



# Annual Report

2021/22





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## Our Mission

**“Through the enjoyment of athletics, develop positive attitudes and a healthy lifestyle for our children, families and community.”**





## THE BOARD IN 2021 / 2022

		End of Term
Elected Director	<b>Steve Waugh - President</b>	2022
Elected Director	<b>Malcolm Duncan</b>	2022
Elected Director	<b>Brett Schofield</b> (resigned 03.04.22)	2022
Elected Director	<b>Jenni Tierney</b>	2022
Elected Director	<b>Ross McIlveen</b>	2023
Elected Director	<b>Erina Cunningham</b>	2023
Elected Director	<b>Shoshana Simonovski</b>	2023
Appointed Director	<b>Russell Dmytrenko - Vice President</b>	2022
Appointed Director	<b>Danielle Wruck</b>	2022

## THE TEAM IN 2021 / 2022

Chief Executive Officer:	<b>Anthony McIntosh</b>
GM: Competition & Education:	<b>Shane Bertrand</b>
Finance, Governance & Risk:	<b>Julie Green</b>
e-Commerce & Technology:	<b>Kim John</b>
Communications & Marketing:	<b>Nathan Gjorgievski</b>
Membership, Programs & Merchandise:	<b>Taylah Perry</b> (resigned 10.12.21)
Membership, Programs & Merchandise:	<b>Stephanie Kavenagh</b> (commenced 11.01.22; resigned 13.04.22).
Competition Development (casual):	<b>Debbie Baskin</b>
Development Officer (casual):	<b>Rob Belli</b>
Development Officer (casual):	<b>Doug Cobbledick</b>
Technical support (casual):	<b>Graham Lucas</b>
Membership, Events & Merchandise:	<b>Andrew Pryn</b> (commenced 06.06.22)
GM – Competition & Education:	<b>Shane Bertrand</b> (resigned 21.07.22)



# LIFE GOVERNORS

Year	Name	Year	Name
1974	Trevor Billingham (dec)	1992	Lois Daffy (dec)
1975	Alan Triscott (dec)	1993	Irene Harris
1977	Max McLennan (dec)	1994	Ray Canning
1977	George Nevitt (dec)	1994	Gordon Major
1979	Alan Brumley (dec)	1995	John Doherty
1979	Jim Jamieson (dec)	1995	Meggsie Harvey
1979	Jim Mason (dec)	1995	Peter Jones (dec)
1979	Bruce Seeley	1995	Ian Sparkes
1979	Norm Walsh (dec)	1996	Judy Jones (dec)
1980	Pat Harris	1997	Campbell Cain
1980	Mal Hastie (dec)	1997	Golda Cain
1980	Keith Maughan	1997	Malcolm Francis
1980	Mary McLennan (dec)	1998	Ian Thompson
1980	John Spicer (dec)	1999	Allen Carey
1980	Bill Vincent (dec)	1999	Tammy Fry
1981	Ron Brown (dec)	1999	Pam Mulholland
1981	Noel Deller	1999	Shirley Scherger (dec)
1981	Gordon Murphy (dec)	2000	Don Baker
1982	Bert Edwards (dec)	2000	Robyn Van Lieshout
1982	Wes Osborne (dec)	2002	Noel Rasti
1982	Lockie Purton	2002	Merle McBean (dec)
1982	Jim Stewart	2002	Sylvia Cook
1983	Les Armstrong	2003	Dave DaFonte (dec)
1983	Margaret Caldecoat (dec)	2003	Beth Girdwood
1983	Bill Field	2004	Jeff Hawkins
1983	Peter Taylor (dec)	2005	Gwen Timmins
1984	Maureen O'Callaghan	2005	Peter Frenken
1984	Randall Robinson	2007	Christine Doubleday
1984	John Treanor (dec)	2007	Robert Zuber
1985	Peter Bailey	2007	Christine Billingham (dec)
1985	Don Blyth	2009	Neville Harris
1985	Norm Esh (dec)	2009	Fred Wilmshurst
1985	Alan Johnson	2009	Judy Wilmshurst
1985	Andrew Osborne	2010	Ian Brown
1985	Bruce Reynolds (dec)	2010	Graham Lucas
1985	Bill Toohey (dec)	2011	Marion Sparkes
1985	Ken Wyles (dec)	2012	Steve Cowburn
1986	Charles Gorman	2013	Carol Timmins
1986	Eric Wenckowski (dec)	2014	Margaret Carty
1988	Bernadette Barnett (dec)	2014	Andrew Stirling
1988	Peter Hendy	2014	Rosalie Wilson
1991	Lawrie Barnett	2015	Debbie Baskin
1991	Tim Berriman (dec)	2015	Shaz Cairns
1991	John Guerra	2016	Steven Lopes
1991	David Tracy	2016	Gordon Loughnan
1992	Keith O'Donohue (dec)	2017	David Green
1992	John Ellem (dec)	2018	Aileen Barrat Zanelli
1992	Ian Fisher	2021	Nicole Lopes
1992	Wes Heywood (dec)		

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

My first full year as President has been fascinating and has seen Little Athletics at every level face down continuing challenges on several fronts. It will be a year that will not be easily forgotten. But, to emerge from the previous pandemic-impacted years in the rude state of health that we now find ourselves in is remarkable and an absolute credit to our athletes, families, Centre & Region Committees, our armies of volunteers and the LAVic team.

## COVID-19

While we were given a sense of the significance of the pandemic with the immediate introduction of serious restrictions by the Victorian Government back in 2020, few would have envisioned its impact and duration. With the benefit of two years of perspective, hence, it was hugely gratifying to see our Centres do their best to kick-start Little Athletics activities at the outset of the 21/22 season. Against the odds, Little Athletics was one of the first community sports to recommence, and it did so brilliantly. Notwithstanding the delayed start of the season, that our membership signed up in droves – 1359 more athletes than 20/21, up 9.6% - is an absolute credit those that put in many, many hours of planning and more hours of volunteering for the express benefit of our kids. Somewhat disappointingly, while the smaller, more agile competitions occurring at Centre level could commence, our Region Relay Carnivals and State Relay Championship events fell victim to the restrictions limiting large gatherings and events in place at the time. Post-Christmas, with the lifting of restrictions, our Region and State event calendar was at long last allowed to resume almost normal operations. While it is not certain if we have seen the back of the pandemic, should it strike again, we can be assured that our

sport is well prepared to endure at every level.

I thank our LAVic team for the way in which they have responded to this challenge over the past two seasons. They have spent a great deal of that time working remotely and have provided our sport with guidance and advice that has seen Little Athletics emerge from this pandemic in better shape than most other sports.

## OneAthletics

In December 2021, the OneAthletics project and proposal failed to gain the support of senior athletics and Little Athletics Member Associations. Many hours of online meetings and deliberations took place across the levels of athletics in Australia during the preceding three-years. The debates were passionate, entered into with a spirit co-operation and the perspective of desiring to take the sport to a better place for the express benefit of our kids and the sport of athletics. Those of us involved learned a great deal about our senior athletics colleagues and our interstate Little Athletics colleagues, contemporary thinking and directions in Australian sport, and future opportunities for Little Athletics.

## ALAC

As much a symbolic and victorious emergence from the pandemic as a brilliantly executed event, was the Australian Little Athletics Championships, held at Lakeside Stadium on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022. It would be difficult to think of a more fitting way to end the 21/22 season than to host the national Championships and welcome hundreds of local and interstate athletes to Melbourne for the first time in far too long. Amongst the highlights of an almost flawless program

was the introduction of Multi-Class competition (the details of which can be read about in the report following), the Hall of Fame function on the Saturday night, and the benign weather (never a given in Melbourne)! The challenge will be up to Little Athletics Australia to top that experience when ALAC returns to Lakeside Stadium again in 2023.

### **Board of Directors**

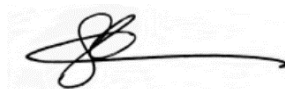
The Director elections at the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) saw the board maintain its mandated gender quota minimum with four female members on our board of nine Directors. With two retiring female directors in the upcoming elections, the challenge is to maintain this quota.

The 2022 AGM will also see two board members - Jenni Tierney and Danielle Wruck - step down having each completed a two-year term; a third Director, Brett Schofield, resigned from the Board in April 2022. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Danielle, Jenni, and Brett for their outstanding contributions to our sport throughout their time on the board.

### **The Year Ahead**

As we face into an uncertain season ahead, I would like to extend my gratitude to Anthony McIntosh and his team for the dedication and leadership that they provide our sport. Each team member in our small state office plays a valuable role to the administration of our sport and despite what challenges lay ahead I am confident in their ability to rise to them and provide the guidance and support necessary to our Centres and Regions.

I also look forward to welcoming a new team of Board Members with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to help tackle the never-ending strategic issues that face us and our sport. There is much still to be achieved!



Steve Waugh

**President**





# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The 21/22 season will go down in history as the year the Victorian community emerged from COVID-19 pandemic induced restrictions, the extent and severity of which were as tough as any community were forced to endure anywhere in the world. The impact on our sport was severe from local club & Centre level up to the State Association level where day to day operations were completely curtailed by State Government imposed restrictions (early in the season) to mildly impacted (most of the season).

Notwithstanding, as the following pages will attest, Little Athletics Victoria has emerged from 21/22 in good shape: it's soundly governed by a stable Board; it has a very capable team of employees that care deeply for the sport; it has a robust membership of passionate athletes, families, volunteers, Centres and Regions that deliver quality children's athletics activities to their communities; it's posted a financial surplus. These are solid assets on which to sustain and build a future on.

## **Membership**

Notwithstanding COVID-19 restrictions, membership across the Association has bounced back well in 21/22 with 15,503 competitive members (athletes), up from 13,919 in the previous pandemic-impacted season, but still down on the 15,875 of the 19/20 season. Pleasingly, however, 67 of the 96 affiliated Centres registered equal membership or better over the previous season.

Sadly, a handful of Centres ceased operations during the pandemic. Despite efforts, the prospect of resurrecting some of these is, frankly, remote without operational continuity and a committed core volunteers with the desire and energy to make it happen. We hope we will again see the likes of Woodend, Corner Inlet, Edenhope, Beaufort, and Bar-

Rook Centres conducting Little Aths activities for their local kids again.

On a positive note, Surf Coast Little Athletics Centre (SCLAC) commenced operations on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November. With a queue of over one hundred metres long of parents and kids patiently waiting to enter the venue, the first day of operations was a riot of activity and a triumph of planning and persistence by the fledgling committee. In a growing community with many parents willing the Centre to success, SCLAC has a bright & long future ahead of it.

## **Volunteers**

It is important to recognise the strain the pandemic has placed Little Athletics volunteers under at every level. Our volunteers have done a mighty job keeping Centres operating amidst onerous compliance requirements, significant additional responsibilities, and tasks – often bestowed with little or no notice – and the ever-present threat of families contracting COVID-19 while at Little Athletics. It is our sincere hope that QR Codes, vaccination status, COVID Safe Officials, sanitised equipment, and the like are soon consigned to history as far as Little Aths is concerned.

## **OneAthletics**

The OneAthletics proposal to merge Little Athletics Australia (LAA) with Athletics Australia (AA) was put to the vote on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and was rejected by the voting Member Associations. OneAthletics was the culmination of over three years of project work, discussions, debates, meetings and deliberations across Little Athletics and senior athletics. Some positives to emerge are a reinvigorated LAA, improved relationships between the national body and its State affiliates, and significantly higher levels of co-operation between the State associations.

Should these continue, Little Athletics will benefit greatly.

**Thanks:**

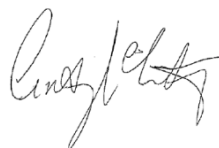
- Thanks to the hardworking Committees of our member Centres. The responsibility they individually and collectively shoulder for the sport is enormous and no more so than over the past 12 months. That so many individuals volunteer to keep our sport running at the most important and fundamental level is amazing.
- Thanks to the seven Region Committees and their members who give up many hours of their year for the love of our sport. They too are volunteers; many have already contributed years to Little Athletics; many sit on both their Centre and Region Committees; others do all the above and parent as well. The Regions remain a vitally important part of Little Athletics structure.
- Thanks to our parents/guardians, athletes, and their siblings. Participating in community sport is a team effort, and while often rewarding, it has its challenging times. I hope all families can look back at their direct or incidental involvement with fondness in years to come.
- Thanks to the hardworking LAVic team – Shane Bertrand, Julie Green, Kim John, Taylah Perry, Nathan Gjorgievski, Debbie

Baskin, Andrew Pryn, Graham Lucas, Rob Belli & Doug Cobbledick. The team pulled some enormous hours, encountered no end of daunting challenges and deep frustrations, faced into too many issues beyond their control, and went the extra mile time & time again to keep Little Athletics rolling. Yet, they stuck to the task, and we are lucky to have them.

- Thanks to the LAVic Board, led by President Steve Waugh, who continue to meet every month by videoconference and deliberate and discuss the challenges and successes with enthusiasm. At the conclusion of the 2022 AGM, Finance Director Danielle Wruck and Jenni Tierney will be stepping away from the Board. We thank both for their wisdom and contributions over the past two years and wish them well in their post LAVic endeavours.

As 21/22 formally comes to a close, I wish all every success for the 22/23 season.

Regards,



**Anthony McIntosh**  
**Chief Executive Officer**









# OPERATIONS REPORT:

## Phase 1 – Grow the Sport

- **Help Regions and Centres thrive and excite our athletes and families about Little Athletics.**
- **Improve the Little Athletics experience for athletes, families, and volunteers.**

### 1.1 Grow Centre Committee capabilities

Central to LAVic's strategy of growing Centre capabilities was the appointment of a second Development Officer (DO), following a successful trial of the role in 20/21. Doug Cobbledick, a Life Member of Nathalia LAC, and long-time servant of the sport, joined Rob Belli in the DO role giving LAVic greater capacity to engage with Centres directly. The DO role provides LAVic the opportunity to directly engage with Centres and provide advice and support on the many facets of Centre operations.

Upon emerging from COVID-19-induced disruption into the 21/22 season, many Centres struggled to cope with increased COVID-19-related compliance requirements and a loss of volunteer capacity over the previous 18 months. The DO work undertaken by Rob & Doug was instrumental in helping many Centres resume normal operations in uncertain times.

For the second year running, the annual LAVic Conference was delivered online. While a different Conference experience from the traditional model, the format provides for the delivery of key information to Centres for, as it turns out, weeks and months beyond the event itself.

### 1.2 Increase the number of active coaches in Victorian Little Athletics Centres

Central to growing the number of active coaches in Little Athletics is the delivery of coach education interventions. The

pandemic-delayed commencement of the 21/22 season greatly reduced the opportunity to schedule and conduct coach education courses in the early weeks of the season. Notwithstanding, it is hoped this can be rectified in 22/23 should the season commence without disruption and delay. Coaches remain critical to the delivery of high-quality Little Athletics experiences for athletes and families, and our collective ability to inspire parents to take up introductory coaching roles at their Centres is more important than ever.

Sport & Recreation Victoria, through its 'Together More Active' grant program, has funded LAVic to grow its female coaching population. While, again, the planned activities were greatly disrupted by the pandemic early in the season, funded opportunities were given to aspiring female coaches to undertake the 'Introduction to Teach Little Athletics Skills' program, involvement with skills clinics, and coaching roles with the Junior Development Squad program.

### 1.3 Rebuilding the Regions

The Regions remain fundamentally important to the successful administration of the Association's operations. Region committees continue to organise competitions allowing athletes to progress to the State Championships, provide valuable support to their Centres, champion, recruit prospective Region-standard officials and intervene to assist resolve disputes at local level. Since the complete overhaul of the Region regulations in 2020, both LAVic and Regions are continuing to adjust to the new procedures.

The establishment of the Development Officer positions was a direct consequence of the 2017 Region review. Upon the program's successful trial in 20/21, a second DO was appointed for 21/22. The roles are designed to provide an extension of the traditional support Regions have provided to Centres. During the 21/22 season, Centres received over thirty visits from LAVic's Development Officers.

Two significant failures to LAVic's office-located email servers late in 2021



prompted a sooner than planned migration to the Association's email function to cloud-based storage. Consequently, Regions & Centres now also enjoy added email security, document security and functionality with the Office365 suite of products.

LAVic (Directors and team members) and Region representatives continue to meet periodically four times a year under the Region Advisory Committee (RAC) format.

#### **1.4 Recruit competitive members**

Across LAVic's 96 active Centres, 15503 competitive members (athletes) were registered in 21/22. This is an increase of 11% over the previous, albeit greatly disrupted 20/21 season. This is a pleasing result. Two significant contributing factors included: a pent-up demand for our sport over the previous two seasons of reduced activity; and a 'health first' approach in successfully and nimbly implementing our COVID-safe settings at Centres, and the confidence this gave to our families upon emerging from extended periods of lockdowns.

Retention across the Association was sharply up on the previous season: 61.64% versus 54.22%. Across the Association, this equates to an increase of 1887 retained members.

New member recruitment was assisted by the revised Trial Athlete Offer, which provided Centres with improved engagement with trialling athletes and families. Conversion of trialling athletes to fully financial Competitive Members was reported to be as high as 70% for some Centres. The total number of trialling athletes that registered online for the summer season was 8582, up significantly from 6552 in the previous season; for the winter season, 492 in 2022 compared with 432 in 2021.

LAVic's major marketing activities (see 2.12) continue to focus on social media engagement of existing and potential members and be delivered via multiple digital means. Most of the activity occurs in the lead up, and opening weeks of the new season, with the intended impact for that

season. By contrast, the Development Officer function is designed to have a longer-term impact in building the capacity of Centres – specifically coaches, officials, and Committee members - to deliver a consistent and quality product to their members. Delighted members and families are much more likely to stay with the sport, invest their time in the sport, and recommend the sport to others.

#### **1.5 Establish new Centres**

Surf Coast LAC, number #161, conducted its first competition day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, amid great local fanfare and a blaze of publicity. The tremendous levels of planning and efforts to secure impressive levels of community support have laid a strong foundation for SCLAC to sustainably service the needs of one of Australia's fastest growing communities. With 107 athletes signed up in the first year, and ambitions of so much more for their Centre, SCLAC will soon be making their presence felt across all the Association's activities.

Looking ahead to 22/23, work done predominantly by the Development Officers during 21/22 fostering interest in the establishment of Centres will probably result in two new Centres affiliated, and the re-establishment of a former Centre.

#### **1.6 Encourage and support existing and new pathways into helping with Centre activities**

LAVic's Development Officers conducted over thirty visits during season 21/22 and have been busy observing key elements of how committees and their Centres have been functioning. One of the critical elements has been the levels of parental volunteering, which can vary from very high to negligible. Centres in the latter category rely almost totally on overworked committee members to deliver the sport. The Development Officers spent many hours during the season working with Centres to devise means for Centres to increase their parental volunteerism, for the purpose of learning about the fundamentals of coaching and officiating Little Athletics.

### **1.7 Assist Centres improve the quality and consistency of competition programs across the Association**

The delivery of value for money, delivering what we promise, and delivering a Little Aths experience of consistent quality across the Association is of utmost concern. LAVic invests much in the annual revision, development, and distribution of resources for the use and benefit of Centres and their operations, such as the Officiating Guide, Competition rules and regulations, the LAVic Conference, policies, and the Association Regulations. The reality is that Little Athletics is a highly rule-driven and highly regulated activity: precision in delivery equates to equity and credibility. Notwithstanding, ensuring these resources are understood and used to their full effect remains an ongoing challenge. This highlights the need to continue to find new ways to provide these resources to Centres in ways in which they will find useful.

## **Phase 2 – Governance & Management**

- **Continually improve sound governance & management structures**

### **2.1 Implement Privacy Policy**

The LAVic Privacy Policy was approved in December 2019. To date, no reportable data breaches involving LAVic or its key member data management partners have occurred.

### **2.2 Clarify Membership types**

Regulation 11 'Associate Members and Honorary Members' was approved and published in December 2020. This document sets out the definition of Associate Members (parents/guardians of registered Competitive Members,

coaches, officials, committee members, regular volunteers etc), their accountabilities towards LAVic and LAVic's accountabilities to its Associate Members.

### **2.3 Trial a franchisee Centre management model**

This is no longer a strategic ambition. No activity occurred against this item during the reporting period.

### **2.4 Continually improve child safety settings**

LAVic has been working to child safe operations plan to ensure its compliance with the new Victorian child safety standards (eleven in total) taking effect on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. As a child-based sport, the standards touch many aspects of our operations at all levels of the sport. It is a significant piece of ongoing work aimed at reducing the risks to our children. Key themes of the new standards include an enhanced focus on the safety and inclusion of indigenous children, that children and young people are empowered to participate in decisions affecting them, and processes for addressing complaints are child focussed. This work will be assisted by the establishment of a working party oversighting progress in this area.

LAVic has led the debate amongst Little Athletics State Member Associations to join National Redress Scheme ('NRS'). The NRS was established on 1 July 2018 in response to recommendations made by the Royal Commission in their report into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The NRS provides an alternative pathway for sex abuse victims to seek redress. LAA have commenced work on its NRS application which will auspice all State Member Associations, including LAVic.

### **2.5 Implement member protection framework**

LAVic has drafted the Member Protection Policy during the reporting period.



## **2.6 Implement grievance & dispute resolution policies & procedures**

LAVic has drafted the Complaints Handling the Dispute Resolution Policy during the reporting period.

## **2.7 Manage risk effectively**

The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee has taken the lead on drafting and implementing LAVic's comprehensive risk management framework during 21/22. LAVic's risk settings are revised twice yearly.

## **2.8 Finances**

See the 21/22 LAVic Audited Financial Statements.

## **2.9 Human Resources**

The LAVic team has benefitted from significant personnel stability in recent seasons. The onset of considerable operational disruption resulting from the pandemic was cause for concern with respect to business continuity. Thankfully, that LAVic's operations were able to successfully pivot to working remotely was a key factor in providing some operational predictability and ultimately retaining its human capital.

Staff movements in summary during the reporting period:

- Doug Cobbledick commenced in the role of Development Officer in October 2021.
- Taylah Perry, resigned from the role of Membership, Programs and Merchandise Co-ordinator in December 2021 after four and a half years, to take on the Executive Officer role with the Victorian Athletic League.
- Stephanie Kavenagh commenced in the Membership, Programs and Merchandise Co-ordinator role in January 2022 and resigned in April 2021.
- Andrew Pryn commenced in the Membership, Events and Merchandise Co-ordinator role in June 2022, from Cranbourne.
- Shane Bertrand resigned from the General Manager – Competition & Education role, in July 2022, after 15 years, to commence in the role of National Competition & Education Manager with LAA.

LAVic also played a critical role in the planning and delivery of the 2022 Australian Little Athletics Championships ('ALAC'), held in Melbourne on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April, at Lakeside Stadium. Team members were co-opted to the project under the auspices of LAA in the February to April period. The expertise and experience of the LAVic team resulted in the delivery of a high-quality event.

## **2.10 Respecting Honorary Members**

The establishment of the Service Awards Committee ('SAC') in recent years has resulted in the rigorous review and application of the rules and procedures around recognising the Association's most outstanding volunteers. The SAC members are Steve Ryan (Chair), and Life Governors Irene Harris, Debbie Baskin, Graham Lucas, Chris Doubleday, and Carol Timmins. Their collective work is precise and thorough, and with them, the Association's Service Awards program is in safe and caring hands. Ultimately, they are most concerned that the Association's greatest voluntary contributors receive due recognition and are honoured accordingly.

21/22 saw the greatest number of Service Awards nominations in recent years, possibly ever: seventeen.

## **2.11 Upgrade the membership database**

LAVic has worked with LAA's Database Committee during the reporting period. LAA has renewed strategic ambitions to streamline the databases of all State Member Associations over the short to medium term. This work will continue into 22/23 season. In the interim, LAVic

continues to work with its database provider, Stack Sports (previously SportsTG) in considering enhanced functionality and upgrade options to its existing platform.

## **2.12 Marketing**

LAVic's planned communication and marketing activities for the 21/22 were delayed by the uncertainties surrounding the pandemic lockdown in 2021, the cancellation of the 2021 Region and State Cross-Country competitions and ultimate delay of the commencement of the summer Track and Field season.

With the lockdown in full swing and with little prospect of ending, LAVic followed other Member Associations in promoting the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and sharing the success of LAVic former Little Athletes across all social media platforms. With the objective of maintaining the sport of athletics at the forefront of both current and new members minds through the success of our former Little Athletes.

Little Athletics Australia invested in its 'Have a Go' campaign during the 2020 Tokyo Olympics designed to drive participation in Little Athletics. LAVic was able to utilise the material via its Facebook platforms and website for the benefits of Centres commencing their membership drives for season 21/22.

Upon the steady dialling back of Government restrictions and progressive re-commencement of firstly NSW-based Centres, followed by regional Victorian Centres, and finally metropolitan Centres, normal marketing and communications activities could resume with the typical focus on improving stakeholder engagement and raising the awareness of Little Athletics within the broader community.

Post lockdown, in resuming more normalised activities, LAVic's

communications and key messaging remain almost completely generated through digital and online means. Our primary marketing campaign 'Come & Join Little Athletics' was tailored to new families to join Little Athletics, increase membership, and boost our engagement on our social media platforms. The campaign really took off with millions of impressions with Facebook and Instagram users across Victoria during the November period through to January 2022, and ultimately, an increase in membership this 21/22 season over 20/21.

### Social Media

Social media was - and remains - the key channels for LAVic's marketing activities. Growth across all significant social networks continued holding LAVic amongst the most followed athletics organisation in Australia. See the figures in the table below.

Private Facebook group continued to provide a familiar place for the LAVic Centre community to communicate about key operations of their Centre and Regions. 'Our Centre' saw continual engagement where ideas were shared and discussed. These channels were also another way to communicate official correspondence from the office.

All platforms displayed growth, year on year. Facebook, with its appeal to young mothers, remains the most effective platform for engagement and return on investment. Instagram continues to evolve rapidly as a new way of connecting to a younger demographic and showcasing Little Athletics for engagement. LinkedIn and Twitter tend to have limitations for the Little Athletics market.

While YouTube is predicted to continue to rise due to the large focus on online video content, with Livestreaming of our State Championships events playing a key role. Educational 'how to' videos clips notwithstanding their age, continue to generate thousands of views per annum.

Social Network	2020	2021	2022
Facebook	17,961	23,710	24,492
Instagram	4,859	5,080	5,303
LinkedIn	157	207	252
Twitter	979	1,040	1,061
YouTube	3,360	4,390	5,100

**Table 1: Social Network follower stats based on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.**

### Livestream

The investment into live streaming continued during the 2021-22 season. With the rapid improvement in the effectual integration with the Results Hub program made for an improved product and viewing experience in 2022.

Season 21/22 saw LAVic Livestream two State -level competition events: 2022 Combined Events Championships and the 2022 State Track and Field Championships. The Livestream footage is broken down into each respective heat and final and posted onto 'LAVicTV' – our dedicated YouTube channel. Consequently, LAVicTV was the big mover amongst LAVic's social media platforms with an increase in demand exceeding 54,000 views during 21/22.

### **2.13 Sponsorship**

Season 21/22 was the second of a three-year partnership with Commonwealth Bank ('CBA'). As in pandemic-affected 20/21, the cancellation of Region and State Relay Championship events, required a revised suite of benefits for CBA. This included granting naming rights for the LAVic Combined Events Championships, in addition to the State Track & Field Championships. We thank CBA for their flexibility and understanding throughout the pandemic, and for their incredible generosity in donating over twenty marquees for use of LAVic and Regions.

This season, we welcomed Powercor into the fold of LAVic sponsors, with their support of LAVic's Stawell Gift activities for 2022. Powercor, one of Australia's foremost power companies, are the naming rights sponsor of the Stawell Gift.

From a national perspective, LAVic remains incredibly grateful for the ongoing partnership the sport enjoys with Coles. Their tireless efforts to engage and work with our Little Athletics community often go beyond the requirements of the partnership. Initiatives such as Coles Community Day, the Coles Ambassador (Olympian) visits to Centres, and the Coles Little Athletics Community Fund grant opportunities inspire our athletes, furnish our Centres with equipment, and excite even the most experienced administrators.

### **2.14 State Competitions**

See the 'Competition Report' below.

### **2.15 Connecting with Little Aths coaches**

With the failure of the OneAthletics project to set out a clear pathway for coach development in Little Athletics, and onset of the pandemic over the past two seasons, activities for fostering a closer and better-informed community of Little Athletics coaches within our Association have not proceeded as hoped. Nonetheless, and despite the obstacles, LAVic has continued to deliver quality face-to-face 'Introduction To Little Athletics Skills' programs, including subsidising courses for female coaches; other key educational activities such as the Junior Development Squad and the Australian Little Athletics Championships (hosted in Melbourne in 2022) provide highly sought-after development experiences for our coaches.

See the Education Report below for further details on coach activities and opportunities.

### **2.16 Increase the pool of active Officials**

Central to growing the number of active officials in Little Athletics is the delivery of official's education interventions. The pandemic-delayed commencement of the 21/22 season greatly reduced the opportunity to schedule and conduct official education courses in the early weeks of the season. Notwithstanding, it is hoped this can be rectified in 22/23 should



the season commence without disruption and delay. Officials remain critical to the delivery of quality, fair and credible Little Athletics competition activities.

## **2.17 Education**

See the 'Education Report' below.

## **2.18 Multi-class competition**

See the 'Competition Report' below.

## **2.19 Ensure business continuity during and post COVID-19 restrictions**

A major focus of past two pandemic-affected years has been to ensure the business of LAVic remains in strong shape. A great deal of time and effort was invested over the previous two years in working with State sporting peak bodies Vicsport and Sport & Recreation Victoria to interpret and apply the State Government COVID-19 restrictions to our own context. This was complex, time-consuming work and

endured for many months. The priority remained at all times to administer the sport with the health and safety of our members first and foremost. Difficult decisions taken, including the cancellation of the 2021 Region and State Relay Championships, and the introduction (with little notice) of vaccination rules for Centre competition (thankfully short-lived), were understandably not popular, and generated heated online debate and media interest. In due course, the decisions were proved to be the right ones for the time. COVID-19 quickly became a standing agenda item at LAVic Board meetings, and the regular subject of debate and consideration.

LAVic has emerged from the pandemic in sound shape organisationally, with a stable Board & staff and solid financial result to show for its second consecutive COVID-19 affected year. It is well poised to resume business as usual activities in terms of competition, education, marketing, and other functions.



## Board continuity

The 2021 Director elections attracted five nominations for three roles. Subsequently, a ballot was conducted amongst affiliated Centres to determine the three successful Directors. This continues a trend of recent years where competition for positions on the Board have been strongly contested.

Emerging from the 2021 AGM, LAVic retained its compliance with the State Government mandated 40% female gender quota on the Board, with the election of Shoshana Simonovski & Erina Cunningham. They join fellow female Directors Danielle Wruck and Jenni Tierney on the Board of nine.

Brett Schofield resigned in April 2022 part-way through his first term. The Board subsequently decided to continue until the 2022 AGM operating with eight Directors.

## Phase 3 – One Athletics

- **Playing our role towards a brighter future for athletics**

### 3.1 Contribute to, and influence, OneAthletics activities led by LAA.

During 21/22, LAVic played a very active role in working with the OneAthletics project team, Little Athletics State Member Associations, LAA, and senior athletics, striving for proposed outcomes to be aligned with the interests of Little Athletics. The initiative was announced in October 2018 the onset of the pandemic delayed the project by at least a year.

Ultimately, the matter was put to a vote on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and the proposal was voted down. The key resources – the business case, the Australian Athletics strategy, and other documents - can all be found at [www.oneathletics.com.au](http://www.oneathletics.com.au).

### 3.2 Progress OneAthletics matters with AV regarding State-based matters.

Interaction with Athletics Victoria during the reporting period regarding OneAthletics matters was limited. LAVic's key OneAthletics intermediaries were LAA and the OneAthletics project team.

### 3.3 Keep key stakeholder groups fully informed about OneAthletics activities.

LAVic provided regular updates to its membership regarding the One Athletics developments, as they arose.









# Competition Report

Again, the commencement of season 2021-2022 was delayed, due to the COVID restrictions and protocols. With the Centre competitions only commencing in November, and the lack of clarity on the Public Events Framework, for our larger Region and State events, the difficulty in providing a clear timeline for our events was again frustrating for all concerned. The priority was to support the Centres, as much as possible to deliver their programs, for the benefit of all athletes and families.

Throughout the last two seasons, it has been a difficult time for everyone in the sport. While we exist to provide a sporting experience for our athletes, the enjoyment and satisfaction that our volunteers receive from delivering these programs and opportunities is intrinsically important to the success of Little Athletics. We cannot underestimate the challenges that our volunteers at all levels from Club, Centre, Region, and State have experienced over these difficult and ever-changing times. The need for flexibility and a willingness to assist has been paramount over this period, something that is not lost on the Association and all those involved in Little Athletics.

We are truly fortunate to have some amazing and dedicated volunteers that have worked extremely hard to assist with these changes and continue to offer our members meaningful and worthwhile competition programs.

Our volunteers constantly step up, not only to help, but to also provide guidance and feedback to ensure our events and programs are constantly improving. This has been a highlight over these past two seasons.

We have been amending our competition regulations on a continuous basis to improve the experience for our athletes, parents, and volunteers, along with reviewing the structure of the events to provide a greater opportunity for all athletes to participate in our programs. Not only were we dealing with COVID restrictions, but the continual changes and clashes with other athletics agencies has

meant a more athlete centred approach to our processes. Whilst, we cannot always please everyone, the focus and overarching driver has been to increase participation and improve the athletic experience for all, whilst at the same time, providing a clear pathway for athletes to pursue.

We continued to implement a more inclusive program through initiatives for our Multi-Class athletes and we have been delighted with the response and participation rates. We will continue to work to improve the athletic experience for all our athletes.

We constantly receive feedback and recommendations from Centres and Regions to assist with our planning. This is an essential component in our preparations, as ultimately, we are all endeavouring to assist the members in providing a quality experience. This is a collective effort from many people, who are all highly committed to the Little Athletics program.

## Cross-Country

Unfortunately, the 2020-2021 State Cross-Country and State Cross-Country Relays Championships were ultimately cancelled after both being postponed. The entire Region and State competition program was affected for the second season in a row.

The current 2021-2022 Cross-Country season is proceeding as planned. The State Cross-Country Relays were conducted at Cruden Farm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022. A new layout and venue set up was designed, however venue logistics constantly proves to be a restriction of future growth.

The Region Cross-Country Carnivals are due to be conducted on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> July. At the time of authoring this report, there are 768 registrations for the Region Carnivals. This is slightly down on previous years, however as a percentage of membership, it is consistent.

The State Cross-Country Championships are due to be conducted at Lake Dewar, Myrning on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August. This year a new Timing Solutions RFID-driven timing

system will be used, which automatically uploads to Meet Manager and the Results Hub program.

### **Relays**

In 20/21, the State Relay Championships were conducted as a direct entry due to calendar changes and COVID restrictions. This season, regrettably, due to the delay in the season commencing and the Public Events Framework lacking clarity or being available in time, both the Region Relay Carnivals and the State Relays Championships were cancelled. With the lack of calendar space post-Christmas, they could not be rescheduled.

As our major Teams event for the year and the large effort that Centres put into the organisation and preparations of their Relay Teams, along with the excitement that this event offers, this was an exceedingly difficult and disappointing decision for the Association to make.

### **Combined Events**

After the changes the previous season due to patron limits under the Public Events Framework, we were able to increase our numbers of athletes back to a more sustainable number. The entry caps on each age group were increased, to cater for multiple groups of eighteen athletes.

A total number of 852 registrations were received. Most age groups reached capacity, including our older age groups and 14 Multi-Class athletes in a modified Combined Events. To ensure all Multi-Class athletes could score points equally, the final points were calculated from the best three of their four events, this allowed wheelchair athletes who cannot participate in Long Jump to be ranked.

With the revised format and number of registrations, the timetable was adjusted to cater for both the athletes and officials to allow sufficient time between events, without extending the length of the day greatly.

Combined Events is a special and unique event. We have seen many athletes compete together all the way through their

Little Athletics journey from U9 to U16 in the Combined Events.

Overall, we were pleased with the outcome and hope to continue with this format.

### **Multi-Class**

Multi-Class continues to expand in both events and participation. We have seen the numbers increase, year on year and again this season all Region and State events included Multi-Class athletes in three age group types. As previously advised, Multi-Class was included in the Combined Events, as well. We continue to be extremely grateful for the outstanding assistance we have from our Multi-Class Ambassador in Richard Colman. Richard is not only heavily invested in Multi-Class, but extremely passionate in ensuring the opportunities are provided for all athletes, that the pathways are consistent for Multi-Class across various organisations, as well as being a great source of information and guidance to assist with our programs.

The National Technical Committee ('NTC'), which is the national body responsible for the rules and regulations of Little Athletics, finalised the Multi-Class rules, and incorporated them into the standard rules and specifications for use at all levels. This was an important milestone to have a standard document to cater for all athletes.

Along with the Centres commitment and assistance from Richard and the Association, we expect to see continued growth in this area.

### **Rules & regulations**

Season 2021-2022 had minimal changes to the rules and regulations, from a NTC perspective, rather it was to cater for the changes made the previous season, which were mostly delayed due to the COVID imposed changes. The focus was to improve the efficiency of the events, grow participation and provide greater flexibility to cater for changes, as has been required over the last several seasons.

The changes that were implemented worked well. They will be reviewed for

further changes, to ensure the athletes and the officials have a better experience overall. We are committed to ensure the rules and regulations are designed to assist the athletes and improve the competition experience, and to remove or adjust any that do not achieve this goal.

### **Region Track & Field**

A highlight for many is our Region Track & Field Carnivals. After the numerous changes and challenges last season with Region Track & Field being cancelled, reinstated, then moved to end of February (which clashed with Athletics Victoria's calendar), we were able to deliver a more standard competition event this year.

The number of entries were slightly up on the previous season, which is very encouraging and highlights the importance of the Carnivals in the athlete's competition pathway.

### **State Track & Field**

With the change of the Grand Prix to mid-April, Lakeside Stadium was again available to host the State Track & Field Championships. This allowed for a more seamless event preparation in terms of logistics and practical delivery.

A slight change to the timetable, to minimise clashes to ensure athletes have the greatest opportunity to perform at their best, was made and will be used to review and make further changes. The structure worked well, however with the growth of Multi-Class athletics, the timetable and days of competition will be reviewed to minimise some athlete workload issues and time constraints.

With the requirement to use the outside area for our Shot Put, and the second Discus cage, athlete and volunteer safety was again a crucial factor to consider, which has been continually built upon recently, and will continue to evolve.

The changes implemented last season with the removal of the Field Call Rooms continued, and further enhancements were made to the Field Marshal Points, along with a refined and improved Clash Summary Report and procedure, allowed

for a more efficient competition structure, which minimised the stress and anxiety for all. We were very pleased with the process this year, the work done with the timetable and event planning, provided for a more streamlined structure.

The issues encountered last year with determining places following the Timed Finals, were resolved with implementing a new presentation process and structure. This worked extremely well and assisted in the overall efficiency of the event to minimise clashes for the athletes.

### **Australian Little Athletics Championships – ALAC**

After cancellations in 2020 and 2021, ALAC was conducted at Lakeside Stadium on April 22-24. COVID restrictions, interstate travel and quarantine conditions meant the entire event had to be adjusted to cater for the conditions and allow for greater flexibility.

ALAC, for the first time, included Multi-Class athletes, in both the U13 and U15 age groups. Coles provided great media coverage for the athletes, which was picked up by TV and print media. The exposure will hopefully assist with the promotion of Multi-Class athletics and the pathway opportunities that exists.

With the resignation of the LAA Competition Manager in January, Victoria was asked to take over the event preparations, on behalf of LAA. There was a considerable amount of work done by the entire LAVic Team to organise ALAC, whilst at the same time deliver both the Region, State and Stawell events.

The LAVic officials delivered an outstanding event by any measure. The professionalism and attitude that was on display was a great testament to the quality of our officials that volunteer their services throughout the year at all levels of the sport. The feedback received has been extremely positive, with many believing it to be one of the best ALACs delivered.

Victoria will be hosting ALAC again next year, with the event scheduled for April 21-23 at Lakeside Stadium.



## **Stawell Gift**

With the removal of spectator limits for the Stawell Gift, the normal structure returned in 2022, with LAVic offering the events of 100mts, 400mts, 800mts, 1600mts. Overall, there were 365 event entries, covering multiple events. The major ongoing issue remains the handicapping, which, despite best efforts to validate the times submitted, can be questionable. This has a direct bearing on the integrity, athlete equity, and parental confidence in the event.

A new method was used for the 400mts and 800mts events in the heats, where the athletes were handicapped based on time, rather than distance. This enabled all athletes to run the same distance, with a staggered start time. This was to minimise the discrepancy due to the large variation in age groups of U9 to U16, compared to the senior athletes. Overall, this worked well, a few minor changes will occur to again improve the accuracy of the handicaps.

## **Region & Centre Committee**

Again, we are grateful to the Region committees and competition organising bodies, who are owed a tremendous amount of gratitude, for their dedication and commitment to provide these opportunities for the athletes.

Our Centres this year, like last season, had to overcome some large obstacles to ensure they continue to provide a quality program that encourages both participation and performance in a challenging environment. Looking at the numbers in our events, our sport can provide the quality product that our athletes and parents are looking for, in that it caters for skill development and social interaction.

We are very grateful for the work and commitment our Centres and Regions constantly put into the program: to provide opportunities for our athletes, parents, and volunteers.

## **Event entries**

The registration numbers for the events conducted this season, are listed.

- Region Track & Field Carnivals, entries were up, 3117 vs 3097 in 2021.
- State Combined Events Championships, capped at 868, entries were 852 plus 14 Multi-Class athletes.
- Stawell Gift, entries up, 189 vs 151 in 2021.
- State Cross-Country Relays, entries were 251 Teams.

## **Volunteers**

Our events at all levels rely heavily on the capacity of our workforce to deliver the programs to our athletes. Most of these people are volunteers, who without their dedication and commitment, Little Athletics would not exist; we are extremely grateful for their assistance. The number of officials who are required to deliver our sport is considerably larger than most other sports. We are fortunate to have officials, who give up their time on a regular basis to provide the opportunities for our athletes to participate, we thank you, and appreciate your dedication.

## **Thanks**

A big thank you to the Centre Team Managers who provides the often-difficult task of organising the duty rosters, managing the athletes on the day of competition, and providing support to the families. This essential role ensures our events can be conducted efficiently as possible.

The LAVic Competition Team appreciates the support and dedication of all volunteers, the Centre committees, the Region Organising Bodies and both the Starters and Race-Walking Working Parties in providing these outstanding opportunities to our members.

With the Competition Team being limited in numbers, a heavy reliance on the other LAVic Team members, in addition to their

roles and responsibilities, to assist with the preparation and delivery of the competition programs occurs regularly, for this we are grateful, and it is very much appreciated.

We are always dealing with the complexity of the calendar in that there are numerous other organisations and stakeholders competing for the same dates, or venue availability, implications of the Grand Prix and logistics, along with scheduling of National events, all having significant impacts on the ability to plan our season.

We appreciate the understanding from our members regarding both the calendar and venue availability. These are always challenging to manage.









# Education Report

## Athlete Education

The primary aim of our athlete education programs is to assist our athletes in developing motor skills within the track and field environment. Our events and programs range from those targeting the most basic skills for our youngest athletes up to those targeting more complex athlete skills for our older athletes. This is the foundation upon which Little Athletics can continue to provide skill development for our competitive members.

This season with the delayed start to the Centre competitions, commencing in November, the main education courses were all postponed, with most of them eventually cancelled, as there were insufficient available dates to reschedule after Christmas.

## On Track Program

The On Track program is a resource for Centres & Schools in providing a fundamental motor skills development program, coaching resource, and modified competition model for our younger athletes. This is the preferred program for our U6-U8 athletes as they develop their motor skills. It is essential our athletes learn these skills in a sequential manner to ensure they can progress to the more complex skills required in the traditional track & field events.

The program is offered through an Interactive PDF format which has proved very successful with both Centres and Schools taking up the program. The advantage of the Interactive PDF is the portability and functionality that allows users to present the program without excessive resources. The Interactive PDF is provided to every Centre as an ongoing resource.

The program is split into 5 Levels, with Level 1-2 being the focus for the U6-U8 age groups. Levels 3-5 are building upon the skills learnt at L1-2 and focus more on the athletics skills. The Welcome Guide is the introduction to the program and provides the overview of the program, skills tables, what the model program look like along with tips on how to deliver On Track in an effective and sustainable manner.

We encourage all Centres to use the available resources as required.

## Junior Development Squad - JDS

JDS is our major education program for our athletes in the U12-U16 age groups. It usually commences in October with three activities prior to Christmas, and another activity in February, before two activities during the winter season. Athletes can qualify against a set of standards that are updated every year to reflect the performances of the athletes.

This year with the delayed start to the season, the same structure as last season was adopted to split the registration into two components. The athletes could qualify and register, they would receive their JDS t-shirt in the mail, then when the training days could be scheduled, a second registration portal would be created where the members could register to train.

The first JDS activity was scheduled for late November, with the closing for the registration portal late October. We finished with 251 athletes that qualified and registered for the JDS Joining Fee, then a week before the JDS activity, we had 233 JDS members register for the JDS Squad Fee, which entitled them to attend the training days.

We were able to conduct a JDS training day in November, January, February, and May. At each activity, the attendance as a

percentage of available members, was extremely high.

Knox hosted the first JDS activity, but the JDS activity scheduled for Keilor had to be relocated in the days beforehand, as the carpark was taken over by the COVID testing site, along with some other activities, meant that there wasn't enough space to accommodate our activity. Williamstown, which was scheduled to host Day 3 in February, was able to host Day 2 at the last moment, which we are extremely grateful for their assistance with this.

The new program, standards and structure is being developed to be released in mid-July.

### **Little Athletics Australia – LAA National U15 Camp**

Unfortunately, the National Camp was cancelled for the second year running.

The 2022 National Camp is being conducted on October 2-5, at the High-Performance Centre, Runaway Bay, Gold Coast. The invites have just been finalised, Victoria has twenty-four able body athletes and five Multi-Class athletes that have accepted their invites. This is a larger number than usual, which reflects the quality of athletes in the U14 age group this season, as the invites are determined by the results achieved at the State Combined Events and State Track & Field Championships. The U14 athletes are selected, as they will be in the U15 age group when the camp is conducted. Along with the athletes, Victoria will have two Team Managers attending.

### **Australian Little Athletics Championships - ALAC**

From the Victorian Team perspective, the challenges of selecting the athletes to compete, was a constant issue. Several athletes were unavailable due to illness for the ALAC training activities during April, with some only coming together for the final session.

The ALAC coaches and Team Management did an amazing job in preparing the athletes, working with those challenges, and providing a Team environment in which the athletes could excel. This certainly proved to be the case, with Victoria performing extremely well, in all three events, the U13 Teams Championships, the U15 Combined Events Championships, and the U13-U15 Multi-Class Championships. There are four trophies at ALAC, with Victoria being eligible for three, as there is a separate trophy for the smaller states.

Victoria won two of the three on offer, which is an amazing effort.

- U13 Teams Trophy – Trevor Billingham Trophy
- U13 Teams Point Adjusted Trophy – Alan Triscott Trophy

The U15 Teams Trophy – Life Members Trophy, Victoria finished equal second.

### **Coaching Education**

The primary aim of our coaching education programs is to enable parents, teachers, and other volunteers to assist children to perform basic track and field skills.

With the delayed start to the season, the Introduction to Teaching Little Athletics Skills – ITLAS courses were rescheduled from August – October, to four weekends from late November – December. The participants had registered for the original courses, which meant they had to transfer to the new dates and venues as they were scheduled.

We finished with 112 registrations, which is lower than normal, but there were forty-nine cancellations due to the change of dates and venues.

### **Coach of the Year**

To help recognise the efforts that coaches play in developing our athletes, LAVic has

two annual coaching awards. The Coach of the Year award recognises effort displayed at all levels of the coaching operations of LAVic, while the Bryan Neighbour Centre Coach award recognises the efforts of coaches who concentrate on Centre coaching.

The winner of the Coach of the Year:  
Season 2020-2021 was Allan Poynton

The winner of the Bryan Neighbour Centre  
Coach Award:  
Season 2020-2021 was Damien Wapshott –  
Melton City

The winners of the awards for season 2021-  
2022 will be announced at the 2022 Gala  
Dinner.

### **Officials Education**

The primary aim of our official's education programs is to enable parents, teachers, and other volunteers to assist with the delivery of our competition programs.

Unfortunately, these courses and seminars could not be scheduled this year.

### **Thanks**

The programs and events listed do not happen without the dedication and commitment of a group of hard-working officials, coaches, presenters, and volunteers. This year with the constant changes, it was not the usual large number of sessions delivered. We appreciate the assistance from all our dedicated volunteers.









# Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal – 50 years

LAVic and the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Good Friday Appeal (GFA) celebrated 50 years of partnership in 2022. This was formally recognised by the presentation to LAVic of a plaque on 15<sup>th</sup> April. Very few organisations have provided as much support to the GFA on an enduring basis as has our Association.

Throughout the 21/22 season, our Centres, Regions, and Association office raised a combined total of \$29,631.18 for the GFA – again, a substantial effort amidst a COVID-affected season.

Lake Bolac & District LAC (LBDLAC) raised the greatest amount of any Centre, contributing an amazing \$4,657.65. And all from their tiny district population of 330!

The GFA organisers are always keen to involve LAVic in formalities and accordingly, LAVic was again invited to announce its contribution and present its 'big cheque' live on the Channel 7 Good Friday broadcast at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. This year, the cheque was presented by LAVic President, Steve Waugh, LAVic Marketing & Communications Co-ordinator, Nathan Gjorgievski, and LBDLAC representatives Melissa Perry (President) and Georgia Ford (athlete).



# LAVic Service Awards 20/21

Congratulations to the individuals and Centres recognised for their achievements in 2021. In a pandemic-affected repeat of 2020, the 2021 Centre Excellence Awards Gala was pre-recorded and streamed online on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 in a response to the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions at the time. Thank you and congratulations to all the winning individuals, Centres and Regions for so graciously participating in the pre-recording of acceptance speeches.

The Awards are an opportunity to not only reward and recognise great achievements by individuals, Centres and Regions but they play a valuable role in telling and recording the stories of our Association.

- The 'Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal – Greatest Centre Donation Award' was awarded to **Ringwood LAC**.

- The 'Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal - most funds raised on a 'Per Capita Basis Award' was awarded to **Lake Bolac & District LAC**.
- 'Host Centre Award': was awarded to **Cranbourne LAC**.
- The Game Day Apparel 'Overall Centre Membership Awards': were awarded to the **Maryborough LAC** (large Centre category) and **Yarrowonga-Mulwala LAC** (small Centre category).
- The Energetic Apparel 'Centre Marketing Award': was awarded to **Albury LAC**.
- The 'Energetic Apparel' Centre Inclusion Award was awarded to **Seaford LAC**.
- The Out There Branding 'Centre Volunteer of the Year Award': was awarded to **Elisabeth McGuire of Albury LAC**.
- See the 'Education' section for the coaching and officiating award winners.

The 21/22 LAVic Awards Gala is scheduled to take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

## 2021 Association Service Awards

Congratulations to Nicole Lopes, who was awarded the Life Governor of the Association in 2021 her substantial and outstanding contribution to the Victorian Little Athletics movement over many years. Nicole, our 98<sup>th</sup> Life Governor, joins an esteemed group which includes her husband Steven, who was awarded Life Governor of the Association in 2016.





# Membership Report

## Membership statistics

The pages following contain the statistical representations for the LAVic's Competitive Members, by Region and Centre for the season 21/22.

Some observations:

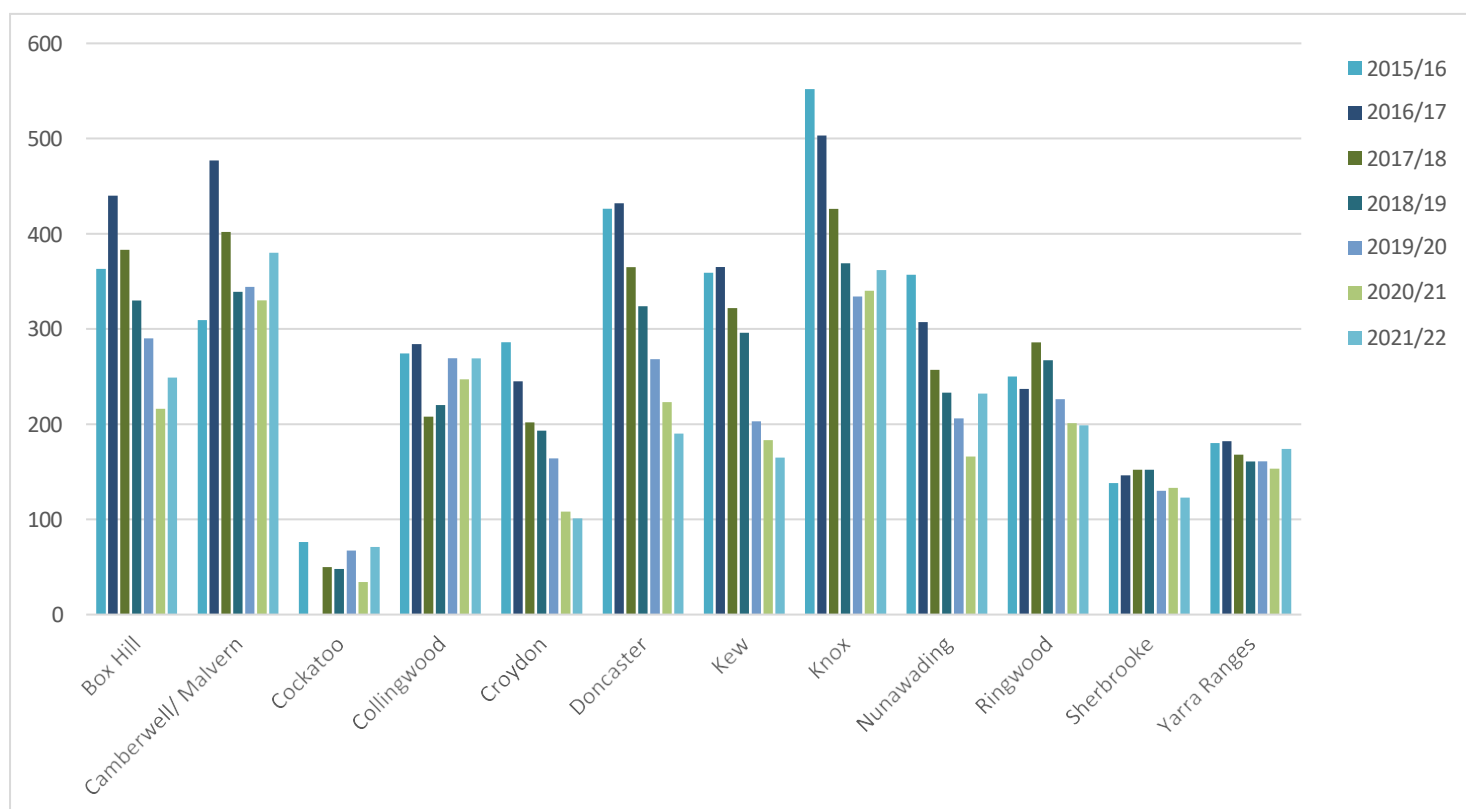
- The total number of registered athletes for 21/22 was 15,503, up 9% from 14,144 on the 20/21 season.
- Winter season registrations: 478.
- Athlete gender split: 51.5% male; 48.5% female
- Member retention across the Association rose to 61.64% (9556 retained members), from 54.22% in 20/21. Centres with the highest membership retention rates: Preston-Reservoir (87%), Altona (80%), Buninyong (76%) and Portland (75%).
- Trial Athletes in 21/22: 9073, compared with 6984 in 20/21. An increase of 30%.
- New member pre-season expressions of interests captured via the LAVic website: 498.
- Athletes identifying as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander: 322 (305 in 20/21).
- Athletes with a disability, who have identified as having either one or more of the following: physical impairment, visual impairment, intellectual impairment, hearing impairment, multiple impairments, disabled but prefer not to disclose: 569 (209 in 20/21).
- Athletes not born in Australia: 893 (839 in 20/21).
- 67 Centres met or exceeded their membership of the previous season, compared with 27 in 20/21.
- All Regions grew their cumulative memberships over the previous season, with Western Metropolitan Region registering the largest growth in cumulative membership of its Centres, at 24%.
- Surf Coast LAC was established in 21/22, with 105 members.
- Five Centres – Woodend, Corner Inlet, Edenhope, Bar-Rook, and Beaufort – did not operate or affiliate.



# Membership statistics

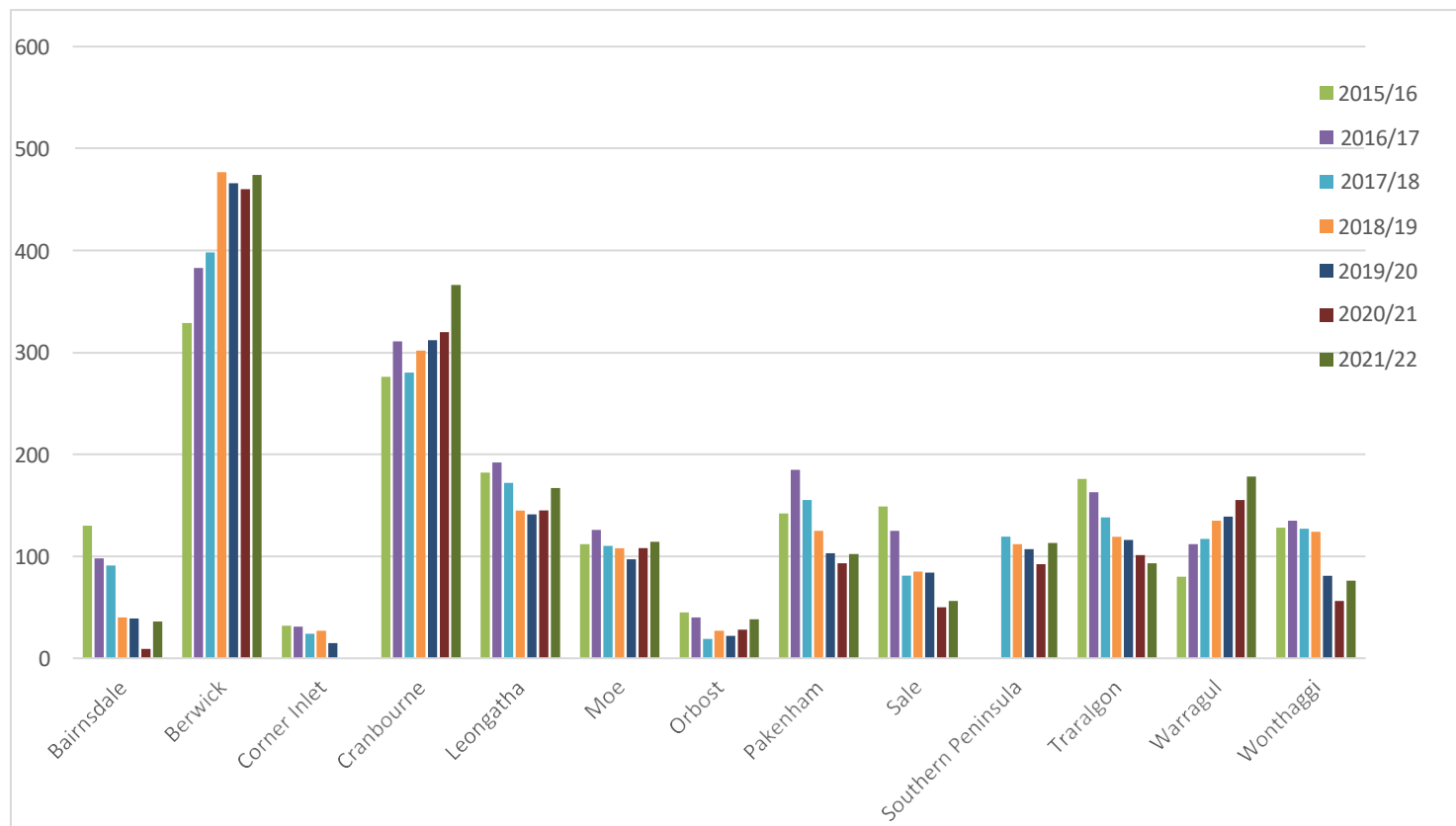
## EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION (EMR)

Centre	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Variance	Retention
Box Hill	363	440	383	330	290	216	249	13.25%	58.57%
Camberwell/ Malvern	309	477	402	339	344	330	380	13.16%	51.67%
Cockatoo	76	0	50	48	67	34	71	52.11%	61.76%
Collingwood	274	284	208	220	269	247	269	8.18%	56.91%
Croydon	286	245	202	193	164	108	101	-6.93%	56.19%
Doncaster	426	432	365	324	268	223	190	-17.37%	63.94%
Kew	359	365	322	296	203	183	165	-10.91%	43.72%
Knox	552	503	426	369	334	340	362	6.08%	68.62%
Nunawading	357	307	257	233	206	166	232	28.45%	67.90%
Ringwood	250	237	286	267	226	201	199	-1.01%	62.05%
Sherbrooke	138	146	152	152	130	133	123	-8.13%	63.16%
Yarra Ranges	180	182	168	161	161	153	174	12.07%	69.54%
<b>Region TOTAL</b>	<b>3570</b>	<b>3618</b>	<b>3221</b>	<b>2932</b>	<b>2662</b>	<b>2334</b>	<b>2515</b>	<b>7.20%</b>	<b>60.02%</b>



## GIPPSLAND COUNTRY REGION (GCR)

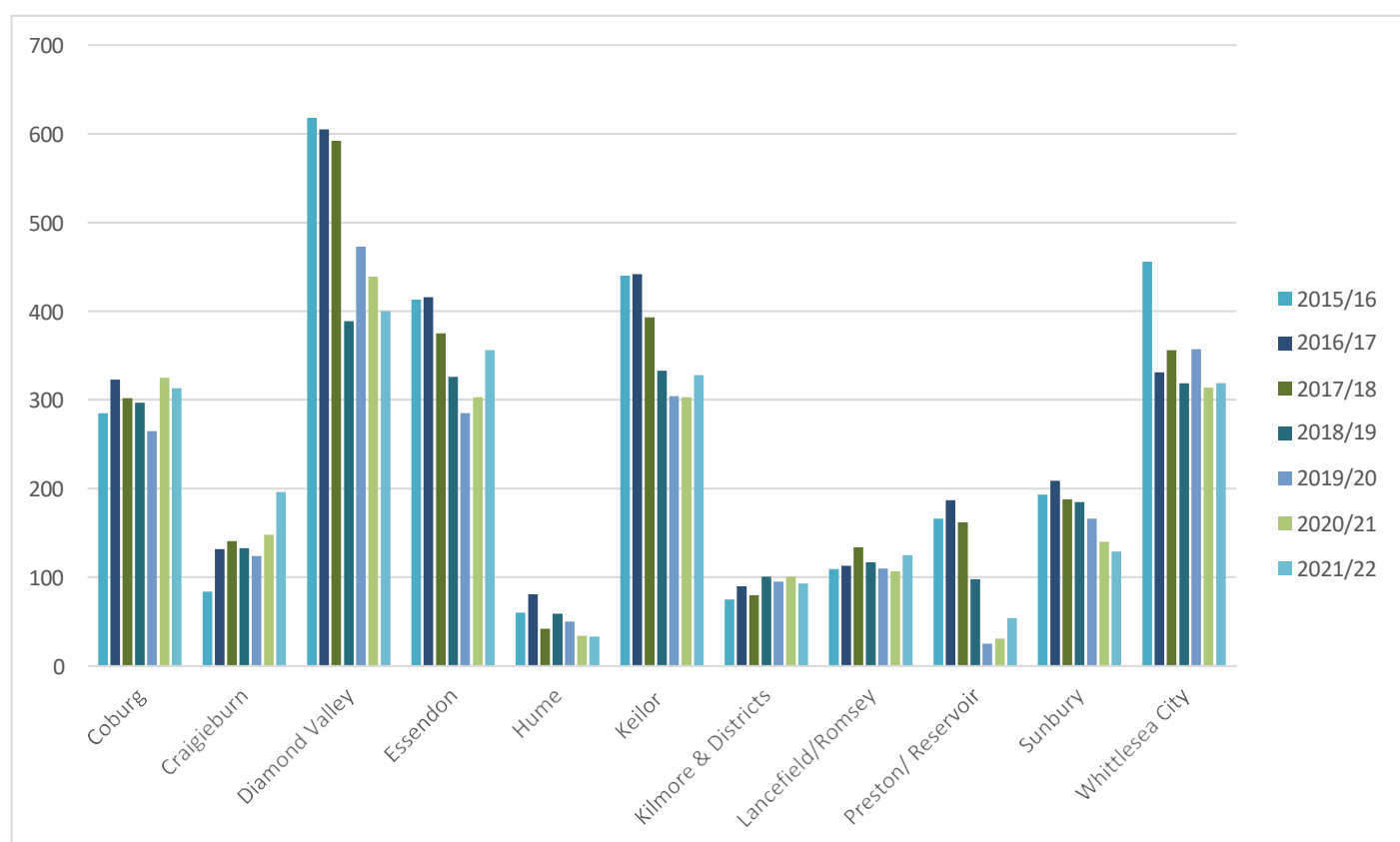
Centre	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Variance	Retention
Bairnsdale	130	98	91	40	39	9	36	75.00%	66.67%
Berwick	329	383	398	477	466	460	474	2.95%	58.07%
Corner Inlet	32	31	24	27	15	0	0	-	-
Cranbourne	276	311	280	302	312	320	366	12.57%	67.61%
Leongatha	182	192	172	145	141	145	167	13.17%	68.31%
Moe	112	126	110	108	97	108	114	5.26%	66.98%
Orbost	45	40	19	27	22	28	38	26.32%	48.15%
Pakenham	142	185	155	125	103	93	102	8.82%	58.70%
Sale	149	125	81	85	84	50	56	10.71%	57.14%
Southern Peninsula	0	0	119	112	107	92	113	18.58%	68.97%
Traralgon	176	163	138	119	116	101	93	-8.60%	53.61%
Warragul	80	112	117	135	139	155	178	12.92%	59.35%
Wonthaggi	128	135	127	124	81	56	76	26.32%	65.38%
<b>Region TOTAL</b>	<b>1781</b>	<b>1901</b>	<b>1712</b>	<b>1826</b>	<b>1722</b>	<b>1617</b>	<b>1813</b>	<b>10.81%</b>	<b>62.09%</b>





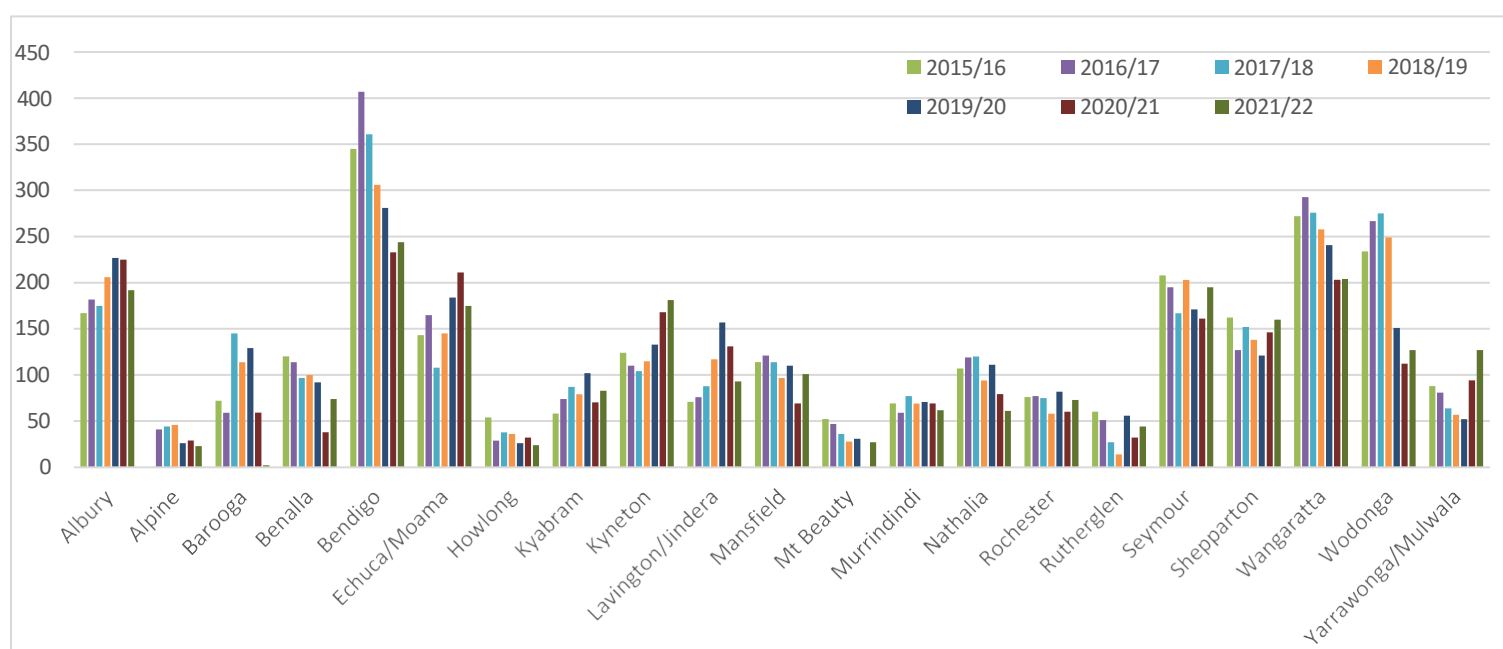
## NORTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION (NMR)

Centre	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Variance	Retention
Coburg	285	323	302	297	265	325	313	-3.83%	61.37%
Craigieburn	84	132	141	133	124	148	196	24.49%	70.75%
Diamond Valley	618	605	592	389	473	439	400	-9.75%	63.76%
Essendon	413	416	375	326	285	303	356	14.89%	68.38%
Hume	60	81	42	59	50	34	33	-3.03%	62.50%
Keilor	440	442	393	333	304	303	328	7.62%	66.78%
Kilmore & Districts	75	90	80	101	95	101	93	-8.60%	47.00%
Lancefield/Romsey	109	113	134	117	110	107	125	14.40%	73.58%
Preston/ Reservoir	166	187	162	98	25	31	54	42.59%	87.10%
Sunbury	193	209	188	185	166	140	129	-8.53%	59.85%
Whittlesea City	456	331	356	319	357	314	319	1.57%	67.57%
<b>Region TOTAL</b>	<b>2899</b>	<b>2929</b>	<b>2765</b>	<b>2357</b>	<b>2254</b>	<b>2245</b>	<b>2346</b>	<b>4.31%</b>	<b>65.21%</b>



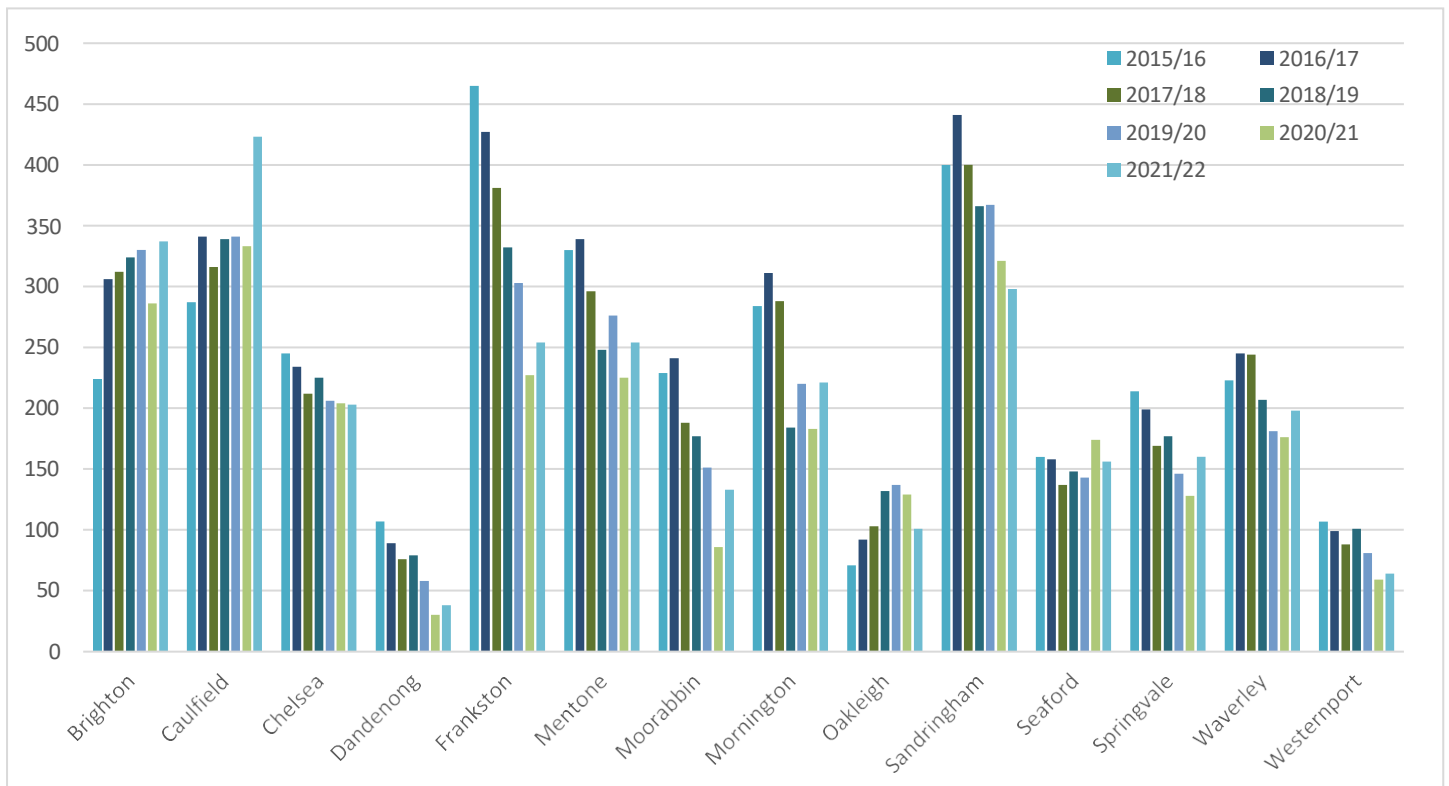
## NORTHERN COUNTRY REGION (NCR)

Centre	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Variance	Retention
Albury	167	182	175	206	227	225	192	-17.19%	50.45%
Alpine	N/A	41	44	46	26	29	23	-26.09%	34.48%
Barooga	72	59	145	114	129	59	2	-	3.39%
Benalla	120	114	97	100	92	38	74	48.65%	65.79%
Bendigo	345	407	361	306	281	233	244	4.51%	61.16%
Corowa	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Echuca/Moama	143	165	108	145	184	211	175	-20.57%	44.98%
Howlong	54	29	38	36	26	32	24	-33.33%	37.50%
Kyabram	58	74	87	79	102	70	83	15.66%	65.22%
Kyneton	124	110	104	115	133	168	181	7.18%	54.27%
Lavington/Jindera	71	76	88	117	157	131	93	-40.86%	30.47%
Mansfield	114	121	114	97	110	69	101	31.68%	67.65%
Mt Beauty	52	47	36	28	31	0	27	-	-
Murrindindi	69	59	77	69	71	69	62	-11.29%	58.82%
Nathalia	107	119	120	94	111	79	61	-29.51%	43.59%
Rochester	76	77	75	58	82	60	73	17.81%	57.63%
Rutherglen	60	51	27	14	56	32	44	27.27%	59.38%
Seymour	208	195	167	203	171	161	195	17.44%	73.91%
Shepparton	162	127	152	138	121	146	160	8.75%	60.69%
Wangaratta	272	293	276	258	241	203	204	0.49%	57.44%
Wodonga	234	267	275	249	151	112	127	11.81%	63.64%
Yarrawonga/Mulwala	88	81	64	57	52	94	127	25.98%	64.52%
<b>Region TOTAL</b>	<b>2633</b>	<b>2694</b>	<b>2630</b>	<b>2529</b>	<b>2554</b>	<b>2221</b>	<b>2272</b>	<b>2.24%</b>	<b>54.37%</b>



## SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION (SMR)

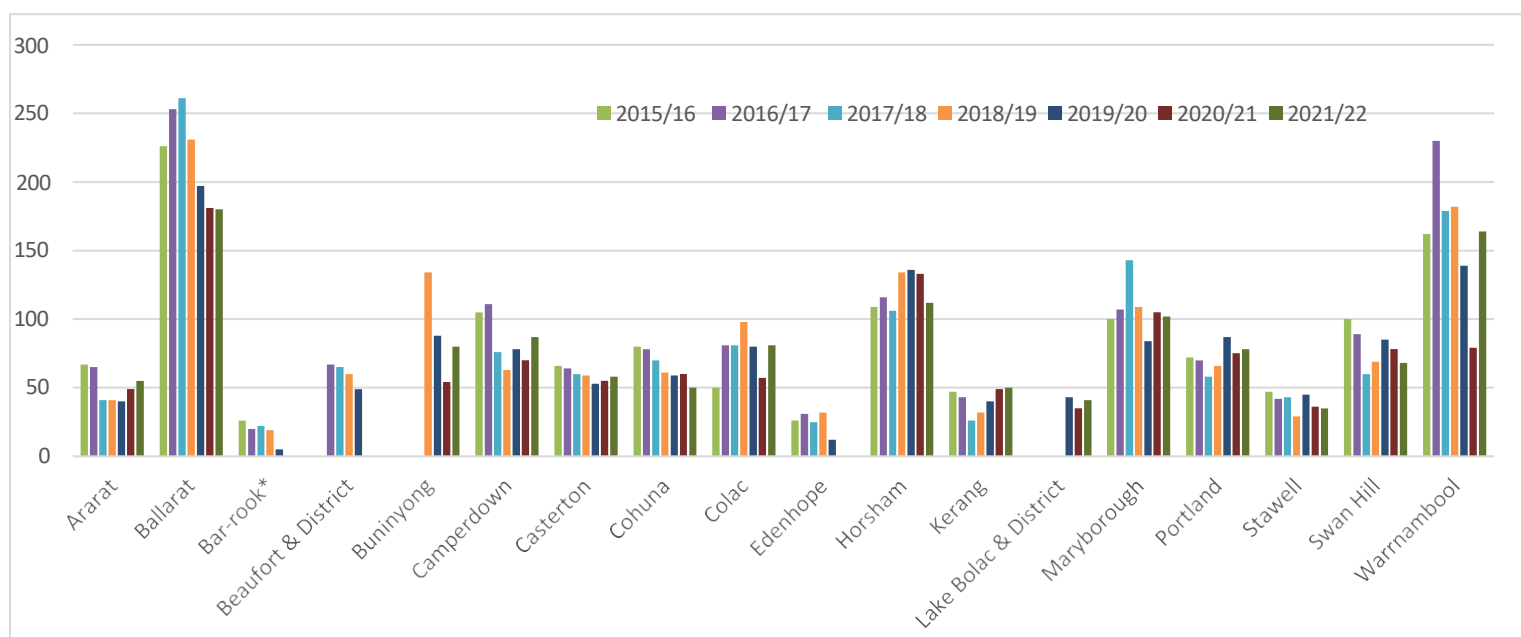
Centre	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Variance	Retention
Brighton	224	306	312	324	330	286	337	15.13%	62.77%
Caulfield	287	341	316	339	341	333	423	21.28%	67.69%
Chelsea	245	234	212	225	206	204	203	-0.49%	64.47%
Dandenong	107	89	76	79	58	30	38	21.05%	41.38%
Frankston	465	427	381	332	303	227	254	10.63%	65.00%
Mentone	330	339	296	248	276	225	254	11.42%	66.52%
Moorabbin	229	241	188	177	151	86	133	35.34%	58.02%
Mornington	284	311	288	184	220	183	221	17.19%	58.01%
Oakleigh	71	92	103	132	137	129	101	-27.72%	64.06%
Sandringham	400	441	400	366	367	321	298	-7.72%	54.11%
Seaford	160	158	137	148	143	174	156	-11.54%	58.48%
Southern Peninsula	144	160	119	0	0	0	0	-	-
Springvale	214	199	169	177	146	128	160	20.00%	66.94%
Waverley	223	245	244	207	181	176	198	11.11%	68.00%
Westernport	107	99	88	101	81	59	64	7.31%	59.32%
<b>Region TOTAL</b>	<b>3490</b>	<b>3682</b>	<b>3329</b>	<b>3039</b>	<b>2940</b>	<b>2561</b>	<b>2840</b>	<b>9.82%</b>	<b>62.50%</b>





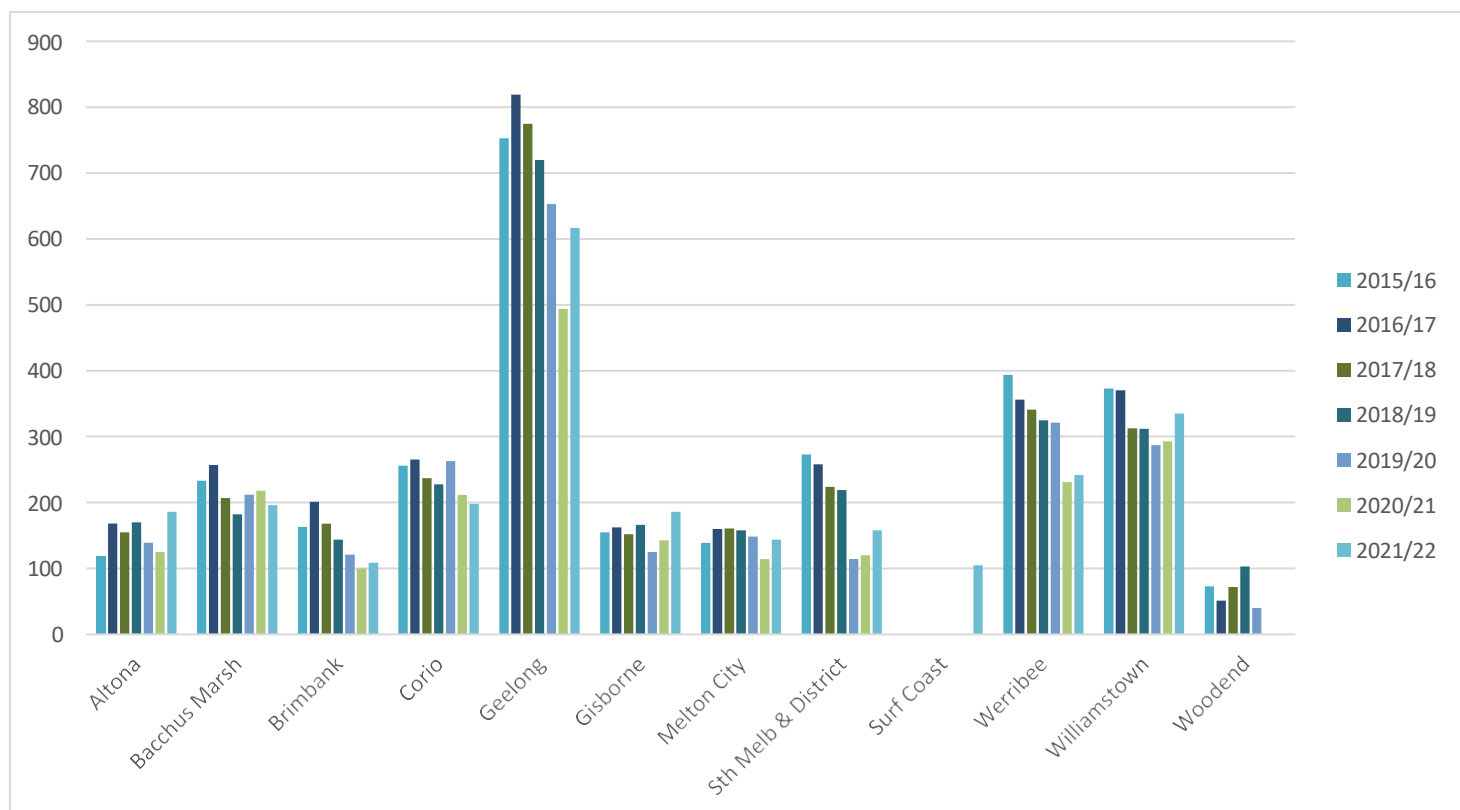
## WESTERN COUNTRY REGION (WCR)

Centre	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Variance	Retention
Ararat	67	65	41	41	40	49	55	10.91%	63.27%
Ballarat	226	253	261	231	197	181	180	-0.56%	64.20%
Bar-rook*	26	20	22	19	5	0	0	-	-
Beaufort & District	-	67	65	60	49	0	0	-	-
Buninyong	-	-	-	134	88	54	80	32.50%	75.93%
Camperdown	105	111	76	63	78	70	87	19.54%	60.00%
Casterton	66	64	60	59	53	55	58	5.17%	69.23%
Cohuna	80	78	70	61	59	60	50	-20.00%	50.00%
Colac	50	81	81	98	80	57	81	29.63%	57.14%
Dimboola	25	22	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Edenhope	26	31	25	32	12	0	0	-	-
Hamilton	61	42	36	30	21	0	0	-	-
Horsham	109	116	106	134	136	133	112	-18.75%	55.04%
Kerang	47	43	26	32	40	49	50	2.00%	65.31%
Lake Bolac & District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	43	35	41	14.63%	55.88%
Maryborough	100	107	143	109	84	105	102	-2.94%	59.22%
Portland	72	70	58	66	87	75	78	3.85%	75.34%
Stawell	47	42	43	29	45	36	35	-2.86%	51.52%
Swan Hill	100	89	60	69	85	78	68	-17.71%	62.16%
Warrnambool	162	230	179	182	139	79	164	51.83%	73.08%
<b>Region TOTAL</b>	<b>1369</b>	<b>1531</b>	<b>1352</b>	<b>1449</b>	<b>1341</b>	<b>1116</b>	<b>1241</b>	<b>10.07%</b>	<b>62.68%</b>



## WESTERN METRO REGION (WMR)

Centre	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Variance	Retention
Altona	118	168	155	170	139	125	186	32.80%	79.67%
Bacchus Marsh	233	257	207	182	212	218	196	-11.22%	65.40%
Brimbank	163	201	168	144	121	100	109	8.26%	75.51%
Corio	256	265	237	228	263	212	198	-7.07%	63.32%
Geelong	753	819	775	720	653	494	617	19.94%	72.86%
Gisborne	155	162	152	166	125	143	186	23.12%	51.41%
Melton City	139	160	161	158	148	114	144	20.83%	55.26%
Sth Melb & District	273	258	224	219	114	120	158	24.05%	55.00%
Surf Coast	-	-	-	-	-	-	105	0.00%	0.00%
Werribee	394	356	341	325	321	231	242	4.55%	61.61%
Williamstown	373	370	313	312	287	293	335	12.54%	64.48%
Woodend	73	51	72	103	40	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Region TOTAL</b>	<b>2930</b>	<b>3067</b>	<b>2805</b>	<b>2727</b>	<b>2423</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>2476</b>	<b>17.21%</b>	<b>65.56%</b>
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18672</b>	<b>19422</b>	<b>17814</b>	<b>16859</b>	<b>15896</b>	<b>14144</b>	<b>15503</b>	<b>9.61%</b>	<b>61.64%</b>







# **Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions**

**ABN: 47 646 887 442**

## **Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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# Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions

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## Directors' Report

31 March 2022

The Directors submit the financial statements of the Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated (the "Association") and Controlled Regions ('the Group'), being for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

### 1. General information

#### Information on directors

The names of Board members throughout the year and to the date of this report are:

Steve Waugh (President)	Appointed President 20/7/2021
Sherrie Boulter	Term Ended 17/07/2021
Danielle Wruck (Finance)	
Ross McIlveen	Re-elected 17/07/2021
Krista Graham	Term Ended 17/07/2021
Erica Cunningham	Elected 17/07/2021
Shoshana Simonovski	Elected 17/07/2021
Brett Schofield	Resigned 4/4/2022
Malcolm Duncan	
Jennifer Tierney	
Russell Dmytrenko	

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

#### Principal activities

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

- To administer the sport of Little Athletics in accordance with the Constitution;
- To promote the sport of Little Athletics and generate membership registrations;
- To conduct educational interventions for athletes, coaches, volunteers and parents; and
- To conduct Region and State competition events.

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

### 2. Operating results and review of operations for the year

#### Operating results

The consolidated profit/(loss) of the Group amounted to \$ 83,652 (2021: \$ 380,290).

The operations of the Group were impacted by the COVID-19 restrictions for the majority of the year.

### 3. Other items

#### Significant changes in state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of entities in the Group during the year.

# Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions

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## Directors' Report

31 March 2022


### 3. Other Items

#### Events after the reporting date

COVID-19 and its future impact on the Group has created uncertainty in the economic environment that we operate within. As at the date of the financial statements, an estimate of the future possible effects of COVID-19 pandemic on the Association's financial performance and/or financial position cannot be made, as the impact will depend on the magnitude and duration of the situation with the full range of monetary impacts unknown.

Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director:   
Steve Waugh (President)

Director:   
Danielle Wruck (Finance Director)

Dated: 19 July 2022

# Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions

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## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	4	1,603,934	1,310,199
Finance income		708	2,230
Government COVID-19 related support		2,000	536,055
ALA LAPS Expenditure		(1,610)	(225)
ALAC Expenditure		(4,773)	(395)
Competition Expenses		(135,579)	(143,496)
Depreciation and amortisation Expenses		(41,611)	(36,708)
Education Expense		(25,073)	(24,764)
Employee benefit Expenses		(668,714)	(704,563)
Governance and Compliance Expenditure		(14,365)	(16,100)
LA Australia Fees and Charges		(217,015)	(234,061)
Membership Development Expenses		(32,695)	(43,490)
Merchandise Costs		(68,053)	(13,026)
Occupancy Costs		(28,714)	(7,061)
Support Expenses		(245,327)	(196,634)
Other Expenses		(39,461)	(47,671)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		<b>83,652</b>	<b>380,290</b>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>83,652</b>	<b>380,290</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>83,652</b>	<b>380,290</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



# Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions

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## Statement of Financial Position

As At 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	2,066,018	1,633,008
Trade and other receivables	6	15,634	179,113
Inventories	7	53,694	56,378
Other assets	10	58,287	185,518
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>2,193,633</b>	2,054,017
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	8	84,605	100,775
Investment property	9	561,995	569,897
Right-of-use assets		7,166	9,906
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>653,766</b>	680,578
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>2,847,399</b>	2,734,595
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	146,125	143,475
Employee benefits	13	185,231	168,937
Other financial liabilities	12	634,981	620,369
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>966,337</b>	932,781
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Lease liabilities		7,079	9,820
Employee benefits	13	17,445	19,108
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>24,524</b>	28,928
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>990,861</b>	961,709
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,856,538</b>	1,772,886
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves		80,472	80,472
Retained earnings		1,776,066	1,692,414
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>1,856,538</b>	1,772,886

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions

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### Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 2022

	Retained Earnings	Development Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 April 2021	1,692,414	80,472	1,772,886
Total other comprehensive income for the year	83,652	-	83,652
Balance at 31 March 2022	1,776,066	80,472	1,856,538

#### 2021

	Retained Earnings	Development Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 April 2020	1,312,124	80,472	1,392,596
Total other comprehensive income for the year	380,290	-	380,290
Balance at 31 March 2021	1,692,414	80,472	1,772,886

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# Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions

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## Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Receipts from registrations and other income		1,789,448	1,450,353
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,341,607)	(1,662,906)
Receipt from COVID Related Government Initiatives/Grants		2,000	536,055
Interest received		708	2,230
Net cash provided by operating activities	21	450,549	325,732
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(14,798)	(20,057)
Net cash used in investing activities		(14,798)	(20,057)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Payment of lease liabilities		(2,741)	(2,741)
Net cash used in financing activities		(2,741)	(2,741)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held		433,010	302,934
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,633,008	1,330,074
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	2,066,018	1,633,008

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



# Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The financial report covers Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions and its controlled entities ('the Group'). Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions is a not-for-profit Association, incorporated and domiciled in Victoria under the Incorporated Associations Act ('the Act').

Each of the entities within the Group prepare their financial statements based on the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (functional currency). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the parent entity's functional and presentation currency.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Directors on 19 July 2022.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

### 1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are General Purpose - Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDR) financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

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

### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Revenue and other income

##### Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Group expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follow:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred.

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Group have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### (a) Revenue and other income

###### Specific revenue streams

The revenue recognition policies for the principal revenue streams of the Group are:

###### Registration Income

Registration income is driven by the athletes paying a fee to participate in Little Athletics across the duration of the season at their respective Centres. This fee provides them with the rights to compete at their chosen centre on a regular basis as a competitive member.

###### Competition Income

Competition income is achieved whereby each athlete pays a fee to participate in specific Region based athletics Carnivals and State based Championships in their chosen event of competency and ability whether it be for Track & Field, X-Country, Relays and Combined Event Championship conducted by the Association held at various venues around the State.

###### Grant revenue

Government grants are recognised at fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all grant conditions will be met. Grants relating to expense items are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grant to the costs they are compensating. Grants relating to assets are credited to deferred income at fair value and are credited to income over the expected useful life of the asset on a straight-line basis.

###### Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Group is entitled to it.

##### (b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

##### (c) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset.

All other borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

##### (d) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### (d) Goods and services tax (GST)

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

##### (e) Inventories

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

##### (f) Property, plant and equipment

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

###### Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

###### Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Group, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

Leased assets and leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or their estimated useful life.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	10-67%
Motor Vehicles	10-40%
Office Equipment	10-67%
Computer Equipment	20-40%
Computer Software	20-40%
Leasehold improvements	2.5%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

##### (g) Investment property

Investment property is held at cost which includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the investment property. The investment properties are depreciated on a straight line basis over 40 years.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### (h) Financial instruments

#### Financial assets

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

#### *Classification*

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

- amortised cost

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

#### *Amortised cost*

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

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

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

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

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

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for the following assets:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost

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

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### (h) Financial instruments

###### Financial assets

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

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

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

###### *Trade receivables and contract assets*

Impairment of trade receivables and contract assets have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Group has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and contract asset and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default.

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Where the Group renegotiates the terms of trade receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

###### *Other financial assets measured at amortised cost*

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

###### Financial liabilities

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

The financial liabilities of the Group comprise trade payables, and lease liabilities.

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#### **2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **(i) Impairment of non-financial assets**

At the end of each reporting period the Group determines whether there is evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where an indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss, except for goodwill.

##### **(j) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

##### **(k) Leases**

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses whether a lease exists - i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

This involves an assessment of whether:

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset - this may be explicitly or implicitly identified within the agreement. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right then there is no identified asset.
- The Group has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use.
- The Group has the right to direct the use of the asset i.e. decision making rights in relation to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

##### **Lessee accounting**

The non-lease components included in the lease agreement have been separated and are recognised as an expense as incurred.

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



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#### **2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **(k) Leases**

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

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

##### *Exceptions to lease accounting*

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

##### **(l) Employee benefits**

Provision is made for the Group's liability for employee benefits, those benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on high quality corporate bond rates incorporating bonds rated AAA or AA by credit agencies, with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

#### **3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

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

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

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

##### **Key estimates - Receivables**

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. The impairment provision is based on the best information at the reporting date.

##### **Key estimates - Inventory**

Each item on inventory is reviewed on an annual basis to determine whether it is being carried at higher than its net realisable value. During the year, management have written down inventory based on best estimate of the net realisable value, although until the time that inventory is sold this is an estimate.

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#### 3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

##### Key estimates - Provisions

As described in the accounting policies, provisions are measures at management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period. These estimates are made taking into account a range of possible outcomes and will vary as further information is obtained.

#### 4 Revenue and Other Income

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue from other sources		
- Registration income	1,118,551	931,110
- Competition income	156,418	147,623
- Education income	35,748	17,920
- Merchandise income	78,723	11,975
- Sponsorship/Grants	101,878	109,431
- Affiliation income	6,700	6,750
- Other income	15,874	16,044
- Rental income	90,042	69,346
<b>Total revenue and other income</b>	<b>1,603,934</b>	<b>1,310,199</b>

#### 5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank and on hand	2,066,018	1,633,008
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#### 6 Trade and Other Receivables

##### CURRENT

Trade receivables	28,456	192,606
Allowance for expected credit losses	(a) (12,822)	(13,493)
<b>Total current trade and other receivables</b>	<b>15,634</b>	<b>179,113</b>

##### (a) Impairment of receivables

The Group applies the simplified approach to expected credit losses, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The loss allowance provision as at 31 March 2022 is determined as follows, the expected credit losses incorporate forward looking information.

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

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

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### 7 Inventories

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
At cost:		
Merchandise	67,643	64,556
Other items	585	1,584
Consumables	-	4,105
Provision for obsolete stocks	(14,534)	(13,867)
<b>Total Inventories</b>	<b>53,694</b>	<b>56,378</b>

### 8 Plant and equipment

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
At cost	179,726	184,003
Accumulated depreciation	(161,418)	(153,727)
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<b>18,308</b>	<b>30,276</b>
Motor vehicles		
At cost	47,263	47,263
Accumulated depreciation	(30,985)	(25,559)
<b>Total motor vehicles</b>	<b>16,278</b>	<b>21,704</b>
Office equipment		
At cost	105,869	89,300
Accumulated depreciation	(74,101)	(59,224)
<b>Total office equipment</b>	<b>31,768</b>	<b>30,076</b>
Computer software		
At cost	11,162	11,162
Accumulated depreciation	(11,162)	(11,162)
<b>Total computer software</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Leasehold Improvements		
At cost	30,137	30,137
Accumulated depreciation	(11,886)	(11,418)
<b>Total leasehold improvements</b>	<b>18,251</b>	<b>18,719</b>
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<b>84,605</b>	<b>100,775</b>
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### 8 Plant and equipment

#### (a) Movements in carrying amounts of plant and equipment

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

	Plant and Equipment \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Office Equipment \$	Computer Software \$	Leasehold Improvements \$	Total \$
<b>Year ended 31 March 2022</b>						
Balance at the beginning of year	30,276	21,704	30,076	-	18,719	100,775
Additions	622	-	14,176	-	-	14,798
Depreciation expense	(12,590)	(5,426)	(12,484)	-	(468)	(30,968)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>18,308</b>	<b>16,278</b>	<b>31,768</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,251</b>	<b>84,605</b>

	Plant and Equipment \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Office Equipment \$	Computer Software \$	Leasehold Improvements \$	Total \$
<b>Year ended 31 March 2021</b>						
Balance at the beginning of year	22,773	28,938	31,454	1,575	19,199	103,939
Additions	11,691	-	8,366	-	-	20,057
Depreciation expense	(4,188)	(7,234)	(9,744)	(1,575)	(480)	(23,221)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>30,276</b>	<b>21,704</b>	<b>30,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,719</b>	<b>100,775</b>

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### 9 Investment Property

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>At cost value</b>		
<b>Owned Property</b>		
Balance at beginning of the period	857,621	857,621
Accumulated Depreciation	(295,626)	(287,724)
<b>Total Investment Property</b>	<b>561,995</b>	<b>569,897</b>

### 10 Other assets

<b>CURRENT</b>		
Prepayments	45,816	117,149
Accrued income	8,605	62,548
Deposits	3,866	5,821
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>58,287</b>	<b>185,518</b>

### 11 Trade and Other Payables

<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade payables	39,941	20,823
Other payables	106,184	122,652
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>	<b>146,125</b>	<b>143,475</b>

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

### 12 Other Financial Liabilities

<b>CURRENT</b>		
Government grants	83,358	90,927
Deferred income	551,623	529,442
<b>Total</b>	<b>634,981</b>	<b>620,369</b>

### 13 Employee Benefits

<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Long service leave	66,907	60,098
Provision for employee benefits	118,324	108,839
	<b>185,231</b>	<b>168,937</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Long service leave	17,445	19,108

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### 14 Reserves

#### (a) Development reserve

The development reserve records funds set aside for future needs of the regions, software development and new centre development of the Group.

### 15 Financial Risk Management

The main risks the Group is exposed to through its financial instruments consist mainly with banks, local money market instruments, accounts receivable and trade payables.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, are measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements are as follows:

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Held at amortised cost		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,066,018	1,633,008
Trade and other receivables	15,634	179,113
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>2,081,652</b>	<b>1,812,121</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	146,125	143,475

### 16 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

Key management personnel remuneration included within employee expenses for the year is shown below:

Short-term employee benefits	339,577	356,988
Long-term benefits	32,112	31,512
	<b>371,689</b>	<b>388,500</b>

### 17 Interests in Regions

#### (a) Composition of the Group

	Percentage Owned (%) <sup>*</sup> 2022	Percentage Owned (%) <sup>*</sup> 2021
<b>Regions:</b>		
Eastern Metropolitan Region	100	100
Gippsland Country Region	100	100
Northern Metropolitan Region	100	100
Northern Country Region	100	100
Southern Metropolitan Region	100	100

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### 17 Interests in Regions

#### (a) Composition of the Group

	Percentage Owned (%)*	Percentage Owned (%)*
	2022	2021
Western Metropolitan Region	100	100
Western Country Region	100	100

\*The percentage of ownership interest held is equivalent to the percentage voting rights for all regions.

### 18 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Group did not have any contingencies at 31 March 2022 (31 March 2021:None).

### 19 Related Parties

#### (a) Transactions with related parties

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated. The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Director Remuneration</b>		
Steven Waugh	2,250	1,800
Sherrie Boulter	600	2,400
Paul Bray	-	600
James van Beek	-	600
Michael Wallace	-	600
Ross McIlveen	1,800	1,800
Bethaney Henry	-	600
Tracey May	-	600
Krista Graham	450	1,800
Brett Schofield	1,800	1,200
Malcolm Duncan	1,800	1,200
Jennifer Tierney	1,800	1,200
Russell Dmytrenko	1,800	1,200
Danielle Wruck	1,800	1,200
Erina Cunningham	1,350	-
Shoshana Simonovski	1,350	-
	<u>16,800</u>	<u>16,800</u>



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### 20 Summary of Regions

The following Profit or Loss and Balance Sheet represents the Consolidated Position of Little Athletics Victoria and its seven regions:

	Little Athletics Victoria	Regions	Total Consolidated 31 March 2022	Little Athletics Victoria	Regions	Total Consolidated 31 March 2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Profit or Loss</b>						
Revenue	1,599,081	7,561	1,606,642	1,840,828	7,656	1,848,484
Expenses	(1,502,985)	(20,005)	(1,522,990)	(1,453,920)	(14,274)	(1,468,194)
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>96,096</b>	<b>(12,444)</b>	<b>83,652</b>	<b>386,908</b>	<b>(6,618)</b>	<b>380,290</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>						
Current Assets	2,126,668	66,965	2,193,633	1,981,599	72,418	2,054,017
Non-Current Assets	638,331	15,435	653,766	657,234	23,344	680,578
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,764,999</b>	<b>82,400</b>	<b>2,847,399</b>	<b>2,638,833</b>	<b>95,762</b>	<b>2,734,595</b>
Current Liabilities	(966,103)	(234)	(966,337)	(931,628)	(1,153)	(932,781)
Non-Current Liabilities	(24,524)	-	(24,524)	(28,928)	-	(28,928)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>(990,627)</b>	<b>(234)</b>	<b>(990,861)</b>	<b>(960,556)</b>	<b>(1,153)</b>	<b>(961,709)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,774,372</b>	<b>82,166</b>	<b>1,856,538</b>	<b>1,678,277</b>	<b>94,609</b>	<b>1,772,886</b>
Reserves	80,472	-	80,472	80,472	-	80,472
Retained Earnings	1,693,900	82,166	1,776,066	1,597,805	94,609	1,692,414
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,774,372</b>	<b>82,166</b>	<b>1,856,538</b>	<b>1,678,277</b>	<b>94,609</b>	<b>1,772,886</b>

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### 21 Cash Flow Information

#### (a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Profit for the year	83,652	380,290
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- amortisation on right-of-use assets	2,740	2,738
- depreciation and amortisation	38,871	31,464
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	163,478	(168,213)
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	127,231	(129,702)
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	2,684	16,297
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	2,650	25,931
- increase/(decrease) in other financial liabilities	14,612	(8,479)
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	14,631	175,406
Cashflows from operations	<u>450,549</u>	<u>325,732</u>

### 22 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

The financial report was authorised for issue on 19 July 2022 by the Board of Directors.

COVID-19 and its future impact on the Group has created uncertainty in the economic environment that we operate within. As at the date of the financial statements, an estimate of the future possible effects of COVID-19 pandemic on the Association's financial performance and/or financial position cannot be made, as the impact will depend on the magnitude and duration of the situation with the full range of monetary impacts unknown.

Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

### 23 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the Association is:

Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated  
Level 1 31 Aughtie Drive  
Albert Park Victoria 3206

## Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions

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### Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Group declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes for the year ended 31 March 2022 are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) and:
  - a. comply with Accounting Standards, which, as stated in basis of preparation Note 1 to the financial statements, constitutes explicit and unreserved compliance with Australian Accounting Standards; and
  - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the consolidated group;
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director .....  
Steve Waugh (President)

Director .....  
Danielle Wruck (Finance Director)

Dated: 19 July 2022

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED AND  
CONTROLLED REGIONS**

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions (the Association) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the Association.

The financial report of Little Athletics Association of Victoria Incorporated and Controlled Regions is in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic), including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 March 2022 and of their performance for the period ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic).

**Basis for Opinion**

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

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

**Other Information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Association's directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2021, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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



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

### **Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report**

The Directors of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic) and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Association to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar3.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar3.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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**Partner**  
**Audit and Assurance**

Melbourne, Victoria

19 July 2022