



Annual Report

2022/23



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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 2022 / 2023

		End of Term
Elected Director	Steve Waugh - President	2024
Elected Director	Shoshana Simonovski - Vice President	2023
Elected Director	Ross McIlveen	2023
Elected Director	Malcolm Duncan	2024
Elected Director	Erina Cunningham	2023
Elected Director	Julie Bicknell	2024
Elected Director	Maryanne Gec	2024
Appointed Director	Russell Dmytrenko	2024

THE TEAM IN 2022 / 2023

Chief Executive Officer:	Anthony McIntosh
General Manager - Competition & Education:	Shane Bertrand (resigned 22.07.22)
Manager - Finance, Governance & Risk:	Julie Green
Manager – Competition:	Brett Johnstone (commenced 10.10.22)
Manager – Education:	Nathan McConchie (commenced 12.09.22)
Manager - e-Commerce & Technology:	Kim John
Co-ordinator - Communications & Marketing:	Nathan Gjorgievski
Co-ordinator - Membership, Events & Merchandise:	Andrew Pryn (resigned 26.03.23)
Co-ordinator - Membership, Events & Merchandise:	Caitlin Serle (commenced 11.04.23)
Competition Development (casual):	Debbie Baskin
Development Officer (casual):	Rob Belli
Development Officer (casual):	Doug Cobbledick
Technical support (casual):	Graham Lucas

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)	2022	Andrew Duncan

PRESIDENTS REPORT

A massive year!

Firstly, a huge 'thanks and congratulations' to the hard working and committed volunteers and parents who bring our sport to life each week. Like many sports in Victoria, we experienced a surge in membership as the community emerged from the restrictions of the pandemic. Over 18,000 Little Athletes signed up this year, an increase of almost 4,000 compared with the previous season and well over the number we had conservatively budgeted for. Right across the State, our Centres have risen to the challenge and done their best to welcome these new and returning members and worked hard to deliver a great experience to their athletes.

This year also saw a relatively small but passionate group of returning members take up the opportunity to compete in the Under-17 age group. This change was championed by our regional Centres and saw athletes across Victoria participate and compete as Little Athletes for one more year. Allowing our senior members to extend their Little Athletics journey was warmly received and brings Victoria into alignment with most other States at the upper age level.

The theme of expanded opportunities and growing numbers was also taken up by the national competition, Australian Little Athletics Championships (ALAC), which was held for the second year running in Victoria. This year's instalment saw a new U14 category under the banner Australian Junior Athletics Championships. It seems likely that further expansion will be offered to this program, providing even more opportunities for competitive athletes to test themselves against their interstate rivals.

Sponsors and commercial partners

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our generous sponsors and partners. They provide far more than just financial support. Their involvement demonstrates the strength of the Little Athletics movement, and our partnerships share the same core values that celebrate Family, Fun & Fitness, and a sense of community. Our national naming rights partner, Coles, has recently extended their support of Little Athletics, having donated almost 4 million bananas since their partnership commenced in 2017.

Natural disasters and other challenges

Natural disasters impacted several Centres this year, with parts of the Goulburn Valley being devastated by major flooding. Centres were closed for extended periods until the recovery process could be completed. It was pleasing to see the Little Aths community rally around those affected with offers of support and replacement equipment.

Personnel changes

After many years of service to LAVic, Shane Bertrand seized the opportunity to take up a role with the national body. Subsequently, CEO Anthony McIntosh restructured his team, with the portfolio being split into two dedicated roles. We have been fortunate to welcome Brett Johnstone as Competition Manager, and Nathan McConchie as Education Manager, as well as recently repatriated Caitlin Serle as Membership, Events & Merchandise Coordinator. These new names join a highly experienced and capable team who continue to provide outstanding service to the Victorian Little Athletics community. I deeply appreciate all your hard work, professionalism, and passion for our sport.

The Board has also seen some changes. Long-term official and Little Athletics stalwart Julie Bicknell, and proud Keilor supporter Maryanne Gec were elected at the AGM and are now halfway through their first terms.

We will bid farewell to distinguished member Ross McIlveen from Camperdown, as he completes his third two-year term. The current Board are highly connected to our sport, with many, including myself, active at Centre level and volunteering in other hands-on roles. I look forward to working with the new and continuing members of the Board following the AGM.

Looking to the future

The next challenge for LAVic will be to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our young people and their families in a sustainable way. Data has shown that pressure on volunteers is impacting on community sport at all levels, whether they are officials, coaches, committee members or just parents taking that first step to lend a hand. As a Board, we are acutely aware of the need to support and celebrate our valued volunteers, as they are the heart of our great sport.

Local consulting experts Sports Community were engaged to help us to take a new approach to strategic planning this year.

With their support, consultation workshops have been undertaken with a variety of stakeholder groups, including Centres, Regions, sponsors, partners, government agencies and others.

The plan provides clear directions and priorities for our sport over the next few seasons as we take advantage of the opportunities ahead of us, while also working hard to address areas for improvement that have the potential to hold us back.

As the President of this great Association, I am truly proud of how we work together for the betterment of the sport and to make Little Athletics so much fun for the most important people of all – our athletes and their families. On behalf of the Board and Staff, I wish you all success for the upcoming season.



Steve Waugh

President





CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Season 22/23 was the first season in several where the pandemic was firmly in the rear-view mirror. While our Association of 96 active Centres survived the pandemic and crippling Government-imposed restrictions, never again can a competition season without significant interruptions be taken for granted. To that end, and as if on cue, Victoria, along with New South Wales and Queensland, endured record spring rains unleashing catastrophic flooding events on several of our Centres. Geelong, Essendon, Seymour, Shepparton and Rochester were all inundated & suffered property damage. Almost all other LAVic affiliated Centres endured a delayed start to the season due to persistent rain events and in many cases, waterlogged facilities.

Notwithstanding the challenging start to the season, this report tells a story of a sport in sound health: vibrant Centres, committed volunteers, a stable Board, a talented LAVic team, growing competitive membership, and sound financials.

Membership

Our Association registered 18148 competitive members (athletes) in 22/23, up more than 17% on the previous year. This is a spectacular increase, mostly unanticipated and the most significant causal factor behind the financial surplus LAVic has posted for 22/23. On a more measured note, Croydon and Hume – Centres with proud 50-year plus histories - entered recess, unable to form viable committees to sustain the operations required. Alpine Centre – based in Bright and established in more recent times - also entered recess. Tragically, Rochester suffered catastrophic damage during the spring flooding event, losing much of its track and equipment. Affiliated, but unable to operate, and with large swathes of its population displaced, its season never got going, and the future of the Centre, like the town, remains uncertain.

On a happier note, Nagambie (59 members, Northern Country Region) and Port Fairy (138, Western Country Region) Centres were

established, and made wonderful starts to their existences.

The early success of both new Centres was largely reflective of the enormous amount of work each committee had invested in the lead up to the season, and the huge amount of community profile and support generated by each.

After two years in recess, the Hamilton Running Club Inc stepped in to reboot the Hamilton Little Athletics Centre – a Centre with a proud 50-year-plus history. Their 108 registered athletes were testament to the previously unmet demand for Little Aths in that town and the quality of the experiences its committee were able to provide its families.

Beaufort and Barooga too were able to recommence operations in 22/23, thanks to its committed volunteers and the support and leadership of their respective Region committees.

National marketing program

In the previous 12 months, a reinvigorated Little Athletics Australia (LAA) has been providing much needed leadership to the sport. LAA's philosophy of driving national consistency of strategic directions, operations, policy, and product is long overdue and applauded by LAVic.

A product of this collective national approach was the inaugural national digital marketing campaign. Originally conceived and piloted in South Australia in the 21/22 season with promising results, LAVic enthusiastically pursued the opportunity to develop similar tailored digital media packs for all its affiliated Centres. The purpose of the project was to provide ready-made social media templates for Centres, to simplify and ease the execution of social media activity, and to give Centre social media communications a consistent and professional-looking look and feel. The packs were utilised by all bar two Centres. Consequently, the volume, engagement metrics and quality of social media output was well up across the Association.

This initiative was the significant factor in the 16% increase in our membership in season 22/23. Other State Member Associations tell the same story and it's hoped that this is a precursor to many more nationally collaborative projects that help lift the sport to a better place.

Compliance

LAVic acknowledges the ever-increasing legal compliance requirements thrust on Centres and has voiced its concerns to the State Government. All other community sports share similar concerns. Not long ago, pandemic-related restrictions made life very challenging for Centre committees. While COVID-19-related laws have faded into history, compliance in areas such as information privacy, child safety, member protection and complaints resolution remain.

Dealing with these matters places a huge burden on our volunteers, sometimes with frightening legal consequences. These are not matters many of us are naturally equipped to confront and they present an enormous barrier to the future sustainability of our voluntary workforce, and a direct threat to our sport, notwithstanding their good intentions.

For these reasons and so many more, our volunteers deserve massive thanks for stepping up, regardless of the challenges that may arise.

Climate change

Spoken about for many years now, 22/23 may well have been the season where the reality of climate change hit home for Little Athletics. Rains of biblical proportions, courtesy of an extended La Nina weather pattern, hit most districts in the eastern seaboard in the spring of 22/23, causing damage and disruption to many, many Centres. A consequence of this, in combination with global factors such as the Ukraine-Russia war and the fall-out from the COVID-19 pandemic has seen the cost of insurance premiums skyrocket. The insurance market has tightened such that underwriters are unwilling to insure against flood in many parts of Australia. While the markets are expected to ease in time, the cost and risks associated with administering community sport

increase.

Time will tell if extended periods of drought, rain-bombs, floods, heatwaves, and other disruptive climatic events will require our sport to be conducted in new ways to survive.

Thanks:

- Thanks to the hardworking Committees of our member Centres. Centre volunteers scaffold our sport. Period.
- Thanks to the seven Region Committees and their members who continue to give up many hours of their year for the love of our sport.
- Thanks to our parents/guardians, athletes, and their siblings.
- Thanks to the hardworking LAVic team – Julie Green, Nathan McConchie, Brett Johnstone, Kim John, Nathan Gjorgievski, Caitlin Serle, Debbie Baskin, Graham Lucas, Rob Belli & Doug Cobbledick. A special mention must also be made of Shane Bertrand's contribution to the Association during his fifteen-year career with LAVic. Shane provided a great deal of leadership, especially in the areas of competition and education. He leaves an enviable legacy.
- Thanks to the LAVic Board, led by President Steve Waugh, that continues to meet every month. A special thanks to Ross McIlveen, who at the conclusion of the 2023 AGM will have served his maximum three terms. Ross has been a loyal and enthusiastic contributor to Little Aths at Camperdown LAC, Western Country Region and the LAVic Board. We wish him well and expect he'll remain very active around our Association.

As 22/23 formally comes to a close, I wish all every success for the 23/24 season.

Regards,



Anthony McIntosh
Chief Executive Officer



OPERATIONS REPORT

Grow Centre Committee capabilities.

For the second year running, LAVic appointed two Development Officers to assist Centres with their day-to-day operations and challenges. Doug Cobbledick (based in north-east Victoria) and Rob Belli (based in eastern Melbourne) between them travelled all over Victoria meeting and greeting Centre volunteers, parents, and athletes. This assistance included mini clinics about various aspects of the sport, such as race starting, coaching, and officiating. Both Rob & Doug played an outstanding role in providing a friendly ambassadorial face to our Centres.

Their standout achievements during 22/23 were the establishment of new Centres Nathalia (Northern Country Region) and Port Fairy (Western Country Region). Further the re-commencement of a reinvigorated Hamilton LAC would not have occurred without their support and assistance.

For the third year running, the annual LAVic Conference was delivered online. The online format has been found to be significantly more effective at communicating and distributing key messages to Centres. It's highly likely that Conferences moving forward will retain an element of online workshopping, and the posting of presentations and discussions online for access by anyone.

The other significant initiative increasing Centre capability was the digital marketing campaign. Read more about this in the 'Marketing' section below.

Increase the number of active coaches in Victorian Little Athletics Centres

Following years of pandemic disruption to the traditional delivery of LAVic's primary coaching course, the 'Introduction to Little Athletics Skills' ('ITLAS') course delivery could resume as normal.

A healthy population of Coaches across all Regions remains critical to the delivery of high-quality Little Athletics experiences for athletes and families.

While the confusion that has existed nationally with respect to the official coaching and athletes' development pathway has not been resolved, it's pleasing to report that LAA sees this as one of its highest priorities for action. Having a nationally accredited coach training course will be of huge assistance for the growth and development of sustainable cohort of Little Aths coaches.

Sport & Recreation Victoria, through its 'Together More Active' grant program, has funded LAVic to grow its female coaching population. To that end, towards the end of the 22/23 Track & Field season, LAVic offered substantially subsidised coach training courses for females, with the assistance of Athletics Victoria. The response to this initiative has been pleasing.

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.

The establishment of the Development Officer (DO) positions was a direct consequence of the 2017 Region review. During the 22/23 season, Centres received over thirty visits from LAVic's DOs, and many more hours of direct contact via videoconference. Their willingness to work in more collaboratively with the Region committees was a feature of the program in 22/23.

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

Recruit competitive members

Across LAVic's 96 active Centres, 18148 competitive members (athletes) were registered in 22/23. This is an increase of 17% over the previous season.

Two significant contributing factors to member growth included a pent-up demand for our sport over the previous pandemic-affected seasons, and vastly more co-ordinated, consistent, and effective digital

marketing activity across the Association.

Retention across the Association was down on the previous season: 57% versus 61.64%.

As per the previous season, new member recruitment was assisted by the Trial Athlete Offer initiative, which provided Centres with improved engagement with trialing athletes and families. This process continues to be fine-tuned by LAVic and at Centre level. Some Centres reported trial athlete conversion rates upwards of 90% - extraordinary! The total number of trial athletes that registered online for the summer season was 11,880, up significantly from 8582 in the previous season.

Establish new Centres

It has been many years since LAVic established more than one new Centre in a season, but our Association was delighted to welcome Port Fairy LAC (Centre #162, Western Country Region) and Nagambie LAC (Centre #163, Northern Country Region) to our family of affiliated Centres. Both Centres made an excellent start registering 59 and 138 athletes respectively.

Congratulations to the committees and families of each.

Hamilton LAC (Centre #50) re-commenced operations after two seasons in recess. The Hamilton Running Club Inc, long a strong community-based athletics group, proposed to re-boot the proud old Centre. That HLAC registered 108 athletes is testament to the strength of program and quality of that

Centre's leadership.

Similarly, Beaufort (24 members) and Barooga (115 members) recommenced operations during 22/23 after two and one seasons respectively in recess. Congratulations to all involved.

Encourage and support existing and new pathways into helping with Centre activities

LAVic's Development Officers (DOs) again conducted over thirty visits during season 22/23 and continue to observe key elements of how committees and their Centres function.

A significant part of the DO work is to assist Centre committees engage parents with Little Athletics, to grow parental confidence and willingness to assist run the programs.

During the early months of 2023, LAVic added a substantial number of educational and informative audio visual, digital and print resources to its website. The resources demonstrate and explain the various disciplines of Little Aths and are for the benefit of new athletes and parents. These resources – borrowed from interstate Member Associations, as well as overseas athletics bodies – will continue to be added to annually.

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.

Ensuring these resources are consumable by our Centres and families and are fully utilised remains an ongoing challenge. To this end, LAVic re-structured its management team during 22/23 and appointed Managers of Competition and Education respectively. While also ably supported by the Development Officer function, LAVic is better placed now to assist Centres and Regions with educational and competition interventions where required.

Over the past 12 months, LAVic has placed less emphasis on the face-to-face delivery of training and opted for the provision of web-based resources and interactive webinars. Expect this trend to continue into 23/24.

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.

Implement member protection framework

LAVic drafted and implemented its Member Protection Policy during the 22/23 season. In future, LAVic will align its Member Protection settings with LAA who, in turn, is developing a set of policies suitable for adoption for all State Member Associations, based on the Australian Sports Commission's National Integrity Framework. A rapid evolution of policy settings and process is expected in this space for community sport in the short-to-medium term.

LAVic drafted and implemented its Complaints Handling the Dispute Resolution Policy during the 21/22 season.

Human Resources

Notwithstanding an increasingly competitive labour market, the LAVic team continues to be operationally very stable. While the pandemic caused enormous disruption to operations, some positive legacy practices have been maintained, with a hybrid work model and

adoption of cloud-based MS Office365 digital tools. Most of LAVic's team members live more than a 60-minute commute to and from the office. Giving the team the choice to commute or tele-commute is a powerful incentive for attracting and retaining human capital.

Staff movements in summary during the reporting period:

- 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.
- Nathan McConchie commenced in the role of Manager – Education in September 2022.
- Brett Johnstone commenced in the role of Manager – Competition in October 2022.
- Andrew Pryn commenced in the Membership, Events, and Merchandise Co-ordinator role in June 2022, and resigned in April 2023
- Caitlin Serle commenced in the role of Membership, Events, and Merchandise Co-ordinator in April 2023.

LAVic – for the second year running - played a critical role in the operational delivery of the 2023 Australian Little Athletics Championships ('ALAC'), held in Melbourne on 22nd & 23rd April, at Lakeside Stadium.

The expertise and experience of the LAVic team were fundamental to the delivery of a high-quality event.

Respecting Honorary Members

The Service Awards Committee ('SAC') members are Life Governors Irene Harris, Debbie Baskin, Graham Lucas, Chris Doubleday, and Carol Timmins with former President Steve Ryan chairing. The purpose of the SAC is to ensure that the Association's greatest voluntary contributors receive due recognition and are honoured accordingly within the context of LAVic's Service Awards framework.

In the lead up to the 2022 AGM, the SAC considered a record 17 nominations, for which 10 were supported (1 Life Governor, 1 Distinguished Service, 8 Meritorious Service). Concerned that unsuccessful nominations may result in otherwise deserving nominees missing out on due recognition, the SAC made the decision to close nominations four weeks earlier in 2023 than previous years, to assist nominating parties improved their nominations and chances of success.

Further, following discussions where it was apparent that some nominees had many decades of voluntary service, but could not meet the criteria for the current categories, the SAC initiated the introduction of Length

of Service Awards. The purpose of these is to recognise individuals that have volunteered at any level of Little Athletics for increments of 30, 40 or 50 years. More of this to come in the lead up to the 23/24 season.

Congratulations to the following individuals recognised by Little Athletics Victoria at the 2022 AGM for their significant contributions to our sport:

- Julie Bicknell – Meritorious Service.
- Malcolm Huddle – Meritorious Service.
- Mark Henry – Meritorious Service.
- Murray Smith – Meritorious Service.
- Russell Harper – Meritorious Service.
- Tom Cohn – Meritorious Service.
- Dylan Cooper – Meritorious Service.
- Melissa Perry – Meritorious Service.
- Walter Horsman – Distinguished Service.
- Andrew Duncan – Life Governor.

Upgrade the membership database

LAVic continues to be a leading contributor to LAA’s Single National Platform Committee during the reporting period. The purpose of this project is to streamline the databases of all State Member Associations over the medium term. It is one of LAA’s most strategic and profound undertakings.

In the meantime, LAVic enjoys a fruitful partnership with database partner Stack Sports (previously SportsTG) in pressing forward with enhanced functionality and upgrade options to its existing platform.

Marketing

The 2022-23 season heralded the introduction of the National Marketing Campaign. LAVic’s communications and key messaging were almost entirely generated through digital and online means.

Marketing for the 2022-23 season saw the National Marketing Campaign in full swing during the September to February period. LAVic & Centres were provided with their own State & Centre marketing kits containing social media vertical flyers, additional marketing resources, ‘call to action’ tiles & ‘frequently used’ tiles. With the ‘We are...’ tag line on all marketing material, State Member Associations, and Centres nationwide were aligned in the messaging and branding of Little

Athletics, the likes of which has not been previously achieved.

Over the course of the season, more than 95% of Centres used materials from their Centre Marketing Kit to promote on their social media channels. Further, this campaign secured over 122% increase on pageviews on the LAVic website within the first three months of the campaign compared to the same period as last year (September – November).

Social Media

Social media continued to be a key part of the communication and engagement strategies employed by LAVic. The State Marketing Kit featured throughout our social media channels. Growth across all significant social networks continued holding LAVic amongst the most followed athletics organisation in Australia. See the figures in Table 1 below.

Most platforms displayed growth, year on year. Facebook, with its appeal to young mothers, remains the most effective platform for engagement and return on investment. While LinkedIn and Twitter tend to have limitations for the Little Athletics market.

Instagram continues to evolve rapidly as a way of connecting to a younger demographic and showcasing Little Athletics. In the later parts of the 2022-23 season, the team started to create short form video reels – to promote Little Athletics. Proving to be hugely successful amongst our Instagram & TikTok followers who are mainly teenagers & young adults. With both LAVic Instagram & TikTok accounts continuing to grow significantly.

YouTube engagement is predicted to continue to rise due to the large focus on online video content, with livestreaming of our State Championships events playing a major role. The educational ‘how to’ videos clips notwithstanding their age, continue to generate thousands of views per annum.

Social Network	2020	2021	2022	2023
Facebook	17,961	23,710	24,493	26,276
Instagram	4,859	5,080	5,303	5,827
LinkedIn	157	207	252	300
Twitter	979	1,040	1,061	1,038
YouTube	3,360	4,390	5,100	5,990
TikTok	N/A	N/A	190*	305

Table 1: Social Network follower stats based on the 9th of May 2023.

Livestream

The investment into livestreaming continued during the 2022-23 season. With the rapid improvement in

the effectual integration with the Results Hub real-time results app program made for an improved product and viewing experience in 2023.

During season 2022-23 LAVic livestreamed three State Championships: Combined Events, Relays and Track and Field. Post event, livestream footage is edited into individual heats and finals and posted on LAVic's YouTube channel, LAVicTV. Consequently, LAVic's biggest social media platform growth in 2022-23 was YouTube. The LAVicTV channel accumulated over 78,000 views.

Sponsorship

Commonwealth Bank

Season 22/23 was the third of a three-year partnership with Commonwealth Bank ('CBA'). Notwithstanding pandemic induced disruption to the competition calendar in yet another season, CBA continued to provide LAVic with great support. We sincerely thank CBA for their flexibility, understanding and generosity. Pleasingly, CBA have renewed the partnership for a further three years to the conclusion of the 26/27 season.

Powercor

Powercor partnered with LAVic for the second year running with naming rights to the LAVic races at the 2023 Powercor Stawell Gift.

Courtesy of Powercor, our 190 athletes looked every bit the young professionals, competing at this prestigious event in state-of-the-art pro-running-style silks, co-branded Powercor and LAVic.

Further, as a sign of the growing partnership, LAVic assisted Powercor co-ordinate the pre-event Stawell Gift marketing imagery by sourcing Little Athletes to appear in promotional executions on billboards and digital media platforms.

Cluey Learning

LAVic welcomed Cluey Learning, Australia's leading online tutoring company, to the Little Aths family prior to the commencement of the 22/23 season. Cluey Learning are LAVic's 'new member' partner, and their logo appears on all webpages a new member would click through during the process of registration! We thank them for their generous support.

Coles

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 extend 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. Surely, this is the exemplar of national community sport partnership.

Ensure business continuity during and post COVID-19 restrictions

Thankfully, season 22/23 did not present pandemic-related disruptions of the magnitude of previous seasons.

While it's easy to focus on the negatives, it's worth pointing out that one positive legacy of those troubled times is the knowledge and confidence gained that our Association has the resilience to survive major global disruptive episodes. Further, and as previously mentioned, LAVic now conducts a significant amount of its business online and remotely, including meetings, AGMs, conferencing, and document sharing.

Pleasingly, LAVic has emerged from the pandemic in sound shape, with a stable Board & staff, membership growth and solid financial results.

Board continuity

The 2022 Director elections attracted eight nominations for four roles – a very pleasing response. In accordance with its Regulations, a ballot was conducted for affiliated Centres to elect the four successful Directors.

Congratulations to President Steve Waugh and Malcolm Duncan for successfully retaining their roles. LAVic welcomed new Directors Julie Bicknell (Ballarat) and Maryanne Gec (Keilor), with the latter elected at the AGM following a tie with another nominee in the preceding ballot process.

LAVic was governed by a Board of eight Directors for all of 22/23.



GOVERNANCE & RISK

In accordance with the second phase of the Strategic Plan, considerable work was performed over the reporting period in the area of Governance and Risk, with one new Charter and five new Policies being implemented in addition to the revision of five existing Regulations and two existing Policies.

New Charter:

- Child Safe Working Party

Updated Regulations:

- Reg 4 Regions & Advisory Committee
- Reg 6 Terms for Affiliation
- Reg 7 Registration of Competitive Members
- Reg 9 Finance
- Reg 11 Associate Members & Honorary Members

New Policies:

- Childsafe Policy
- Complaints Handling & Dispute Resolution Policy
- Member Protection Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Volunteer Management Policy

The Association's Board approved the LAVic Child Safe Sport Plan in May 2022 in preparation for the introduction of revised Victorian Child Safe Standards (increase from 7 to 11) that commenced in July 2022. To comply with the new Standards LAA's National Child Protection Policy was no longer sufficient in Victoria hence LAVIC's fit for purpose Childsafe Policy was released in September 2022 together with the other four new policies which jointly make up the new member protection framework as well as mandating appropriate behaviours for members and volunteers. At the time of drafting this report, the Code of Conduct Policy was redrafted to incorporate the Victorian Government's Fair Play Code which is a requisite for State Sporting Associations.

After LAVic's 2022 Annual General Meeting the new Board made the decision for non-financial risk to be aligned with the Board's Governance Committee rather than remain with the Finance, Audit Risk Committee with the intention of putting more resource into this area of risk. Those subcommittees are now known as the Governance & Risk Committee

and the Finance & Audit Committee, with the Governance & Risk Committee now responsible for taking the lead on maintaining and implementing LAVic's comprehensive risk management framework and the bi-annual revision of the risk settings.

Child Safety forms a substantial part of the body of work that has been completed or is in progress during the reporting period in the area of risk, leading to the new Child Safe Working Party Charter and the inaugural meeting of that working party in March 2023. Continued implementation and refinement of the Child Safe Sport Plan is an ongoing task for LAVic.

The area of the Cyber Security Risk has also been a major area of focus and professional advice has been obtained to further protect the Association from the risk of online fraud and unauthorised access to personal information. With some services already procured to make improvements in the security of our online systems, additional work in this area will continue into the new season. To date, no reportable data breaches involving LAVic, or its key member data management partners have occurred.

LAVic's continues to work with LAA towards joining the National Redress Scheme ('NRS'). Established in 2018, the NRS provides an alternative pathway for sex abuse victims to seek redress. Similarly, insurance is procured annually by Little Athletics Australia for all member associations and LAVic has been involved in work to ensure that appropriate insurance at an economical cost continues to be provided.

LAVic continues to be a member of VicSport, the peak body for sport and recreation in Victoria which works closely with the Victorian Government whilst providing training opportunities and other resources to the State & Regional sporting bodies that make up its membership.





COMPETITION

The 2022-23 season returned to a more "normal" season after the disruptions due to COVID that have presented such a challenge since March 2020. Whilst COVID is still present and precautions are still required at both State and Centre level, events are now able to be offered more in line with the way they were prior to the pandemic.

COVID was difficult for many people but the effect on large events such as Little Athletics meets has been a significant challenge. It is pleasing to see the increase in registrations and return to relative "normality" that has occurred this season. The efforts of many of our volunteers at all levels of our sport have been amazing in keeping their Club/Centre/Region/State running over these difficult times and we are truly fortunate to have these people involved with our sport. Since the inception of Little Athletics, volunteers have been the backbone of our sport and they continue to be an integral part of what makes Little Athletics great.

Our Competition program is constantly reviewed to seek ways to improve the experience for our athletes, parents and volunteers and we continue to seek opportunities for more members to get more out of their involvement with Little Athletics. This is particularly important as more and more people become "time poor" in today's modern world. The number of sporting and recreational options for young children is greater than it has ever been, and this presents a challenge to Little Athletics to remain a "sport of choice" for children moving forward.

Multi-Class athletics continues to evolve, and it is pleasing to see more Centres including these athletes in their weekly program and a greater participation at all levels from Centre level through to National level.

The Under 17 age group was added for season 2022-23. Whilst adding them into an already packed timetable for State events did prove a challenge it did enable those athletes to remain with Little Athletics for an extra season. Many of these athletes assist at their local Centre and are great role models for the younger athletes.

State Cross Country Relay Championships

The 22/23 State Cross Country Relay Championships were held at Cruden Farm, Langwarrin on 4th June 2022. Some modifications to the changeover process were necessary due to COVID restrictions but otherwise the event ran as normal after the cancellation of the event the two previous seasons. Entry numbers were 251 teams across the age groups.

Age Group	2022 Team Entries		2019* Team Entries	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Under 9	21	22	18	22
Under 10	35	32	30	27
Under 11	18	24	25	19
Under 12	25	23	23	20
Under 13	12	14	7	11
Under 14	4	5	10	10
Under 15	3	7	7	4
Under 16	1	4	4	3
Under 13-16 MC	1 (Mixed)		n/a	
TOTALS	251		240	

*NOTE: Event not held in 2020 or 2021 due to COVID Restrictions.

Region Cross Country Carnivals

The 2022 Region Cross Country Carnivals were held over 16th/17th July 2022 at various locations throughout the State and served as the qualifying events for the State Cross Country Championships. 927 entries were received across the Regions.

Region	2022 Entries			2019* Entries		
	Boys	Girls	TOTAL	Boys	Girls	TOTAL
EMR	95	121	216	100	131	231
GCR	72	65	137	73	73	146
NCR	27	17	44	40	47	87
NMR	74	64	138	106	78	184
SMR	98	87	185	117	101	218
WCR	19	27	46	45	30	75
WMR	84	77	161	91	96	187
TOTALS	469	458	927	572	556	1128

*NOTE: Event not held in 2020 or 2021 due to COVID Restrictions.

State Cross Country Championships

The State Cross Country Championships for 2022 were held at Lake Dewar, Myrning on 6th August 2022. Like the State Cross Country Relay Championships, this was the first time this event was held since 2019 due to the COVID related cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 events. Entry numbers were 604 (see Table 1, page 38).

State Combined Events

The State Combined Events Championships were held at Lakeside Stadium on 12th/13th November 2022 with 857 entries. Most age groups reached capacity and it was particularly pleasing to see 16 athletes competing in the multi-Class events.

Combined Events is a unique competition that sees many athletes compete in events that aren't necessarily their specialty and often are outside their comfort zone. There is a strong sense of camaraderie during this event, and it provides a great opportunity for athletes to get to know athletes from other Centres and Regions (see Table 2, p. 38).

Region Relay Carnivals

2022-23 saw a return of Region Relay Carnivals as the method for qualifying for State Relay Championships. These were held on the weekend of 3rd/4th December across the seven Regions.

Relays provide one of the few opportunities for athletes to compete in a team environment and for many it is one of the highlights of the season. Centres and Regions are to be congratulated for the work they put into organising teams and running the events.

Region	2022-23 Team Entries	2019-20* Team Entries
EMR	449	478
GCR	369	332
NCR	176	294
NMR	443	401
SMR	530	586
WCR	148	123
WMR	484	451
TOTALS	2599	2665

*NOTE: Due to COVID restrictions, Region Relay Carnivals were not held in the 20-21 & 21-22 seasons.

State Relay Championships

The State Relay Championships were held at Lakeside Stadium on Saturday 4th February 2023.

Age Group	2022-23 Team Entries			2019-20* Team Entries		
	Boys	Girls	Mixed	Boys	Girls	Mixed
Under 9	56	56	40	48	48	32
Under 10	56	56	40	48	49	32
Under 11	56	55	40	48	48	32
Under 12	53	56	40	48	48	32
Under 13	53	55	40	40	40	32
Under 14	48	49	38	40	40	24
Under 15	36	42	24	40	40	24
Under 16	23	25	20	35	28	22
Under 17	8	26	17			
Under 9-10 MC			0			0
Under 11-12 MC			0			0
Under 13-17 MC			4			3
TOTAL	1112			921		

*NOTES:

- The 2020-21 State Relay Championships were held in March 2021 with a limited number of entries competing in the 4x100m only due to COVID restrictions.
- The 2021-22 State Relay Championships were not held due to COVID restrictions.
- Team Entries in **BOLD** denotes maximum entry number for that age/event.

Region Track and Field Carnivals

The Region Track and Field Carnivals were well attended and successfully run by our 7 Regions on the weekend of 18th/19th February. These Carnivals served as the qualifying requirement for State Track and Field Championships. Attendance rates were very pleasing and for many athletes these events are a highlight of their competition season (see Table 3, page 38).

State Track and Field Championships

The State Track and Field Championships were held on the weekend of 11th/12th March at Lakeside

Stadium. Through the efforts of numerous people, the weekend ran smoothly to schedule with several outstanding performances achieved (see Table 4, p.39).

Multi-Class

Multi-Class athletics continues to evolve with more events offered at State and National level and more Centres running Multi-Class events at Centre level. Our Multi-Class Ambassador, Richard Colman, continues to do an amazing job in encouraging greater participation and opportunities for these athletes.

During 2022-23, LAVic ran a series of five Multi-Class clinics across the State (Craigieburn, Ballarat, Williamstown, Shepparton and Doncaster). These clinics provided athletes with the opportunity to have small group coaching from specialist coaches and for parents and Centre volunteers to learn more about Multi-Class opportunities and the classification process. A total of 54 athletes attended across the five sessions with several of them new to the sport.

Next season will see a couple of new standard events added to the program for Multi-Class athletes and from 2023-24 onwards events will be offered over both days of the State Track and Field Championships.

Australian Little Athletics Championships (ALAC)

Lakeside Stadium once again was the venue for ALAC on 22nd/23rd April. For the first time, Under 14 events were added to the program. Naturally there were some teething problems with adding a new age group but overall, the addition of the Under 14s was positive and provided an opportunity for more athletes. Longer term, expanding the ALAC competition to include more athletes should aid in retention in those age groups where there is often a significant drop off.

Most of the planning and organising of the event was done by Little Athletics Australia (LAA) but LAVic worked closely with LAA to provide resources where required. Many of the officials for the event came from LAVic and their experience and expertise ensured a well-run event.

Stawell Gift

LAVic again offered several handicapped events at the Stawell Gift – 100m, 400m, 800m and 1600m. 345 entries were received across the events and the feedback received was very positive.

	100m Boys	100m Girls	400m Mixed	800m Mixed	1600m Mixed
2023 Entries	72	79	80	80	34
2022 Entries	67	79	99	83	37

Congratulations are extended to our event winners:

- 100m Boys – Chase Jardine (Essendon LAC)
- 100m Girls – Sophie Burrows (Warrnambool LAC)
- 400m Mixed – Emma Stewart (Bacchus Marsh LAC)
- 800m Mixed – Sloan Mulholland (Wodonga LAC)
- 1600m Mixed – Callum Wade (Warrnambool LAC)

Victorian Best Performances (VBPs)

Congratulations to the following athletes/teams for achieving VBPs during the 2022-23 season (see Table 5, p.39-40).

Looking forward

LAVic will continue to review our existing events to look for ways to improve the products offered for both our athletes and our volunteers.

One of the main challenges moving forward is finding the balance between giving as many children as possible the opportunity to compete in State events and ensuring that the events are reasonable in length. Many of our competitions are very long days for athletes, officials and spectators and we need to be mindful that we don't ask too much from these people.

Additional opportunities outside the existing Region/State Competitions are being explored with the main goal of these being to provide opportunities for those that otherwise may not attend events outside of their Centre/Region.

It is likely that the Australian Grand Prix will be earlier this year which means that Lakeside Stadium may not be an option for State Track and Field Championships. Other alternative venues are being explored.

Rules and Regulations continue to be reviewed as required.

Thanks

There are so many people that made our events possible that need to be thanked for their contribution to Little Athletics.

Thank you to all the Centre and Region Team Managers and volunteers and to our volunteer State Officials (many of whom no longer have athletes competing) who do countless hours to enable our athletes to have access to competitions on a regular basis. The work that you do is appreciated by the board and staff at LAVic and by the athletes and their parents.

To our small but hard working and wonderful team at LAVic, congratulations on getting through another season. It has been a pleasure working with you all. Thank you also to LAA, our Sponsors, our co-tenants, Athletics Victoria, and all the various advisory groups for your contributions to our sport.

For anyone not mentioned above that has contributed to Little Athletics in the past 12 months in any way, shape, or form, thank you!

Lastly, congratulations to the athletes themselves. I hope you are enjoying your Little Athletics journey and making lifelong friends.





EDUCATION

The 2022/23 season saw the reintroduction of volunteer education programs in a similar staging to pre-COVID. Uptake was strong in the coach education sector, while training for officials' and starters' courses was mixed, prompting a need for review into offerings, alongside manners of planning, staging, and content.

Volunteer Education

The purpose of volunteer education is to empower parents/guardians, teachers, and other volunteers to assist in the conduct and execution of training and competition. The framework also offers opportunities, should an individual enjoy, and seek further progression.

Introduction to Teaching Little Athletics Skills

Date	Venue	Reg
11/09/22	Port Fairy (Warrnambool)	15
11/09/22	Yarra Ranges	11
18/10/22	Bendigo	15
18/10/22	Diamond Valley	14
02/10/22	Swan Hill	16
16/10/22	Mansfield	13
16/10/22	Williamstown	20
6/11/22	Moorabbin	21

ITLAS was again staged at a variety of locales across the state with 125 participants completing the course, an approximate 11% increase on the 2021/22 season.

Offering additional opportunities is the *Women in Coach Education Program*. With funding sourced from Sport & Recreation Victoria, and in partnership with Athletics Victoria and Athletics Australia, the program offers subsidised entry into the Accredited Athletics Coach Framework for many women and young women. At the time of writing, nine participants have been granted subsidised entry into courses following nomination by their Centre.

Introduction to Officiating Course

Registrations for ITOC sessions proved to be hit and miss this season. With several factors theorised to contribute to the entry numbers, additional review work will need to be undertaken in preparation for next season's calendar.

Date	Venue	Reg
11/09/22	Barooga	5
23/10/22	Ballarat (Cancelled)	0
20/11/22	Geelong (Cancelled)	0
22/01/23	Hamilton	7

Introduction to Starting Course

As has been the case in ITOC, some ITSC courses garnered far greater interest than others, and as such additional review work will need to be undertaken in preparation for next season's calendar.

Date	Venue	Reg
17/09/22	Williamstown	13
09/10/22	Cranbourne	4
23/10/22	Ballarat (Cancelled)	0
23/10/22	Whittlesea City	10
27/11/22	Werribee	6

We extend our thanks to the Starters Working Party for their ongoing work contributing to the upskilling of starters across Victoria.

In 2023/24, we will look to reintroduce opportunities for upskilling in OnTrack, but also investigate new modalities for delivering training in a revised and more accessible fashion. Further information to come.

Athlete Development

2023 saw a return to a more traditional athlete development calendar. With the return of Junior Development Squad ('JDS') and ALAC consolidated after years of COVID interruptions, it is hoped that 2023/24 will see the return of the skills clinic to the program.

Junior Development Squad

As LAVic's major development program for athletes in the U12-17 age groups, this year's JDS program returned to a more traditional delivery schedule. Whilst the format remained largely the same as years prior, this year has seen the inclusion of a new venue in Berwick.

A member of the Gippsland Country Region, Berwick will host this year's annual winter conditioning session.

Date	Session	Venue
09/10/22	JDS 1	Doncaster
23/10/22	JDS 2	Knox
27/11/22	JDS 3	Keilor
12/02/23	JDS 4	Williamstown
28/05/23	JDS 5	Berwick

2022/23 saw 281 individuals join JDS. The program also saw the return of several familiar coaches, while also welcoming newcomers Ben Spiteri, Dean McCaughan, Emma Werner, Joe Kampf, Khoebby Holohan, Kiyani Sydnor, Kyle Swan, Leanne Hume, Liam Glew, Maddy McBrien, Mietta Russell, and Sam Prime to the fold.

The new program, standards, and structure are currently in development. It is hoped that these will be released for review in mid-July.

Australian Little Athletics Championships
Once again, the Australian Little Athletics Championships were staged in Melbourne from the 21st -23rd April 2023.

2023 saw the introduction of a new sub-competition within the ALAC framework for athletes in the U14 age group, and U15-16 multi-class age groups. Dubbed the Australian Junior Athletics Championships ('AJAC'), athletes competed in individual championship events hosted alongside staple team events, the Australian Teams Championship, and the Australian Combined Events Championships. In the lead up to ALAC, once again were three preparatory sessions staged for members of team events to familiarise themselves with one another, and their respective coaches and management (see Table 6, page 41).

Australian Teams Championships
The ATC team composition mirrored that of years' prior, this time also incorporating the U13-14 multi class age groups.

With a strong consolidation on their first place at the 2022 iteration of the championship, this year, the Victorian contingent took out the Alan Triscott Trophy (see Table 7, p.41).

Trophy	Victoria's Placing
Alan Triscott (Points adjusted score)	1 st (979 points)
Trevor Billingham (highest points score)	2 nd (754 points)

Australian Junior Athletics Championships
Selection for AJAC spanned results from the 2022 and 2023 seasons, resulting in 52 individuals being named to contest the new championship event.

An introductory shield was awarded to the state with the most medals won, with Victorian athletes contributing to an overall second place (see Table 8, p. 42).

Trophy	Victoria's Placing
Champions Shied (Most medals won)	2 nd (35 points)

Australian Combined Events Championships
With the earlier staging of the State Combined Event Championships, provisional selection to the team occurred in late 2022, however was subject to ratification following the State Track & Field Championships. With a longer lead in time, changes to the team that would go on to represent Victoria at ALAC were required.

After an interrupted preparation, including multiple injury substitutions, the team rallied strongly to place fourth overall.

Trophy	Victoria's Placing
Life Members (Highest points score)	4 th (255 points)

We would like to offer our congratulations to each of the athletes and management who were selected, and formed a part of the Victorian contingent that contested the Australian Little Athletics Championships in 2023. The program will now begin readying for its 2024 staging in Adelaide, SA (see Table 9, page 43).

Little Athletics Australian National U15 Camp
2022 saw the return of the Little Athletics Australian U15 National Camp, with a selection of U14 athletes chosen by LAA to attend the event, held in Runaway Bay, QLD.

These programs do not come together without the collective efforts of the Little Athletics Community (see Table 10, p.43).

To the Centre volunteers, the participants, coaches, officials, facilitators, and to anyone who has contributed efforts to one of these programs, we offer our sincerest thank you.



LAVIC AWARDS

LAVic's Awards programs seek to reward and recognise great achievements by individuals, Centres and Regions. They play a valuable role in telling and recording the stories of our Association.

Congratulations to the following individuals and Centres recognised for their achievements during the previous 21/22 season.

- The 'Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal – Greatest Centre Donation Award': **Lake Bolac & Districts LAC**.
- The 'Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal - most funds raised on a 'Per Capita Basis Award': **Lake Bolac & District LAC**, for the second successive year.
- The 'Host Centre' Award: **Keilor LAC**, for hosting ALAC training activities.
- The Game Day Apparel 'Overall Centre Membership Awards': were awarded to **Yarrawonga-Mulwala LAC** (large Centre category) and **Craigieburn LAC** (small Centre category).
- The Energetic Apparel 'Centre Marketing Award': was awarded to **Cranbourne LAC**.
- The 'Commonwealth Bank' Centre Inclusion Award was awarded to **Echuca-Moama LAC**.
- The Out There Branding 'Centre Volunteer of the Year Award': was awarded to **Troy Villani** of **Traralgon LAC**.
- Game Day Apparel Official of the Year: **Leanne Ryan**
- Nordic Coach of the Year Awards:
 - 1st **Andrew Stirling**
 - 2nd **Georgia Bertrand**
 - 3rd **Duane Girton**
- Bryan Neighbour Centre Coach of the Year: **Brad Mielicki, Diamond**

Valley LAC.

- Altegra State Championships Awards:
 - 1st Place: **Geelong LAC**
 - 2nd: **Caulfield LAC**
 - 3rd **Whittlesea City LAC**

The 22/23 LAVic Awards Gala is scheduled to take place on Saturday 15th July at Brighton Beach Hotel, Brighton, Victoria.

2022 Association Service Awards

A record 17 nominations were received. Thanks to the Service Awards Committee for vetting the nominations. They are:

- Steve Ryan: chair, past LAVic President.
- Irene Harris: Life Governor
- Christine Doubleday: Life Governor
- Graham Lucas: Life Governor
- Debbie Baskin: Life Governor
- Carol Timmins: Life Governor

The following individuals were recognized for their service to the Association:

- Life Governor: **Andrew Duncan**
- Distinguished Service: **Walter Horsman**
- Meritorious Service: **Julie Bicknell**
- Meritorious Service: **Tom Cohn**
- Meritorious Service: **Dylan Cooper**
- Meritorious Service: **Russell Harper**
- Meritorious Service: **Mark Henry**
- Meritorious Service: **Malcolm Huddle**
- Meritorious Service: **Melissa Perry**
- Meritorious Service: **Murray Smith**



MEMBERSHIP

The following pages contain the statistical representations for the LAVic's Competitive Members, by Region & Centre for the financial LAVic 23/24 season.

Some observations:

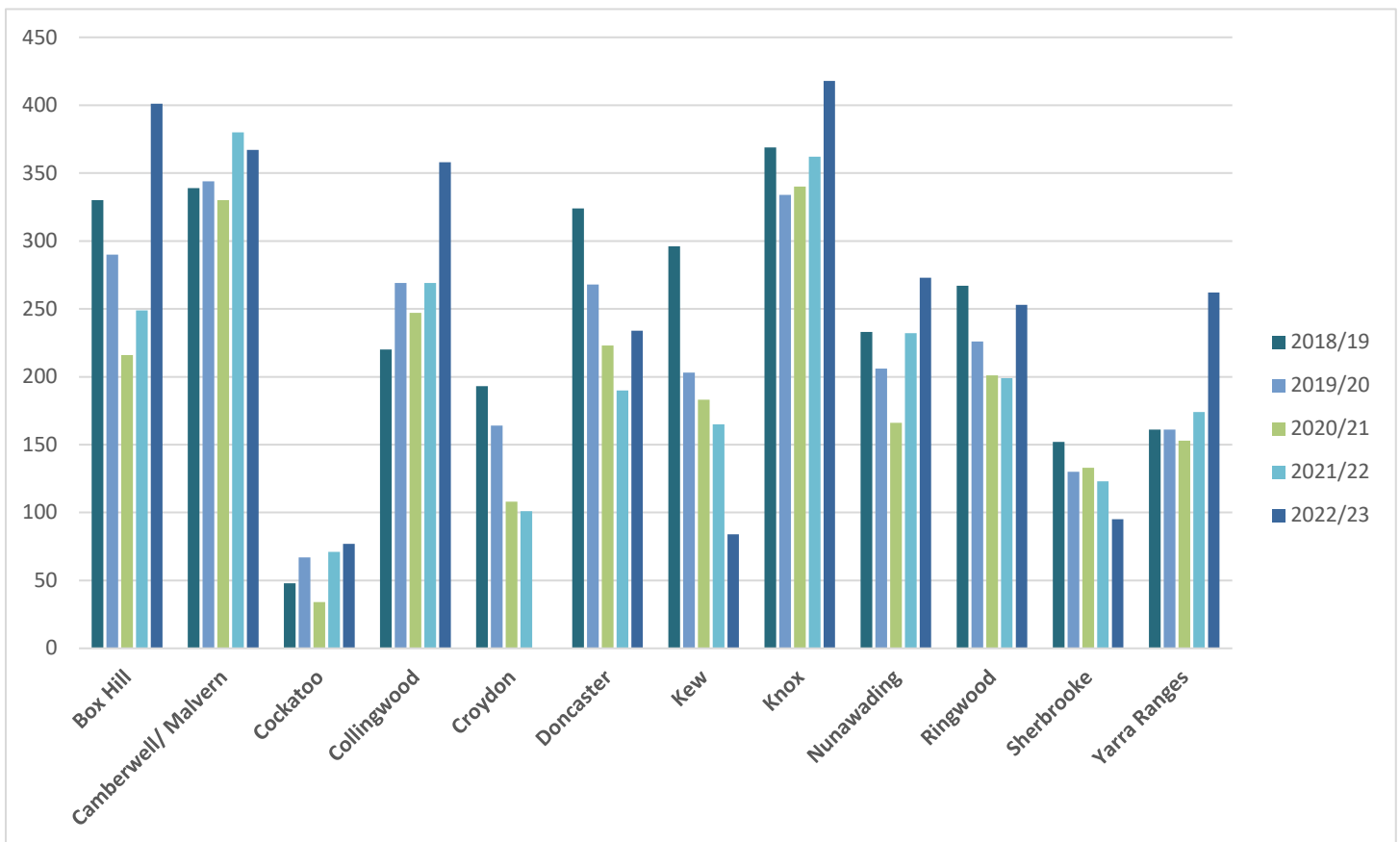
- The total number of registered athletes for 22/23 was 18148, up 17.06% on the previous season.
- Winter season registrations: 366.
- Athlete gender split: 51.97% male; 48.03% female.
- Member retention across the Association fell from 61.64% to 57.21% in 22/23. Centres with the highest membership retention rates: Howlong (83%), Portland (81%), Preston-Reservoir (74%) and Sale (73%).
- 11,880 Trial Athletes registered online in 22/23 compared with 8582 in 21/22 (6552 in 20/21) – a 38% increase.
- 96 Centres affiliated with LAVic.
- 67 Centres met or exceeded their membership of the previous season.

- All Regions grew their cumulative memberships over the previous season, with Western Country Region registering the largest growth in cumulative membership of its Centres at 30.86%, Gippsland Country Region were also impressive at 20.73%, slightly ahead of Northern Country Region at 20.30%.
- Nagambie and Port Fairy LACs were established in 22/23 with 59 and 138 members respectively.
- The following Centres were in recess during season 22/23: Woodend, Corner Inlet, Edenhope, Bar-Rook, Alpine, Croydon and Hume. Rochester after a attempt to commence had to cease due to the impact the floods had to their community.
- Barooga, Hamilton and Beaufort Centres re-affiliated.
- Athletes identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander: 415 (322 in 21/22).
- Athletes with a disability: physical impairment, visual impairment, intellectual impairment, hearing, impairment, multiple impairments, disabled but prefer not to disclose: 472 (569 in 21/22).
- Athletes not born in Australia: 1092 (893 in 21/22).

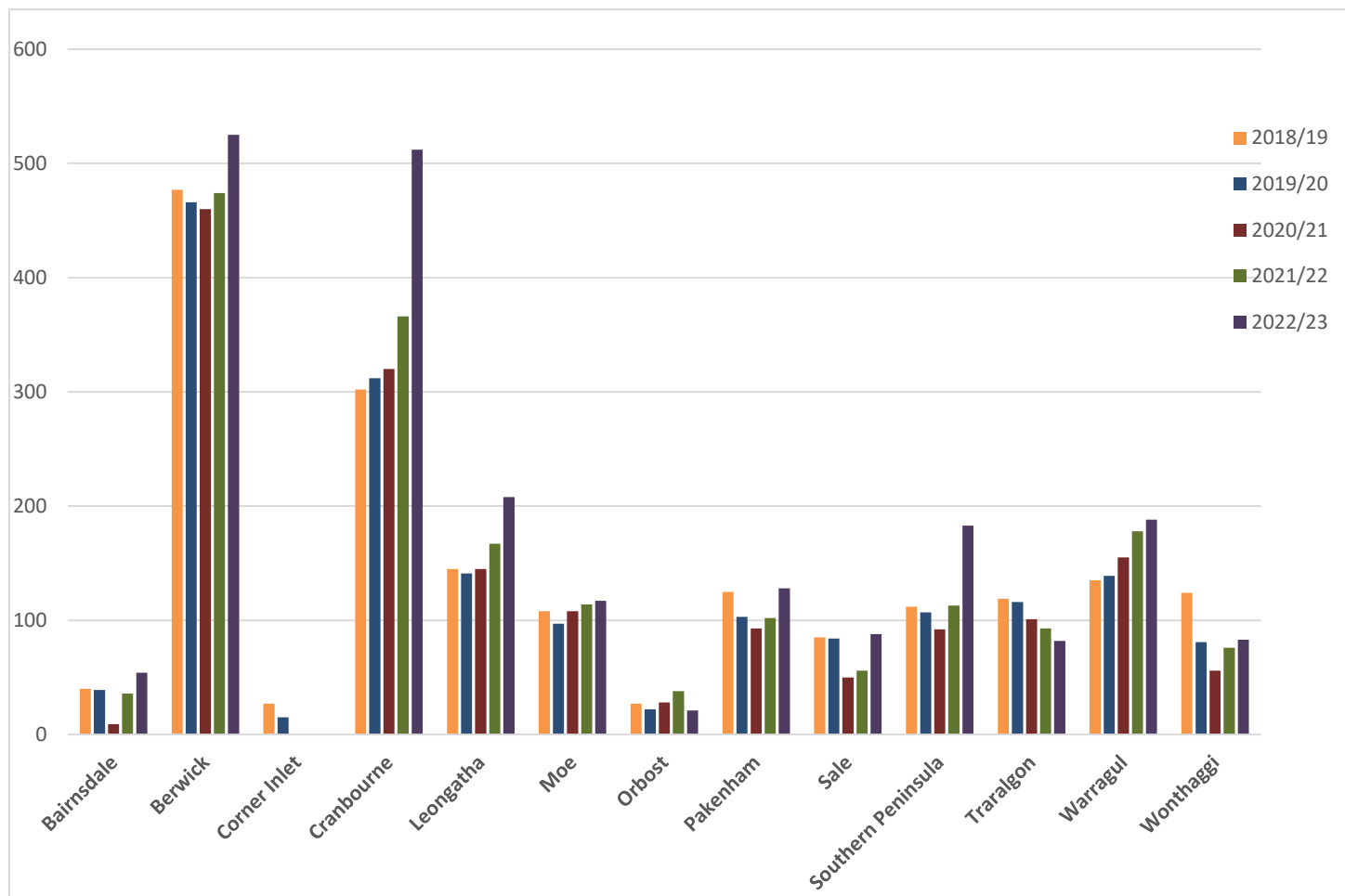


MEMBERSHIP BY CENTRE & REGION

EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION (EMR)							
Centre	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Diff	Retention
Box Hill	330	290	216	249	401	152	66.27%
Camberwell/ Malvern	339	344	330	380	367	-13	42.37%
Cockatoo	48	67	34	71	77	6	49.30%
Collingwood	220	269	247	269	358	89	57.62%
Croydon	193	164	108	101	0	-101	-
Doncaster	324	268	223	190	234	44	61.05%
Kew	296	203	183	165	84	-81	30.30%
Knox	369	334	340	362	418	56	60.22%
Nunawading	233	206	166	232	273	41	60.34%
Ringwood	267	226	201	199	253	54	55.78%
Sherbrooke	152	130	133	123	95	-28	47.15%
Yarra Ranges	161	161	153	174	262	88	60.92%
Region TOTAL	2932	2662	2334	2515	2822	307	52.29%

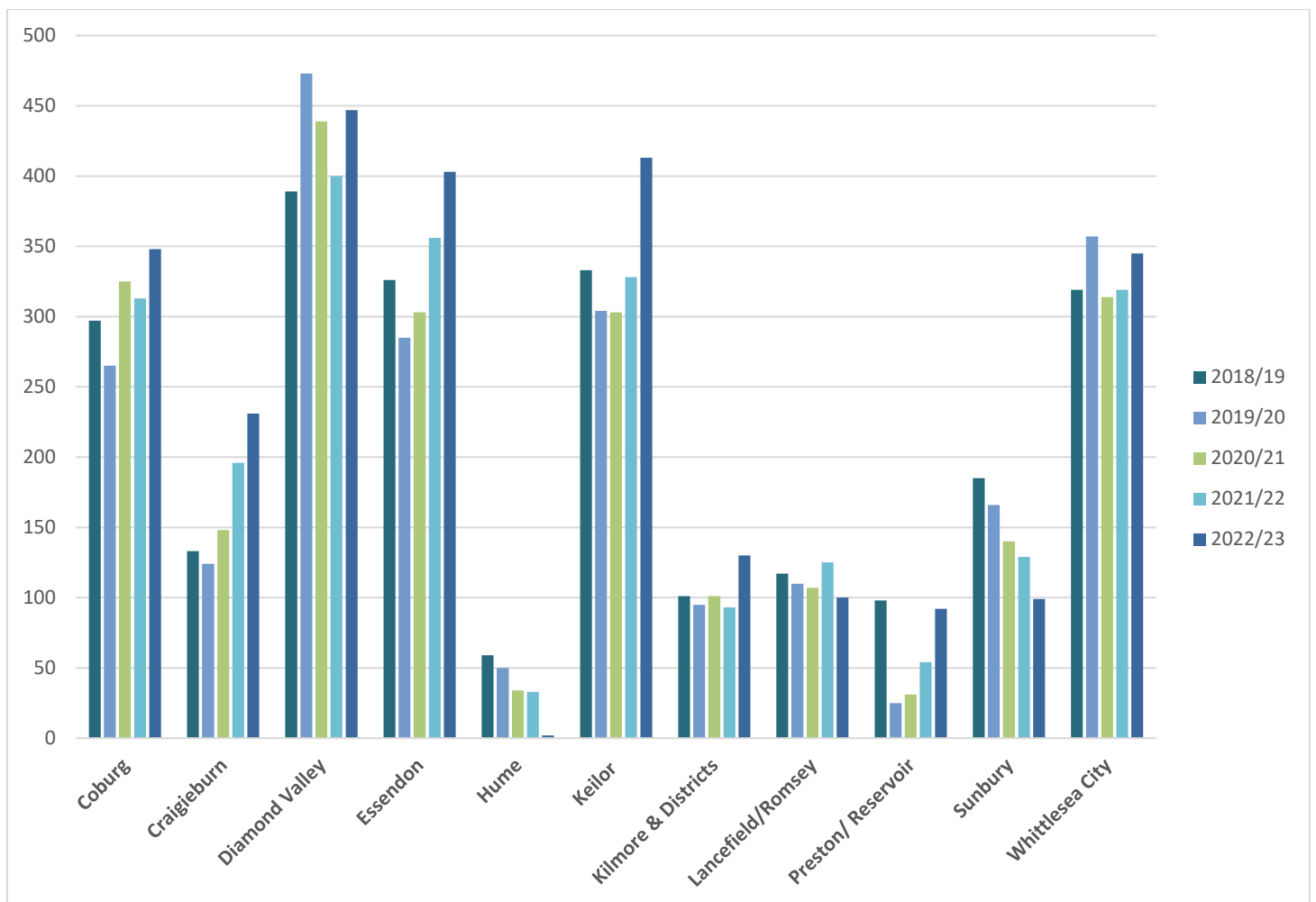


GIPPSLAND COUNTRY REGION (GCR)							
Centre	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Diff	Retention
Bairnsdale	40	39	9	36	54	18	30.56%
Berwick	477	466	460	474	525	51	57.59%
Corner Inlet	27	15	0	0	0	0	-
Cranbourne	302	312	320	366	512	146	71.58%
Leongatha	145	141	145	167	208	41	63.47%
Moe	108	97	108	114	117	3	64.04%
Orbost	27	22	28	38	21	-17	23.68%
Pakenham	125	103	93	102	128	26	49.02%
Sale	85	84	50	56	88	32	73.21%
Southern Peninsula	112	107	92	113	183	70	61.06%
Traralgon	119	116	101	93	82	-11	59.14%
Warragul	135	139	155	178	188	10	60.11%
Wonthaggi	124	81	56	76	83	7	46.05%
Region TOTAL	1826	1722	1617	1813	2189	376	60.18%

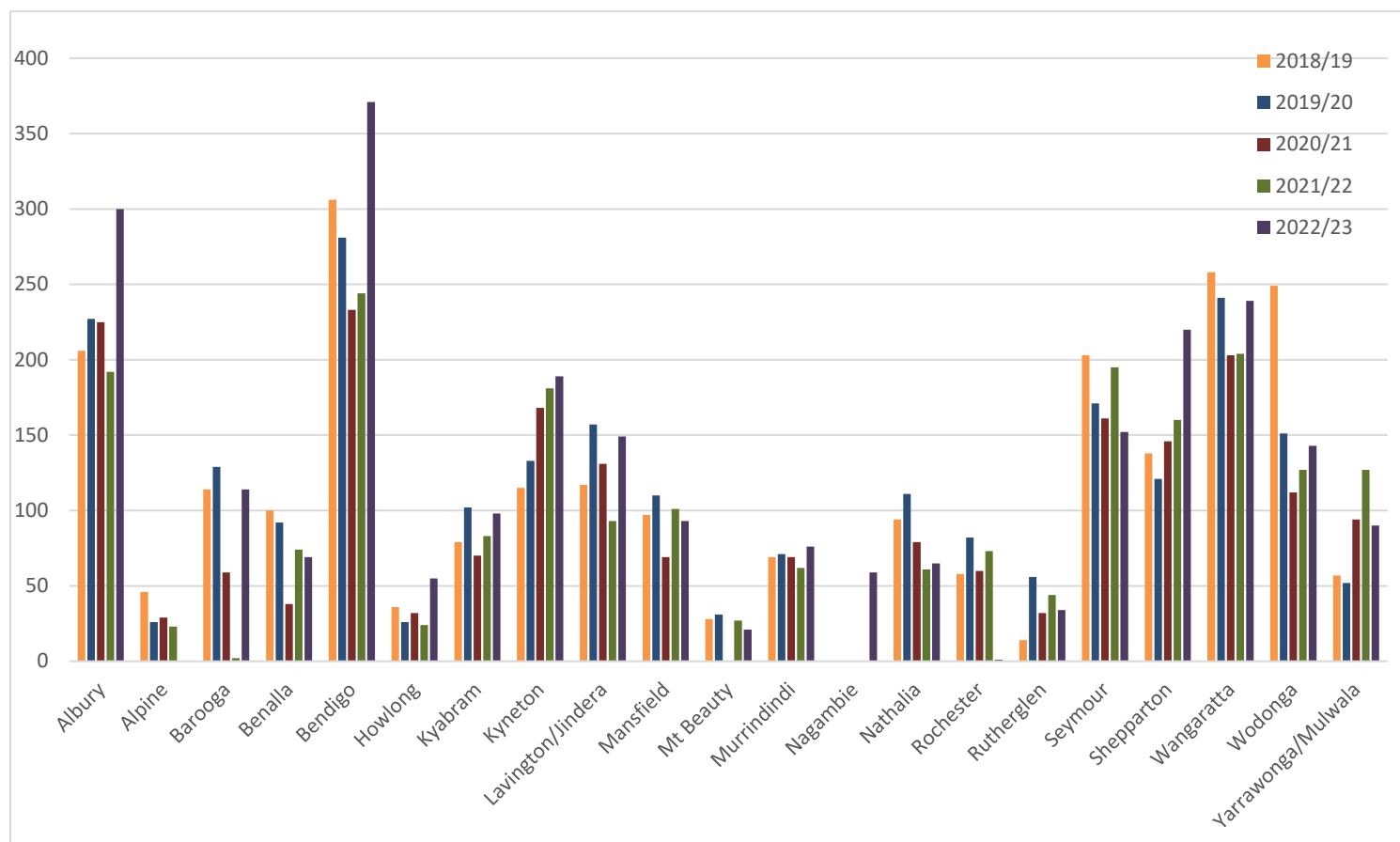


NORTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION (NMR)

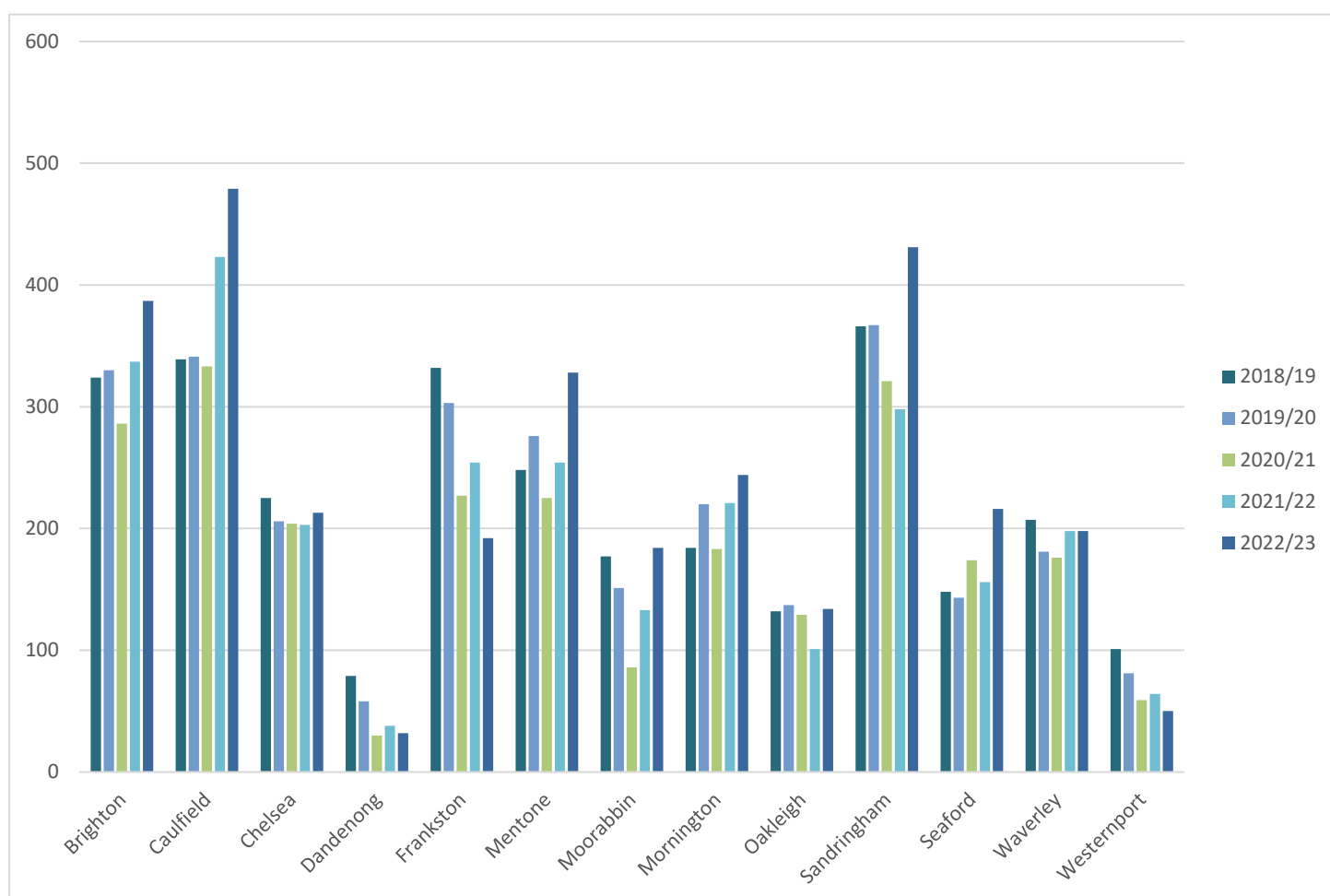
Centre	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Diff	Retention
Coburg	297	265	325	313	348	35	63.58%
Craigieburn	133	124	148	196	231	35	54.59%
Diamond Valley	389	473	439	400	447	47	64.00%
Essendon	326	285	303	356	403	47	58.99%
Hume	59	50	34	33	2	-31	-
Keilor	333	304	303	328	413	85	66.46%
Kilmore & Districts	101	95	101	93	130	37	56.99%
Lancefield/Romsey	117	110	107	125	100	-25	57.60%
Preston/ Reservoir	98	25	31	54	92	38	74.07%
Sunbury	185	166	140	129	99	-30	58.91%
Whittlesea City	319	357	314	319	345	26	62.70%
Region TOTAL	2357	2254	2245	2346	2610	264	61.00%



NORTHERN COUNTRY REGION (NCR)							
Centre	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Diff	Retention
Albury	206	227	225	192	300	108	69.79%
Alpine	46	26	29	23	0	-23	-
Barooga	114	129	59	2	114	112	100.00%
Benalla	100	92	38	74	69	-5	59.46%
Bendigo	306	281	233	244	371	127	64.75%
Echuca/Moama	145	184	211	175	195	20	55.43%
Howlong	36	26	32	24	55	31	83.33%
Kyabram	79	102	70	83	98	15	54.22%
Kyneton	115	133	168	181	189	8	58.01%
Lavington/Jindera	117	157	131	93	149	56	61.29%
Mansfield	97	110	69	101	93	-8	54.46%
Mt Beauty	28	31	0	27	21	-6	55.56%
Murrindindi	69	71	69	62	76	14	69.35%
Nagambie	0	0	0	0	59	59	-
Nathalia	94	111	79	61	65	4	60.66%
Rochester *	58	82	60	73	1	-72	-
Rutherglen	14	56	32	44	34	-10	29.55%
Seymour	203	171	161	195	152	-43	53.33%
Shepparton	138	121	146	160	220	60	70.00%
Wangaratta	258	241	203	204	239	35	58.33%
Wodonga	249	151	112	127	143	16	57.48%
Yarrawonga/Mulwala	57	52	94	127	90	-37	36.22%
Region TOTAL	2529	2554	2221	2272	2733	461	56.34%

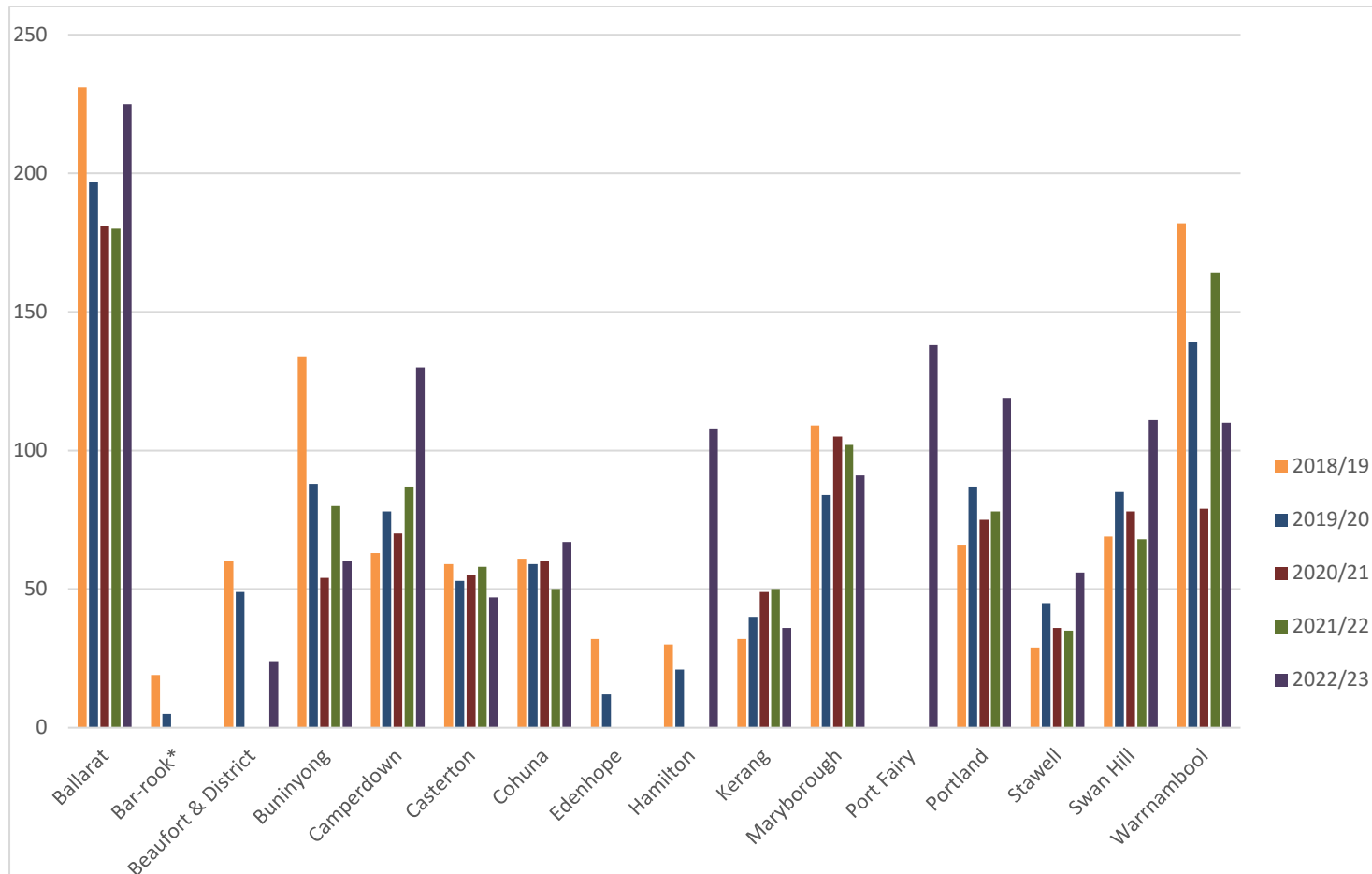


SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION (SMR)							
Centre	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Diff	Retention
Brighton	324	330	286	337	387	50	58.46%
Caulfield	339	341	333	423	479	56	52.72%
Chelsea	225	206	204	203	213	10	59.61%
Dandenong	79	58	30	38	32	-6	55.26%
Frankston	332	303	227	254	192	-62	44.88%
Mentone	248	276	225	254	328	74	62.60%
Moorabbin	177	151	86	133	184	51	63.16%
Mornington	184	220	183	221	244	23	54.30%
Oakleigh	132	137	129	101	134	33	62.38%
Sandringham	366	367	321	298	431	133	56.04%
Seaford	148	143	174	156	216	60	68.59%
Springvale	177	146	128	160	188	28	68.75%
Waverley	207	181	176	198	198	0	58.08%
Westernport	101	81	59	64	50	-14	40.63%
Region TOTAL	3039	2940	2561	2840	3276	436	57.29%



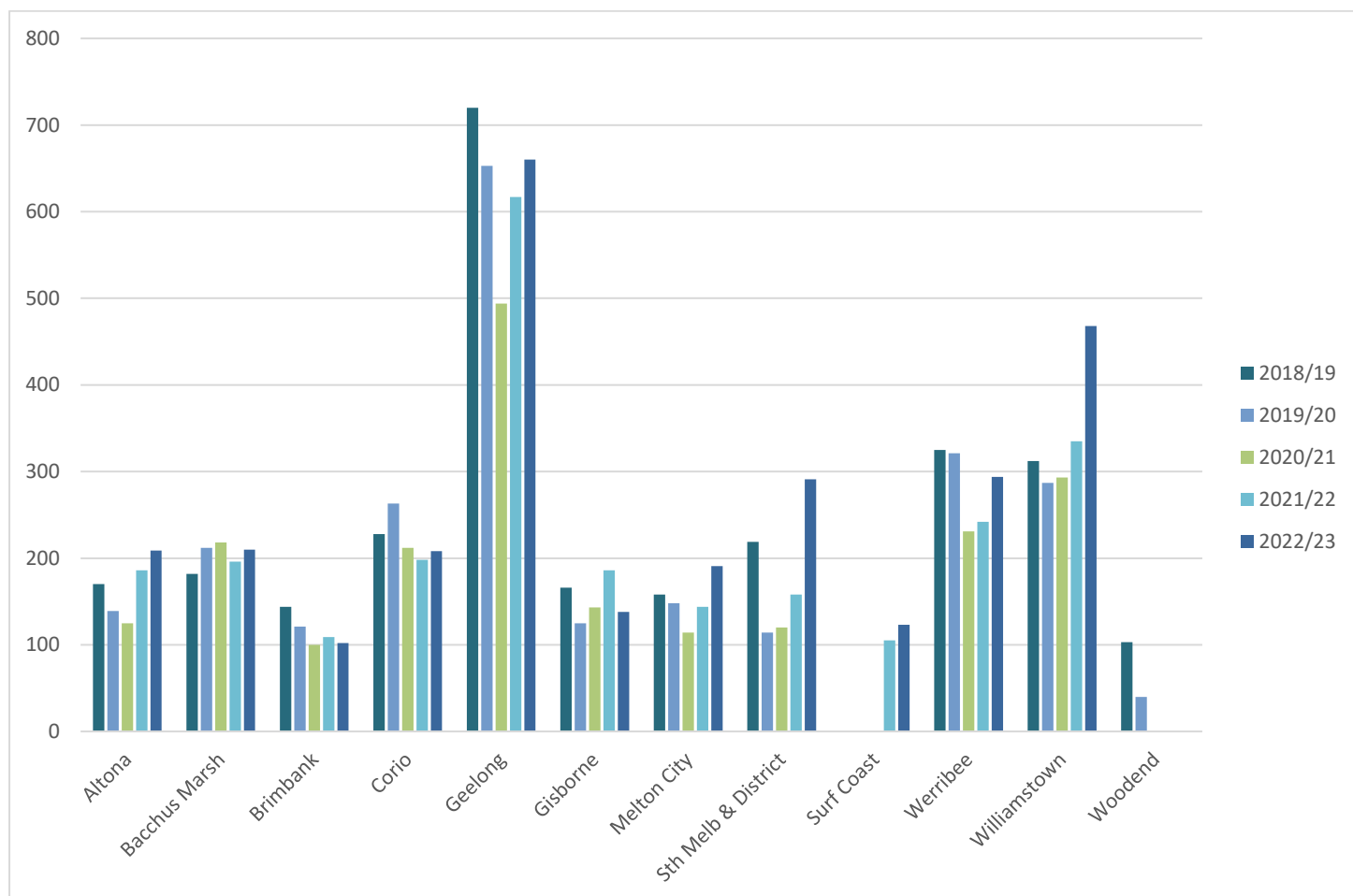
WESTERN COUNTRY REGION (WCR)

Centre	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Diff	Retention
Ararat	41	40	49	55	48	-7	45.45%
Ballarat	231	197	181	180	225	45	62.78%
Bar-rook*	19	5	0	0	0	0	-
Beaufort & District	60	49	0	0	24	24	-
Buninyong	134	88	54	80	60	-20	43.75%
Camperdown	63	78	70	87	130	43	67.82%
Casterton	59	53	55	58	47	-11	51.72%
Cohuna	61	59	60	50	67	17	66.00%
Colac	98	80	57	81	79	-2	48.15%
Edenhope	32	12	0	0	0	0	-
Hamilton	30	21	0	0	108	108	-
Horsham	134	136	133	112	124	12	58.93%
Kerang	32	40	49	50	36	-14	54.00%
Lake Bolac & District	N/A	43	35	41	51	10	68.29%
Maryborough	109	84	105	102	91	-11	60.78%
Port Fairy	0	0	0	0	138	138	-
Portland	66	87	75	78	119	41	80.77%
Stawell	29	45	36	35	56	21	74.29%
Swan Hill	69	85	78	68	111	43	64.71%
Warrnambool	182	139	79	164	110	-54	36.59%
Region TOTAL	1449	1341	1116	1241	1624	383	57.21%



WESTERN METRO REGION (WMR)

Centre	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Diff	Retention
Altona	170	139	125	186	209	23	59.68%
Bacchus Marsh	182	212	218	196	210	14	60.20%
Brimbank	144	121	100	109	102	-7	61.47%
Corio	228	263	212	198	208	10	59.09%
Geelong	720	653	494	617	660	43	54.46%
Gisborne	166	125	143	186	138	-48	37.63%
Melton City	158	148	114	144	191	47	59.03%
Sth Melb & District	219	114	120	158	291	133	57.59%
Surf Coast	0	0	0	105	123	18	44.76%
Werribee	325	321	231	242	294	52	52.89%
Williamstown	312	287	293	335	468	133	63.58%
Woodend	103	40	0	0	0	0	-
Region TOTAL	2727	2423	2050	2476	2894	418	55.86%



STATE TOTAL	16859	15896	14144	15503	18148	2645	57.00%
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TABLES

Table 1: State Cross-Country Championships Entries

Age Group	2022 Entries		2019* Entries	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Under 9	56	59	64	52
Under 10	62	66	65	68
Under 11	55	47	67	57
Under 12	49	33	63	62
Under 13	38	37	34	46
Under 14	21	23	30	31
Under 15	13	20	27	18
Under 16	7	13	17	9
Under 9-10 MC	0	0	0	2
Under 11-12 MC	2	1	4	0
Under 13-16 MC	2	0	1	1
TOTALS	604		718	

Table 2: State Combined Events Entries (2022-23 & 2021-22)

Age Group	2022-23 Entries		2021-22 Entries	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Under 9 (max 72)	72	71	74	71
Under 10 (max 72)	72	71	71	72
Under 11 (max 72)	72	71	73	72
Under 12 (max 72)	72	63	72	71
Under 13 (max 54)	54	53	53	53
Under 14 (max 36)	36	36	36	35
Under 15 (max 36)	30	20	29	25
Under 16 (max 36)	13	17	17	18
Under 17 (max 36)	9	9	n/a	n/a
Under 9-10 MC	0	0	0	0
Under 11-12 MC	4	0	5	1
Under 13-17 MC	9	3	6	2
TOTAL	857		856	

Table 3: Region Track and Field Entries (2022-23 & 2021-22)

Region	2022-23 Athlete (Event) Entries		2021-22 Athlete (Event) Entries	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
EMR	317 (1063)	332 (1108)	248 (835)	298 (942)
GCR	289 (1052)	264 (933)	222 (780)	220 (756)
NCR	167 (640)	199 (762)	140 (553)	168 (605)
NMR	331 (1180)	337 (1173)	268 (945)	277 (915)
SMR	374 (1223)	327 (1108)	283 (930)	299 (1034)
WCR	140 (520)	162 (632)	100 (389)	140 (532)
WMR	339 (1219)	362 (1284)	269 (963)	283 (991)
TOTAL	3940 (13897)		3215 (11070)	

*Figures in above table are numbers of athletes entered with total events entered in brackets. e.g., 50 athletes entered doing 185 events in total is listed as 50(185)

Table 4: State Track and Field Championships Entries (2022-23 & 2021-22)

Age Group	2022-23 Athlete (Event) Entries		2021-22 Athlete (Event) Entries	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Under 9	120 (253)	122 (251)	117 (246)	108 (256)
Under 10	124 (253)	121 (254)	111 (242)	120 (246)
Under 11	148 (300)	149 (304)	135 (295)	133 (304)
Under 12	145 (293)	137 (303)	131 (288)	138 (298)
Under 13	142 (309)	154 (326)	123 (309)	142 (320)
Under 14	128 (308)	140 (314)	114 (292)	122 (304)
Under 15	101 (284)	117 (284)	101 (270)	121 (307)
Under 16	67 (209)	88 (228)	77 (233)	97 (269)
Under 17	36 (122)	46 (154)	NA	NA
Under 9-10 MC	2 (9)	0	0	0
Under 11-12 MC	10 (46)	4 (17)	6 (27)	3 (12)
Under 13-17 MC	10 (45)	5 (19)	8 (37)	7 (23)
TOTAL	2116 (4885)		1914 (4586)	

*Figures in above table are numbers of athletes entered with total events entered in brackets. e.g., 50 athletes entered doing 185 events in total is listed as 50(185).

Table 5: VBP'S

Athlete/Team	Centre	Age Group	Event	Perf.
Lilah Carlile	Mornington	U9G	High Jump	1.17m*
Esther Jones	Geelong	U9G	High Jump	1.17m*
Ava Keele	Box Hill	U10G	High Jump	1.27m
Harper Harding	Doncaster	U11G	80m Hurdles	12.70
Sophie Hall	Box Hill	U12G	800m	2:16.90
Sophie Hall	Box Hill	U12G	1500m	4:35.70
Layla Dela Cruz-Smaldon	Whittlesea City	U12G	80m Hurdles	12.72
Ela Uzun	Whittlesea City	U12G	1500m Walk	6:30.70
Layla Dela Cruz-Smaldon	Whittlesea City	U12G	Combined Event	1503 pts
Matilda McBain	Geelong	U13G	200m Hurdles	27.94
Deena Gerges	Whittlesea City	U13G	High Jump	1.71m
Geena Davy	Mornington	U16G	100m	12.54
Khushi Deol	Box Hill	U16G	1500m	4:39.99
Geena Davy	Mornington	U16G	Long Jump	5.95m
Geena Davy	Mornington	U16G	Triple Jump	12.40m
Molly Fraser	Ballarat	U17G	100m	12.85
Molly Fraser	Ballarat	U17G	200m	26.57
Elly Fleming	Moe	U17G	400m	57.37
Elly Fleming	Moe	U17G	800m	2:11.58
Eva Reid	Corio	U17G	1500m	5:35.87
Chloe Mutton	Warrnambool	U17G	90m Hurdles	16.82
Teeghan Bridle	Cranbourne	U17G	300m Hurdles	48.47
Eva Reid	Corio	U17G	1500m Walk	7:11.02
Teagan Zurawel	Geelong	U17G	High Jump	1.69m
Ashleigh Carty	Wangaratta	U17G	Long Jump	5.46m
Molly Fraser	Ballarat	U17G	Triple Jump	11.98m
Bridie Shanahan	Bacchus Marsh	U17G	Shot Put	11.20m
Mariah Pezos	Doncaster	U17G	Discus	35.00m
Bridie Shanahan	Bacchus Marsh	U17G	Javelin	37.74m

Ashleigh Carty	Wangaratta	U17G	Combined Event	3900 pts
Tom Guastella	Berwick	U9B	700m Walk	3:29.82
James Hall	Box Hill	U10B	800m	2:22.33
Nathaniel Sandhu	Ringwood	U10B	High Jump	1.30m*
Archie Sideridis	Moorabbin	U12B	800m	2:09.72
Archie Sideridis	Moorabbin	U12B	1500m	4:29.43
Declan Maling	Cranbourne	U13B	Combined Event	1837 pts
Miller Smith	Geelong	U15B	100m Hurdles	12.88
Miller Smith	Geelong	U15B	300m Hurdles	37.99
Brayden Attwood	Berwick	U17B	100m	11.21
Benjamin Day	Corio	U17B	200m	23.68
Joshua Sanders	Corio	U17B	400m	51.77
Mackenzie Leith	Williamstown	U17B	800m	2:08.67
John Heinjus	Wodonga	U17B	1500m	4:42.33
Brayden Attwood	Berwick	U17B	110m Hurdles	14.35
Brayden Attwood	Berwick	U17B	300m Hurdles	38.98
Shannon Delaney	Seaford	U17B	1500m Walk	7:10.72
Lucas Faber	Moorabbin	U17B	High Jump	1.90m
Joshua Sanders	Corio	U17B	Long Jump	6.49m*
Max Brown	Collingwood	U17B	Long Jump	6.49m*
Joshua Sanders	Corio	U17B	Triple Jump	13.50m
Logan Sandland	Wodonga	U17B	Shot Put	15.08m
Logan Sandland	Wodonga	U17B	Discus	53.04m
Joshua Sanders	Corio	U17B	Javelin	57.47m
Mackenzie Lieth	Williamstown	U17B	Combined Event	4815 pts
Corio A	Corio	U17B	4x100m Relay	46.17
Knox A	Knox	U17G	4x100m Relay	52.55
Geelong A	Geelong	U15 Mixed	4x100m Relay	46.22
Whittlesea City A	Whittlesea City	U17 Mixed	4x100m Relay	48.53
Williamstown A	Williamstown	U16B	4x200m Relay	1:37.11
Geelong A	Geelong	U17G	4x200m Relay	1:57.91
Whittlesea City A	Whittlesea City	U17 Mixed	4x200m Relay	1:43.90
Williamstown A	Williamstown	U9B	Swedish Relay	2:59.10
Mentone A	Mentone	U10B	Swedish Relay	2:47.93
Sandringham A	Sandringham	U11B	Swedish Relay	2:37.33
Werribee A	Werribee	U12B	Swedish Relay	2:34.19
Berwick A	Berwick	U13B	Swedish Relay	2:24.73
Keilor A	Keilor	U14B	Swedish Relay	2:13.09
Knox A	Knox	U15B	Swedish Relay	2:10.86
Keilor A	Keilor	U16B	Swedish Relay	2:07.46
Corio A	Corio	U17B	Swedish Relay	2:07.93
Geelong A	Geelong	U9G	Swedish Relay	3:11.71
Box Hill A	Box Hill	U10G	Swedish Relay	3:01.47
Berwick A	Berwick	U11G	Swedish Relay	2:43.82
Geelong A	Geelong	U12G	Swedish Relay	2:37.77
Geelong A	Geelong	U13G	Swedish Relay	2:30.67
Yarra Ranges A	Yarra Ranges	U14G	Swedish Relay	2:29.36
Sandringham A	Sandringham	U15G	Swedish Relay	2:23.30
Gippsland Country Region A	GCR	U16G	Swedish Relay	2:33.11
Geelong A	Geelong	U17G	Swedish Relay	2:35.12

NOTE: * Denotes equal VBP performance *Italics/shaded* denotes inaugural VBP

Table 6: ALAC Team Management

Manager/Coach Role	Appointment
Team Manager	Erina Cunningham
Assistant TM/ACEC Leader	Georgia Bertrand
Head Coach	Wayne Dyball
ATC Leader	Mackenzie Mielczarek
AJAC Leader	Paul Bray
Multi Class Leader	Richard Colman
Team Coach	Craig Chapman
Team Coach	Zoe Cunningham

Table 7: Australian Teams Championships Squad

Athlete	Centre
Cayden Bell	Cranbourne
Sienna Bilinski	Corio
Tahlia Blight	Echuca Moama
Zander Botha	Doncaster
Lexie Brown	Mentone
Lenny Clarke (<i>Vice Capt</i>)	Ringwood
Henry Curlewis	Box Hill
Kevin De Silva	Cranbourne
Eleanor Downey	Ballarat
Angus Dunstan	Box Hill
Deena Gerges	Whittlesea City
Nate Hall	Berwick
Jemima Hood	Geelong
Tyler Hughes	Mornington
Jaime Hvalica	Diamond Valley
Zach Kirk	Albury
Ruby Ladd	Ringwood
Chloe Linnett	Ringwood
Declan Maling	Cranbourne
Summer Marange (<i>Vice Capt</i>)	Geelong LAC
Hannah Matthews	Sherbrooke
Matilda McBain	Geelong
Emily McKinley	Doncaster
Kevin Navodya*	Berwick
Cooper Nunn	Whittlesea City
Josie Offord^	Lavington/Jindera
Darcy Parker	Essendon
Matilda Read	Traralgon
Isobel Rhodes	Collingwood
Gospel Ropeti	Melton City
MJ Ropeti	Melton City
Lachlan Rosato	Moe
Olivia Saumalu	Brimbank
Llywelyn Schoenborn	Box Hill
Zoe Schultz	Box Hill
Lauren Tay	Box Hill

*Emergency/^Withdrawn, injured.

Table 8: Australian Junior Athletics Championships Squad

Athlete	Centre
Deng Agook	Mentone
Fraser Aubrey	Warragul
Evan Bainbridge	Geelong
Leah Berry	Geelong
Jack Berry	Corio
Cooper Brancatisano	Camberwell/Malvern
Serena Bryant	Caulfield
Ava Campbell	Whittlesea City
Madigan Carroll	Essendon
Inés Caton-Smith	Diamond Valley
Wolfgang Curry	Collingwood
Brandon Cvetanoski	Keilor
Max Davidson	Diamond Valley
Imogen Davison	Box Hill
Hudson Dennis	Berwick
Sajan Deol	Box Hill
Harrison Dolman	Box Hill
Theodore Eliadis	Berwick
Kaydence Fleming	Moe
Eve Fumberger	Williamstown
Tansy Grandage-Stone	Coburg
Zulqarnain Haider	Keilor
Sarah Holmes	Diamond Valley
Rebecca Hvalica	Diamond Valley
Nicholas Ide	Bacchus Marsh
Lucy Johns	Diamond Valley
Chellian Kanthasamy	Box Hill
Ella Leith	Williamstown
Harli Lennon	Seaford
Armani Mauriohooho	Williamstown
Sam Meehan	Essendon
Matthew Milias	Sandringham
Kai Norton	Bendigo
Daniel O'Regan	Berwick
Daniel Pashutin	Knox
Lilly Price	Altone
Tom Roach	Kew
Adele Roche	Caulfield
Ishara Ross	Box Hill
Lachlan Sefton	Knox
Jasper Seymour	Bendigo
Hamish Sommerfeld	Albury
Ariela Sprague	Berwick
Leila Stegehuis	Keilor
Darcy Still	Mornington
Alexis Sungkar	Berwick
Maddie Tarabay	Rowville
Annabelle Thomas	Brimbank
Chelsea Tickell	Bendigo
Cailin Walker	Geelong
Lacey Williams	Box Hill
Max Wright	Berwick
Kirra Wright	Whittlesea City

Table 9: Australian Combined Events Championships Team

Athlete	Centre
Cooper Acklom (<i>Captain</i>)	Caulfield
Cooper Bertram	Knox
Alyssa Chapman	Knox
Mackenzie Estlick	Bacchus Marsh
Jake Frost*	Knox
Taihlar-Jo Kampf (<i>Captain</i>)	Whittlesea City
Milan Keogh^	Knox
Jamison Towers^	Geelong
Maddox Wilson	Essendon

*Emergency/^Withdrawn, injured.

Table 10: Little Athletics Australian National U15 Camp

Athlete	Centre
Cooper Acklom	Caulfield
Cecilia Agostino	Cranbourne
Callum Bott	Wangaratta
Ava Campbell	Whittlesea City
Molly Colgan	Frankston
Ella Duncan	Essendon
Jazmin Firth	Caulfield
Amy FitzGerald	Sandringham
Elizabeth Hall	Werribee
Jasmine King	Geelong
Hugh Knuckey	Geelong
Jasper Louey	South Melbourne
Mark Mavrakis	Keilor
Emily McCormick	Geelong
Daisy Nousis	Sandringham
Allegra Orso	Caulfield
Tom Roach	Kew
Lachlan Sefton	Knox
Tobias Servin	Geelong
Miller Smith	Geelong
Hamish Sommerfeld	Albury
Josiah Stanford	Berwick
Charli Sullivan	Maryborough
Johannes Thokchom	Knox
Jamison Towers	Geelong
Guy Williams	Geelong
Maddox Wilson	Essendon
Kirra Wright	Whittlesea City
Julia Zaitseva	Caulfield



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Financial Statements

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Directors' Report

31 March 2023

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 2023.

1. General information

Information on directors

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

Steven Waugh (President)	
Erina Cunningham	
Danielle Wruck (Finance)	Term Ended 30/07/22
Ross McIlveen	
Jennifer Tierney	Term Ended 30/07/22
Brett Schofield	Resigned 13/04/22
Shoshana Simonovski	
Julie Bicknell	Elected 30/07/22
Malcolm Duncan	
Maryann Gec	Elected 30/07/22
Russell Dmytrenko (Finance)	Re-appointed 2/8/22

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 of the Group amounted to \$ 279,503 (2022: \$ 83,652).

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.

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Directors' Report

31 March 2023

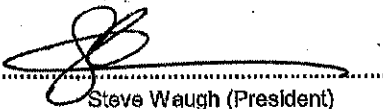
3. Other Items

Events after the reporting date

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:


Russell Dmytrenko (Finance Director)

Dated: 26 June 2023

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Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue	4	2,148,576	1,603,934
Finance income		1,504	708
Government COVID-19 related support		-	2,000
Other income		10,040	-
ALA LAPS Expenditure		(1,110)	(1,610)
ALAC Expenditure		(27,523)	(4,773)
Competition Expenses		(212,167)	(135,579)
Depreciation and amortisation Expenses		(33,351)	(41,611)
Education Expense		(44,118)	(25,073)
Employee benefit Expenses		(763,801)	(668,714)
Governance and Compliance Expenditure		(19,554)	(14,365)
LA Australia Fees and Charges		(253,040)	(217,015)
Membership Development Expenses		(60,244)	(32,695)
Merchandise Costs		(119,380)	(68,720)
Occupancy Costs		(28,949)	(28,714)
Support Expenses		(296,675)	(245,327)
Other expenses		(20,705)	(39,461)
Profit before income tax		279,503	82,985
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit for the year		279,503	82,985
Total comprehensive income for the year		279,503	82,985

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As At 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	2,353,814	2,066,018
Trade and other receivables	6	34,190	15,634
Inventories	7	14,510	53,694
Other assets	10	103,834	58,287
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,506,348	2,193,633
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	8	66,200	84,605
Investment properties	9	554,296	561,995
Right-of-use assets		4,411	7,166
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		624,907	653,766
TOTAL ASSETS		3,131,255	2,847,399
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	164,630	146,125
Employee benefits	13	143,159	185,231
Other financial liabilities	12	654,172	634,981
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		961,961	966,337
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities		4,338	7,079
Employee benefits	13	28,915	17,445
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		33,253	24,524
TOTAL LIABILITIES		995,214	990,861
NET ASSETS		2,136,041	1,856,538
EQUITY			
Reserves		80,472	80,472
Retained earnings		2,055,569	1,776,066
TOTAL EQUITY		2,136,041	1,856,538

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

2023

	Retained Earnings	Development Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 April 2022	1,776,066	80,472	1,856,538
Total other comprehensive income for the year	279,503	-	279,503
Balance at 31 March 2023	2,055,569	80,472	2,136,041

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

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from registrations and other income		2,165,097	1,789,448
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,882,839)	(1,341,607)
Receipt from COVID Related Government Initiatives/Grants		-	2,000
Interest received		1,470	708
Net cash provided by operating activities	20	<u>283,728</u>	<u>450,549</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		26,318	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(19,509)	(14,798)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>6,809</u>	<u>(14,798)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Payment of lease liabilities		(2,741)	(2,741)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(2,741)</u>	<u>(2,741)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held		287,796	433,010
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>2,066,018</u>	<u>1,633,008</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	<u><u>2,353,814</u></u>	<u><u>2,066,018</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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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 26 June 2023.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are General Purpose - Simplified Disclosures 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 transition from the previous financial reporting framework to General Purpose - Simplified Disclosures has not affected the Group's reported financial position, financial performance and cash flows, impact on disclosures were primarily immaterial.

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.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue from contracts with customers

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.

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.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(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.

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.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(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.

(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

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue from other sources		
- Registration income	1,364,788	1,118,551
- Competition income	294,543	156,418
- Education income	46,378	35,748
- Merchandise income	120,635	78,723
- Sponsorship/Grants	193,831	101,878
- Affiliation income	7,150	6,700
- ALAC income	26,522	-
- Other income	14,274	15,874
- Rental income	80,455	90,042
Total revenue and other income	2,148,576	1,603,934

5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank and on hand	2,353,814	2,066,018
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6 Trade and Other Receivables

CURRENT		
Trade receivables	42,508	28,456
Allowance for expected credit losses	(a) (8,318)	(12,822)
Total current trade and other receivables	34,190	15,634

(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 2023 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

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
At cost:		
Merchandise	53,111	67,643
Other Items	391	585
Provision for obsolete stocks	(38,992)	(14,534)
Total Inventories	14,510	53,694

8 Plant and equipment

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment		
At cost	165,076	179,726
Accumulated depreciation	(133,987)	(161,418)
Total plant and equipment	31,089	18,308
Motor vehicles		
At cost	5,800	47,263
Accumulated depreciation	(5,800)	(30,985)
Total motor vehicles	-	16,278
Office equipment		
At cost	60,638	105,869
Accumulated depreciation	(43,321)	(74,101)
Total office equipment	17,317	31,768
Computer software		
At cost	11,162	11,162
Accumulated depreciation	(11,162)	(11,162)
Total computer software	-	-
Leasehold Improvements		
At cost	23,037	30,137
Accumulated depreciation	(5,243)	(11,886)
Total leasehold improvements	17,794	18,251
Total plant and equipment	66,200	84,605
Total plant and equipment	66,200	84,605

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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 \$
Year ended 31 March 2023						
Balance at the beginning of year	18,308	16,278	31,768	-	18,251	84,605
Additions	19,509	-	-	-	-	19,509
Disposals	-	(16,278)	-	-	-	(16,278)
Depreciation expense	(6,728)	-	(14,451)	-	(457)	(21,636)
Balance at the end of the year	31,089	-	17,317	-	17,794	66,200

	Plant and Equipment \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Office Equipment \$	Computer Software \$	Leasehold Improvements \$	Total \$
Year ended 31 March 2022						
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)
Balance at the end of the year	18,308	16,278	31,768	-	18,251	84,605

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9 Investment Property

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
At cost value		
Owned Property		
Balance at beginning of the period	857,621	857,621
Depreciation	(303,325)	(295,626)
Total Investment Property	<u>554,296</u>	<u>561,995</u>

10 Other assets

CURRENT		
Prepayments	80,368	45,816
Accrued income	22,103	8,605
Deposits	1,363	3,866
Total Other Assets	<u>103,834</u>	<u>58,287</u>

11 Trade and Other Payables

CURRENT		
Trade payables	62,914	39,941
Other payables	101,716	106,184
Total Trade and Other Payables	<u>164,630</u>	<u>146,125</u>

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

CURRENT		
Government grants	25,805	83,358
Deferred income	628,367	551,623
Total	<u>654,172</u>	<u>634,981</u>

13 Employee Benefits

Current liabilities		
Long service leave	45,450	66,907
Provision for employee benefits	97,709	118,324
	<u>143,159</u>	<u>185,231</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Long service leave	<u>28,915</u>	<u>17,445</u>

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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 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

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

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	429,496	339,577
Long-term benefits	36,372	32,112
	<u>465,868</u>	<u>371,689</u>

16 Interests in Regions

(a) Composition of the Group

	Percentage Owned (%)*	Percentage Owned (%)*
	2023	2022
Regions:		
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
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.

17 Contingent liabilities

Bank guarantee

<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
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18 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:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Director Remuneration		
Steven Waugh	2,400	2,250
Sherrie Boulter	-	600
Julie Bicknell	1,200	-
Mary Ann Gec	1,200	-
Ross McIlveen	1,800	1,800
Krista Graham	-	450
Brett Schofield	-	1,800
Malcolm Duncan	1,800	1,800
Jennifer Tierney	600	1,800
Russell Dmytrenko	1,800	1,800
Danielle Wruck	600	1,800
Erina Cunningham	1,800	1,350
Shoshana Simonovski	1,800	1,350
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>16,800</u>

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19 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 2023	Little Athletics Victoria	Regions	Total Consolidated 31 March 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Profit or Loss						
Revenue	2,167,238	8,297	2,175,535	1,599,081	7,561	1,606,642
Expenses	(1,881,769)	(14,263)	(1,896,032)	(1,502,985)	(20,005)	(1,522,990)
Net Profit/(Loss)	285,469	(5,966)	279,503	96,096	(12,444)	83,652
Balance Sheet						
Current Assets	2,440,401	65,947	2,506,198	2,126,668	66,965	2,193,633
Non-Current Assets	613,953	10,954	625,057	638,331	15,435	653,766
Total Assets	3,054,354	76,901	3,131,255	2,764,999	82,400	2,847,399
Current Liabilities	(961,259)	(702)	(961,961)	(966,103)	(234)	(966,337)
Non-Current Liabilities	(33,253)	-	(33,253)	(24,524)	-	(24,524)
Total Liabilities	(994,512)	(702)	(995,214)	(990,627)	(234)	(990,861)
Net Assets	2,059,842	76,199	2,136,041	1,774,372	82,166	1,856,538
Reserves	(80,472)	-	(80,472)	(80,472)	-	(80,472)
Retained Earnings	(1,979,370)	(76,199)	(2,055,569)	(1,693,900)	(82,166)	(1,776,066)
Total Equity	(2,059,842)	(76,199)	(2,136,041)	(1,774,372)	(82,166)	(1,856,538)

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20 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:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Profit for the year	279,503	83,652
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- amortisation on right-of-use assets	2,755	2,740
- depreciation and amortisation	30,596	38,871
- net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(10,040)	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(18,557)	163,478
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	(46,807)	127,231
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	39,184	2,684
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	18,505	2,650
- increase/(decrease) in other financial liabilities	19,191	14,612
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	(30,602)	14,631
Cashflows from operations	283,728	450,549

21 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

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.

22 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

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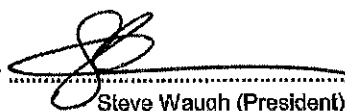
Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Group declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes for the year ended 31 March 2023 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


Russell Dmytrenko (Finance Director)

Dated: 28 June 2023

**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 consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated 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 2023 and of their performance for the period ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure (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 March 2023, 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. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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