

TO: Region & Centre Secretaries
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SUBJECT: Coles Community Days, member registrations, Cross-Country fee template, Stawell Gift entries, 7-10 year certificates

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Coles Community Day & Ambassador visits

Thanks to the 43 Centres that pre-registered for Coles Community Day. Coles Ambassadors and national athletics representatives Sally Pearson, Jarryd Clifford and Matthew Denny will be visiting Centres hosting Coles Community Day over the weekends of 18-19 February and 25-27 February.

Trial Athlete registrations closed

Online Trial Athlete registrations have now closed for the 21/22 summer Track & Field season.

Prospective new members interested in trialling for the remainder of the summer season are encouraged to contact their Centre of choice direct to confirm if there is opportunity to trial in the remaining weeks of competition.

A manual form is available on the Noticeboard in GAMEDAY and replaces the online application.

A trial registration portal will open from 1st April 2022 for winter registrations (Cross Country). Further details will be made available to Centres closer to the date.

Track & Field season fees closing off

Centre portals will be closing for the 21/22 summer Track & Field season on 7th March. Centres can request an earlier shutdown by contacting the LAVic team in writing at office@lavic.com.au.

Powercor Stawell Gift – Little Athletics Handicaps: entries now open

Entries for the 2022 Powercor Stawell Gift Little Athletics Handicap events are now open. Register via the LAVic website or click [HERE](#) for the following races: 100m boys, 100m girls, 400m mixed, 800m mixed and 1600m mixed.

We're pleased to announce that [Powercor](#) - major sponsors of the men's Gift, and one of Australia's leading managers of electricity infrastructure - are naming rights partner for all Little Athletics events at Stawell in 2022.

Further information about the event can be found at www.stawellgift.com

7 – 10 year certificate requests

Centres wishing to apply for either 7-Year or 10 Year Certificates/Awards need to submit the following information to the Little Athletics Victoria office via email: office@lavic.com.au

- Athlete's Name
- Athlete's Centre(s) where they have completed their service
- 7 years or 10 years
- Collection details or postal address

Note certificates can be issued in either hardcopy (mailed to Centre) or PDF (emailed to Centre).

Please ensure that requests are made at least two weeks prior to your Centre Presentation Day. Further, allow 10 days for turnaround, and please specify the date certificates are required by.

Membership update

To date, over 14,800 athletes have registered with the Association in season 21/22, exceeding the 20/21 membership (14,144). Some stats:

- The Association has 96 active Centres in 21/22.
- 64 Centres (67%) have exceeded their 20/21 membership registrations.
- All Regions have exceeded their 20/21 memberships, with WMR the standout, up 18% (381 members).
- Some raw number increases: Geelong – up 121 members to 596; Warrnambool - up 85 members to 164; Altona - up 61 members to 134; Nunawading - up 50 members to 215; Surf Coast – 106 members in its first year of operation.

With the struggles of some community sports emerging from the pandemic well documented, Little Aths' ability to bounce back has been very encouraging. It's a credit to all in our sport desperate to see Little Athletics survive and thrive, despite the ongoing restrictions, rising community infections and unpredictable disruptions.

The LAVic team.