Centres and recommend you visit the grants section of our website to find out more on how to obtain them or contact our resident guru Graham Lucas.

Centrefest has gathered momentum over the past few years and we look forward to another wonderful weekend with all our colleagues. This year we reintroduce a restructured AGM back in the program in the knowledge that regional Centres do not have to travel on separate occasions to participate in these events.

This congregation has always been for the members and we encourage as many Centres/Regions as possible to participate and learn new objectives and programs for the season ahead. It is always pleasurable to enjoy the exuberance and recognition of individuals at the Gala Awards Dinner

and I congratulate everyone who receives an award in their various categories in advance for their continued support and unrelenting service to the Association.

One of our major projects this year has been the formation of a Centre Software committee to examine the prospects of integrating a product throughout every Centre in Victoria in the near future as part of their affiliation costs. This venture has gained momentum in recent weeks with a likely product chosen as the preferred partner. This software will integrate with IMG Clubs Online for registration data along with a platform for results on Centre websites and at the venue in conjunction with existing or new gates. We are currently reviewing what additions are necessary including rewards points and flexibility, parent's rosters and more before piloting and implementing the product this season. This will no doubt assist many Centres who currently do not have a system in place. We also hope the results will be part of a state database whereby you can compare results with other athletes of similar age.

The continued improvements we strive for within the organisation are the backbone of our long term goals. This organisation like any business is complex to operate but even more so with the knowledge we are dealing with a multitude of volunteers.

***We always need to review our operations and reassess process although mindful we are trying to provide products and services that will assist our helpers. The major goals in the year ahead consist of;***

- Affiliation Restructure (Administrative & Fees)
- Registrations (Competitive, Ordinary)
- Online Registration for Events
- Centre Software (Product Enhancement & Implementation)
- Interactive Centre Resource Disk
- Little Athletics Structure (Centre Competition)
- Member Surveys
- On Track (Product & Implementation at all Centres)
- Communications (Websites LAVic/Regions, eNews, Grassroots/Centre level)
- Insurance Requirements

I would like to express my gratitude to the various portfolios starting with the Membership committee. Whilst registrations are down, the programs provided for our members have been strong. Centres did not support LAPS as in previous years which may be a pivotal statistic in determining our current status. The rewards and awards programs have been well supported and continue to gain momentum within the Little Athletics fraternity. I would like to thank both Fred and Judy Wilmshurst for their long term involvement and management of this portfolio. They have decided that like their car, they too are worn out after over 20 years involvement and look forward





to a lesser role within the Western Country Region. They have been ably supported by Melissa Broekhoff who has been effective in the promotion and delivery of these services.

This year with the automatic \$1 levy towards the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal we handed over a healthy cheque to the tune of \$42,289.04 with the excellent operations of the Public Relations committee. This coupled with record merchandise sales at Championship events has ensured we remain visible in the community which is extremely important for our organisation. Congratulations to Kerry Semfel and her team who will merge with Membership & Development under the new structure following the AGM.

After some lengthy competition analysis by Andrew Duncan events have been reviewed in a variety of areas with some fantastic changes seen on and off the track. Timetables and operations were reviewed for Championship events with further re-evaluation in the year ahead. There has been more emphasis on training and education of referees, starters and officials in general. The launch of the Officials Club will further enhance opportunities for our volunteers in the year ahead. In conjunction with the competition panel it has been a very successful year with great results and plenty to assess. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Lauren Dick who departed for greater opportunities in Canada earlier in the year. Her replacement Matt Collister has had a whirlwind start but his enthusiasm will take him a very long way.

The Education portfolio in Victoria as previously stated is a brilliant model. We have built a fantastic pathway for athletes and our coaching and education is of the very highest calibre. The structure and programs of this committee leaves no stone unturned and I would like to congratulate Bernie Curtin on his inaugural season at the helm. Educating all of our members is no easy task and Shane Bertrand has continually searched for more opportunities to expand our horizons. The programs on offer are your 'golden goose' so enrol various members of your Centre on courses in the forthcoming months and reap the benefits of knowledge.

With an anticipated loss for the third consecutive year we are mindful of cash flow and reserves within the organisation. Whilst still in a very sound environment we do not want to reduce any of our existing programs or services to members as we truly believe we are providing fantastic opportunities and pathways for our athletes, officials, coaches and volunteers. This has instigated some revenue changes including affiliation, registration and event fees increased in the year ahead. With registrations down over 10% this year equating to a loss of \$150k this has created a major hole in the LAVic budget. This was only the second time in our history we have dropped below twenty thousand registrations. We implore all Centres to participate in recruitment and retention programs this year to regenerate membership. Ultimately you are responsible for your own destiny; however the Association has programs to assist you to achieve these goals.

Given the success of the last Olympic year we look forward to a platform for sustained increase next season and beyond. It has been a difficult task in determining the budget for the 2011/12 season however I congratulate Steve Ryan on calculating some figures along with Julie Green that will hopefully deliver us a minimal profit next season. His capacity to fulfil this role in conjunction with other work and personal commitments has been outstanding.

To the President thank you once again on a tremendously hardworking year in delivering a variety of diverse issues to the forefront of our plans. Your commitment cannot be questioned and Little Athletics is a better product for your involvement. To my P.A. Jo, thank you for keeping me sane at times and organising a busy schedule which is of massive assistance. A big thank you to the partners and spouses of all our staff and BOM for allowing them to participate in the extended hours this job exudes.

Finally, a rousing applause to my new wife Sarah, for her unwavering support in my role. Along with my daughters and parents they provide me with support, inspiration and assistance when required to fulfil all the requirements of my passion.

*Good Luck to all in this truly wonderful Olympic year.*

**Dean Paulin**  
General Manager





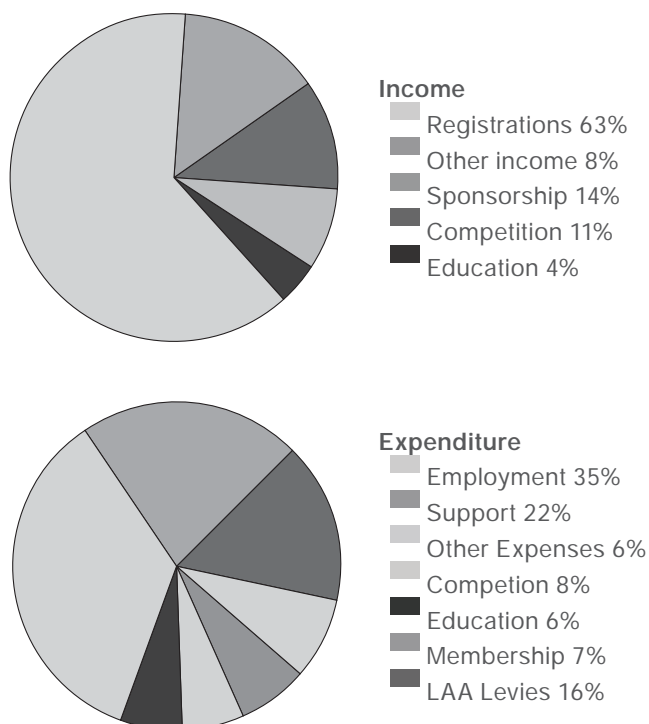
## Finance Director

*I would like to thank the Board of Management team, all staff and the finance sub-committee (Ian Brown, Gerard Hayes, Warren Patterson & Julie Green) for their support and contribution during the past 12 months.*

It has once again been a challenging year. With predicted registration numbers falling well short of our budgeted forecast. Whilst we report once again a deficit - this being the third year running, tight fiscal controls across all areas of your Association throughout the entire year have ensured our losses have been kept to a minimal.

Membership fees play a vital role in the financial success or otherwise of the association, so it is important that all centres take an active role in not only retaining members, but making a concerted effort to attract new members. New and innovative ways of how we run our programs will be the key to future success.

*It is interesting to see where our monies come from and what we spend it on. A quick analysis shows Income and Expense breakdowns as follows:*



Further information on our financial performance during the past 12 months will be provided at the AGM.

### **Budget 2010 / 2011 Comments & Notes:**

The budget presented in the following pages has been endorsed by the Board of Management. Increases in Affiliation, Event entry & registration fees have been shared with your regions, so hopefully these will not come as a surprise. Interim figures quoted for 2010/2011 will vary slightly from those presented in the Audited reports. At the time of writing this report the audit was not completed and adjustments were still to be finalised.

### **Affiliation Fees**

Introduction of a two tier system of \$50-00 or \$100-00 based on registration numbers from the previous year 150 or less and 151 or more - as reported in this annual report.

### **Event Entry Fees**

*Increases in some event entry costs are as follows:*

- Track & Field increase from \$5-00 to \$6-00 per event
- Cross Country increase from \$10-00 to \$15-00 per athlete
- Relay Team increase from \$10-00 to \$15-00 per team

### **Registration Fees**

Registration Fees have increased once again and are set at \$54-00 for the coming year. Last year we introduced an incentive scheme, and whilst we had some teething issues with implementation, clearly the scheme was well received and the association achieved significant improvement in cash flows. Benefits were also provided to centres. This year we will continue with the scheme and a separate hand-out will be provided during Centrefest clearly outlining all requirements regarding the scheme.

For budget purposes an assumption has been made that 70% of all athletes will be registered and reconciled by the deadline for the incentive scheme.

*We will also continue to set aside \$1-00 per registered athlete for each of the following*

- Royal Children's Hospital
- Centre Software
- Region subsidies





## Support

Levies for Little Athletics Australia, which are based on previous year's registration numbers have increased by -50c per athletes to \$10-50.

This year we are taking a conservative approach with Registration numbers. Whilst we anticipated an increase last year following the success of the Commonwealth Games, unfortunately we did not see the number rise as expected and as a result we fell well short on our budgeted income. Therefore we are budgeting for 19,750 with continued support with a marketing campaign through McDonalds. Centres are encouraged to make contact with all local schools and local media publications to complement the McDonalds campaign. Sponsorship remains an important aspect in keeping our registration costs down.

Changes to staffing levels within the office see a slight increase on last year's budget. This year, through a joint venture between Australian Sports Commission, Athletics Australia and Little Athletics Australia we shall be supporting a new role for a Development Officer. Their primary focus will be on increased participation rates across the whole spectrum of athletics in Australia. Two officers will be employed through the joint venture, situating one in Melbourne and one in Sydney.

Once again the budget is forecast to write a small surplus. The Association still remains in a sound financial position. However, to remain viable we cannot continue to eat into our reserves.

**Steve Ryan**

Finance Director & Vice President





## Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated.

### Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 May 2011

#### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

Your board members submit the financial report of the Little Athletics Association of Victoria Inc. for the financial year ended 31 May 2011.

#### Board Members

The names of board members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

**Gordon Major (President)**

**Steve Ryan (Finance)**

**Bernie Curtin (Education)**

**Andrew Duncan (Competition)**

**Neville Harris (Education- resigned)**

**Andrew Stirling (Acting PR)**

**Judy Wilmshurst (Membership)**

**Kerry Semfel (PR)**

**Dean Paulin (General Manager)**

#### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

- Promotion of athletic participation for 5 to 15 year olds through schools;
- Education of Athletes and coaches through camps, JDS, and the ITC programs;
- Conduct Region and State competition events;
- Register members and affiliate Centres (and Clubs) and manage the Association affairs in line with the Constitution.

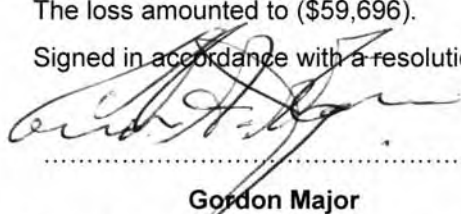
#### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

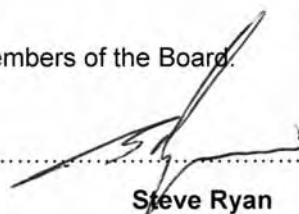
#### Operating Result

The loss amounted to (\$59,696).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board.



**Gordon Major**



**Steve Ryan**

Dated this.....11<sup>th</sup>..... day of.....July.....2011





***Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated***

**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2011**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue	2	1,367,928	<b>1,269,960</b>
Cost of Sales		(55,173)	(43,542)
Employee benefits expense		(469,538)	(499,469)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(68,455)	(73,161)
Competition expenses		(130,750)	(116,243)
Education expenses		(109,945)	(114,689)
Public Relations expenses		(13,870)	(37,815)
Membership expenses		(92,778)	(66,940)
ALA Insurance & Levies		(230,407)	(218,306)
Operating lease expense	17	(9,000)	(9,000)
Other Support Expenses		(247,708)	(192,230)
Finance costs		-	-
Profit/(Loss) before income tax		(59,696)	(101,435)
Income tax expense	4	-	-
<b>Profit/(Loss) from operations</b>		<b>(59,696)</b>	<b>(101,435)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



***Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated***

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MAY 2011**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	674,580	710,497
Trade and other receivables	8	169,800	96,278
Inventories	9	33,265	45,791
Other current assets	10	87,368	91,499
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>965,013</b>	<b>944,065</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets	11	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	12	812,091	852,251
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>812,091</b>	<b>852,251</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,777,104</b>	<b>1,796,316</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	13	100,199	104,926
Short-term financial liabilities	14	4,407	7,518
Current tax liabilities	15	57,465	9,143
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>162,071</b>	<b>121,587</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>162,071</b>	<b>121,587</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,615,033</b>	<b>1,674,729</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves	16	538,073	538,073
Retained earnings		1,076,960	1,136,656
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>1,615,033</b>	<b>1,674,729</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.





***Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated***

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2011**

	Retained Earnings	Revaluation Reserves	Realisation Reserves	Total \$
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Balance at 1 June 2009</b>	<b>1,238,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>521,110</b>	<b>1,759,201</b>
Profit/(Loss) attributable to members	(101,435)			(101,435)
<b>Balance at 31 May 2010</b>	<b>1,136,656</b>	<b>16,963</b>	<b>521,110</b>	<b>1,674,729</b>
Profit/(Loss) attributable to members	(59,696)	-	-	(59,696)
Revaluation increment	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 May 2011</b>	<b>1,076,960</b>	<b>16,963</b>	<b>521,110</b>	<b>1,615,033</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



***Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated***

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2011**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Registrations		913,780	840,976
Government Grants		53,160	49,007
Sponsorships & Rebates		178,587	152,705
Other Income		279,445	274,318
Interest received		22,482	19,086
Settlement monies		-	10,000
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,434,578)	(1,322,957)
Net cash provided by operating activities	21	<u>12,876</u>	<u>23,135</u>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	9,545
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(28,675)	(87,471)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(28,675)</u>	<u>(77,926)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings		(15,360)	-
Deposits paid		(4,296)	(16,109)
Funds held in trust		(462)	(53,271)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>(20,118)</u>	<u>(69,380)</u>
 Net increase in cash held		(35,917)	(124,171)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		710,497	834,668
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	7	<u><b>674,580</b></u>	<u><b>710,497</b></u>
The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.			





## ***Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated***

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2011**

#### **NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report covers *Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated* as an individual entity. *Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated* is an association incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporations Act 1981.

##### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and the Associations Incorporations Act 1981.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial report containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below. They have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements 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.

##### **Accounting Policies**

###### **a. Income Tax**

As a not for profit organisation under the Australian Tax guidelines (NAT 7967) *Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated* is not required to pay Income Tax and therefore no tax is calculated or reported.

###### **b. Inventories**

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

###### **c. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

##### **Plant and equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

The cost of fixed assets constructed within the association includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowing costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

##### **Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including building and capitalised lease assets, are depreciated on a straight-line basis or diminishing value over their useful commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2011**

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Buildings & Improvements	<b>2.5 %</b>
Office Furniture	<b>20 %</b>
Vehicles & Office Equipment	<b>25 %</b>
Computer Software	<b>40 %</b>
Athletics Equipment	<b>25 %</b>

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

**d. Leases**

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

The association currently has no finance leases.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**e. Financial Instruments**

**Recognition**

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist.

**f. Impairment of Assets**

At each reporting date, 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 income statement.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

**g. Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

**h. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

**i. Revenue and other income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.





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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2011**

#### **NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

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

**j. Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis.

**k. Comparative Figures**

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

**l. Trade and Other Payables**

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

**m. Provisions**

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

**n. Key Estimates- Impairment**

The Association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the group that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

**o. Key Judgements- Doubtful Debt Provision**

The Association makes no provision of doubtful debts. Any bad debts are written off as expenses by the Board of Management when identified.

#### **NOTE 2: REVENUE**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Operating activities		
— Registrations	830,704	764,523
— Competition income	151,488	152,103
— Education income	54,880	57,501
— Public Relations income	76,012	63,398
— Government Grants	48,327	45,596
— Sponsorships & Rebates	162,352	138,823
— Settlement monies	-	10,000
— Insurance recoveries	1,780	
— Other Support area	19,941	19,214
— Interest received	22,444	18,802
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,367,928</b>	<b>1,269,960</b>



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<b>NOTE 3: PROFIT</b>		<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>a. Expenses</b>			
Cost of Sales		55,173	43,542
Employee benefits expense		469,538	499,469
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		68,455	73,161
Competition expenses		130,750	116,243
Education expenses		109,945	114,689
Public Relations expenses		13,870	37,815
Membership expenses		92,778	66,940
ALA Insurance & Levies		230,407	218,306
Other Support Expenses		247,708	192,230
Rental expense on operating leases			
Minimum lease payments		9,000	9,000
Total Expenses		<u>1,427,624</u>	<u>1,371,395</u>

### **NOTE 4: INCOME TAX EXPENSE**

As a non-profit sporting organisation based solely in Australia, Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated is exempt from paying Income Tax or lodging a return.

### **NOTE 5: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION**

No member of the board receives remuneration for services as a director or Board member.

There are no members within the association whose remuneration is required to be disclosed.

<b>NOTE 6: AUDITORS' REMUNERATION</b>		<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Remuneration of the auditor of the association for:			
—	auditing or reviewing the financial report	6,400	6,200
—	Other services	2,200	2,100





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**NOTE 7: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	13,710	136,744
Short-term bank deposits	660,870	573,753
	<u>674,580</u>	<u>710,497</u>

The effective interest rate on short-term bank deposits was 3.62% (2010: 2.78%); these deposits have average maturity of 39 days.

Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	<u>674,580</u>	<u>710,497</u>
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**NOTE 8: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
CURRENT		
Trade Debtors	165,464	94,358
Sundry Debtors	4,336	1,920
	<u>169,800</u>	<u>96,278</u>

**NOTE 9: INVENTORIES**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
CURRENT		
Merchandise	31,725	34,250
On Track	1,540	9,632
Library	-	1,909
Total Inventory	<u>33,265</u>	<u>45,791</u>

**NOTE 10: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
CURRENT		
Prepayments	79,884	74,752
Accrued Income	1,093	1,131
Items Held for Charity Auction	2,095	885
Deposits Paid	4,296	14,731
Total other current assets	<u>87,368</u>	<u>91,499</u>

**NOTE 11: FINANCIAL ASSETS**

This association holds no investments other than short term deposits on call as detailed in Note 7.



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<b>NOTE 12: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Freehold Land &amp; Building</b>		
Land – Port Melbourne	159,220	159,220
Building – Port Melbourne	545,195	545,195
Capital Improvements to Port Melbourne	144,795	144,795
Accumulated Depreciation Port Melbourne	(148,134)	(129,210)
<b>Total Freehold Land &amp; Building</b>	<b>701,076</b>	<b>720,000</b>
<b>Office Equipment</b>		
Office Equipment at Cost	166,276	143,161
Office Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(132,680)	(111,761)
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>33,596</b>	<b>31,400</b>
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>		
Motor Vehicles at Cost	41,885	41,703
Motor Vehicles Accumulated Depreciation	(14,771)	(6,314)
<b>Total Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>27,114</b>	<b>35,389</b>
<b>Office Furniture</b>		
Office Furniture at Cost	20,017	17,052
Office Furniture Accumulated Depreciation	(7,185)	(4,789)
<b>Total Office Furniture</b>	<b>12,832</b>	<b>12,263</b>
<b>Athletics Equipment</b>		
Athletics Equipment at Cost	116,149	114,485
Athletics Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(89,969)	(75,966)
<b>Total Athletics Equipment</b>	<b>26,180</b>	<b>38,519</b>
<b>Computer Software</b>		
Computer Software at Cost	9,826	9,618
Computer Software Accumulated Depreciation	(8,208)	(7,409)
<b>Total Computer Software</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>2,209</b>
<b>Intangible Assets</b>		
Intangible Assets at Cost	640	640
Intangible Assets Accumulated Amortisation	-	-
	<b>640</b>	<b>640</b>
<b>Blackhole Expenditure</b>		
Blackhole Expenditure at Cost	13,979	13,979
Blackhole Expenditure Accumulated Amortisation	(4,944)	(2,148)
	<b>9,035</b>	<b>11,831</b>
<b>Total Property &amp; Equipment at Cost</b>	<b>1,217,982</b>	<b>1,189,848</b>
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation and Amortisation</b>	<b>(405,891)</b>	<b>(337,597)</b>
<b>Total Property &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>812,091</b>	<b>852,251</b>



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#### **Movements in carrying amounts**

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

	<b>Land Building &amp; Improvements</b>	<b>Office Equip &amp; Furniture</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>Athletic Equipment</b>	<b>Computer Software</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Balance at 1 June 2009	717,487	41,502	18,040	51,299	2,604
Additions	4,200	27,603	35,145	6,514	834
Revaluations	16,963	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	(11,237)	-	-
Depreciation expense	(18,650)	(25,442)	(6,559)	(19,294)	(1,229)
Balance at 31 May 2010	720,000	43,663	35,389	38,519	2,209
Additions	-	26,080	723	1,664	208
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	(380)	-	-
Depreciation expense	(18,924)	(23,315)	(8,618)	(14,003)	(799)
Carrying amount at 31 May 2011	701,076	46,428	27,114	26,180	1,618

	<b>Intangible Assets</b>	<b>Blackhole Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Balance at 1 June 2009	640	644	832,216
Additions	-	13,174	87,470
Revaluations	-	-	16,963
Disposals	-	-	(11,237)
Depreciation expense	-	(1,987)	(73,161)
Balance at 31 May 2010	640	11,831	852,251
Additions	-	-	28,675
Revaluations	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	(380)
Depreciation expense	-	(2,796)	(68,455)
Carrying amount at 31 May 2011	640	9,035	812,091





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#### **NOTE 13: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade payables	19,724	34,092
Accrued Expenses	124	112
Funds held for Bushfire Appeal	2,800	3,160
Funds held on behalf of Royal Children's Hospital	9	260
Funds held for Flood Appeal	1,360	-
Provision for employee entitlements	32,824	34,048
Provision for new Centre assistance	3,196	3,760
Provision for Inter Athletics Development	-	3,363
Provision for Regional Development Funding	12,613	-
Provision for Software Development Funding	19,726	-
Income received in advance	2,849	
PAYG Withholding liability	4,974	26,131
	<b>100,199</b>	<b>104,926</b>

#### **NOTE 14: UNEARNED INCOME**

This amount represents funds received for programs which have not yet been fully expended.

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Sport and rec. Victoria (SRV)	1,702	1,702
Vic Health	1,705	4,527
Federal Gov. Grant	-	1,289
Dept for Victorian Communities	1,000	-
	<b>4,407</b>	<b>7,518</b>

#### **NOTE 15: TAX**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
As a non- profit sporting organisation based solely in Australia, Little Athletics Association of Victoria Inc. is exempt from paying Income Tax or lodging a return.		
Victorian Little Athletics Association lodges and pays GST on a monthly basis.		

Total GST Liability	<b>57,465</b>	<b>9,143</b>
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#### **NOTE 16: RESERVES**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Realisation Reserve</b>		
The realisation reserve records profits realised from the sale of property.	521,110	521,110
<b>Revaluation Reserve</b>		
The revaluation reserve records revaluation of assets	16,963	16,963
	<b>538,073</b>	<b>538,073</b>



## **Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated**

### **NOTE 17: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>(a) Finance Lease Commitments</b>		
The Association has no current finance lease commitments.	-	-
<b>(b) Operating Lease Commitments</b>		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements		
Payable - minimum lease payments		
- not later than 12 months	9,000	9,000
- between 12 months and 5 years	4,500	13,500
- greater than 5 years	-	-
	<u>13,500</u>	<u>22,500</u>

### **NOTE 18: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS**

There have been no significant events since 31 May 2011 that would affect the financial position of the association.

### **NOTE 19: EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE**

There have been no significant events since 31 May 2011 that would affect the financial position of the association.

### **NOTE 20: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There have been no related party transactions during the year.

### **NOTE 21: CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax</b>		
Profit after income tax	(59,696)	(101,435)
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit		
— Depreciation	68,455	73,161
— Increase/(Decrease) in employee benefits	6,083	11,954
— Grants	-	(11,512)
— LAVic Donation	19,726	5,000
— Development Funds	32,339	-
— Net (gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	380	1,692
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries		
— (Increase)/decrease in trade and term debtors	(73,521)	(36,560)
— (Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(5,133)	(297)
— (Increase)/decrease in accrued income	38	1,481
— (Increase)/decrease in inventories	12,526	4,777
— Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	11,941	58,420
— Increase/(decrease) in unearned income	(3,111)	16,454
— Increase/(decrease) in income received in advance	2,849	-
	<u>12,876</u>	<u>23,135</u>



***Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated***

**STATEMENT BY BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

In the opinion of the board of management the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 15:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated as at 31 May 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

President ..... 

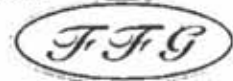
**Gordon Major**

Finance Director ..... 

**Steve Ryan**

Dated this ..... 11<sup>th</sup> ..... day of ..... July ..... 2011





**LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
**ABN: 47 646 887 442**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED**

**Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 May 2011 and the income statement and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the board.

*Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The board of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 Victoria. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing 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 judgment, 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 entity'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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

*Independence*

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

*Auditor's Opinion*

In our opinion:

The financial report of Victorian Little Athletics Association Incorporated is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 Victoria including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 May 2011 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 Victoria.

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