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## AACT DIRECTORY

### Board of Management

President	Neil Boden
Finance Director	Sneha Ravindra
Board Director	Dennis Goodwin
Board Director	Suzanne Bain-Donohue
Board Appointed Director	Phil Alchin
Board Appointed Director	Morgan Sheargold
Board Appointed Director	John Solomon
Board Appointed Director	Barbara Eddowes

### Staff

Executive Officer	Daniel Wallis
Senor Development/Participation Officer:	Matt Wade

### Elected Officials and Committees

Registrar	Mick Morris
Records Officer	Paul Brennan
Technical Manager	Denis Mace
Media & Publicity Officer	Vacant
Statistician	Neil Boden
Honorary Auditor	Andrea Mackay
Member Protection Information Officer	AACT Executive Officer

### Competition Committee

Gerard Ryan  
Dianne Calvert  
Mick Morris  
Daniel Wallis  
Matt Wade

### Selection Committee

Suzanne Bain-Donohue  
Phil Henderson  
Sam Manning  
Marnie Gigliotti  
Barbara Eddowes

### Officials Committee

Brian Sinclair  
Lisa Colquhoun

### Life Members

Mr Daryl Cross	Mr Jack Gallagher	Mrs Dot Mills*
Mrs Joan Cross	Mr Greg Gilbert*	Mr Michael Morris
Mr Malcom Davies	Mr John Harding	Mr Gerard Ryan
Mr Ewen Drummond*	Mr Owen Heness	Mr Tom Stead
Mr Ken English	Mr Dave Hobson	Mr Michael Thomson
Mr Ian Galbraith	Dr Eugene Magassy*	Dr Denis Wilson AM

\*deceased

### Service Award Merit Holders

Jane McGlew  
Gerard Ryan  
Mick Morris  
Neil Boden  
Kerry Boden  
Trish D'Abrera



### Affiliated Members

ACT Masters Athletics Club

ACT Para Athletics Talent Squad

Cooma Athletics Club

Euro Coast Athletics

Ginninderra Athletics Club

Goulburn-Mulwaree Athletics Club

North Canberra-Gungahlin Athletics Club

Queanbeyan Athletics Club

South Canberra-Tuggeranong Athletics Club

Southern Tablelands Athletics Club

Weston Creek Athletics Club

Woden Athletics Club

## 2020 AGM MINUTES

### Annual General Meeting

9:30am, Sunday 30 August 2020

(Via 'Zoom' Video Conference)

### **MINUTES**

#### Attendees:

*Dennis Goodwin (NCG), Caitlin Hanna (Qbn), Natalie Hanna (Qbn), Phil Henderson (Ginn), Barbara Eddowes (SCT), Kerrie Laurie (GM), John Fleming (ACTMA), Samantha Manning (NCG), Maryanne Alchin (Woden), Angus Proudfoot (Woden), Dianne Calvert (NCG), Toni Brennan (Woden), Suzanne Bain-Donohue (NCG), Mick Morris (SCT), Chris Hanna (Qbn), Grace Brennan (Woden), Olivia Carney, Sneha Ravindra, Kerry Boden (NCG), Phil Alchin (Woden), Neil Boden (NCG), Luke Halpin (PTS), Marnie Gigliotti (PTS), Denis Wilson (WC), Jason Anderson (Ginn), Jane McGlew (SCT), Gerard Ryan (NCG), Peter Boden (WC), Matthew Wade, Trish D'Abrera (SCT), Tim D'Abrera (SCT), Eloise Millington (Woden), Stuart Todd (Ginn)*

#### **1. Welcome**

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:33am and welcomed everyone to the first AGM conducted via video conference in the 65-year history of the ACT Athletics Association. He advised attendees that the AGM will address the business of the Association for the F/Y from 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2020 and reminded attendees that only current financial members, or a club representative, could vote at the AGM.

#### **2. Apologies - Nil**

#### **3. Acceptance of Minutes from 2019 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 2019 AGM, held on Sunday 16 June, were accepted.

*Moved: Dennis Goodwin, Seconded: Kerrie Laurie*

#### **4. Business Arising from Previous AGM**

There was no business arising from the previous AGM held on Sunday 19 June 2019.

#### **5. Reports**

##### **5.1 President**

AACT President Neil Boden presented his report and highlighted the following:

- One Athletics project, through the efforts of the One Athletics Working Party, Project Manager John Fleming, and well-supported by the Staff Team of James Kaan, Renee Cassell and Matthew Wade, had made good progress over the past year focussing on operational outcomes 'visible' to members across all 3 organisations leading into the 2020-21 Summer season;
- Special tribute to Mick Morris, on behalf of both the Board and AACT members, who is standing down as Finance Director; and
- Special thanks expressed to James Kaan, on behalf of the Board and AACT members, who resigns on 25 September after 3 years in the EO role.

*Moved: Neil Boden, Seconded: Gerard Ryan*

##### **5.2 Finance Director**

Finance Director Mick Morris presented the AACT Financial Report for 2019-20 including the Statement of Accounts and the Auditor's Report.

*Moved: Mick Morris, Seconded: Dennis Goodwin*

##### **5.3 Competition Committee**

Competition Director, Gerard Ryan, presented his report on behalf of the committee.

*Moved: Gerard Ryan, Seconded: Mick Morris*

##### **5.4 Selection Committee**

Chair, Suzanne Bain-Donohue, presented her report on behalf of the committee.

*Moved: Suzanne Bain-Donohue, Seconded: Dianne Calvert*

##### **5.5 Officials Committee**

Chair, Peter Boden, presented his report on behalf of the committee.

*Moved: Peter Boden, Seconded: Kerry Boden*



## 6. 2019-20 Financial Report, Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report

All these items were covered in the Finance Director's presentation at Item 5.2.

## 7. Motions – Proposed Amendment to Clause 21 of AACT Constitution

### Motion 1 - Clause 21 – Quorums at general meetings of the Association

*Remove existing Clause 21.2:*

"A quorum for Association general meetings shall be not less than 12 eligible voting members."

*Replace with:*

"A quorum for Association general meetings shall be not less than 12 eligible voting members. Any Proxy lodged in accordance with Clause 22.4 is classed as an eligible voting member for purpose of determining the quorum."

- Voting: The motion was **defeated** with more than 25% of the eligible members voting against the motion.

### Motion 2 - Clause 21 – Quorums at general meetings of the Association

*Remove existing Clause 21.2:*

"A quorum for Association general meetings shall be not less than 12 eligible voting members."

*Replace with:*

"A quorum for Association general meetings shall be not less than 12 eligible voting members. Any Proxy lodged in accordance with Clause 22.4 is not classed as an eligible voting member for purpose of determining the quorum."

- Voting: The motion was **passed** with more than 75% of the eligible members voting to support the motion.

## **8. Election of Office Bearers for 2020-21**

### ***Board of Directors:***

#### ***8.1 Finance Director***

The Chair confirmed the appointment of Sneha Ravindra to the position of Finance Director for a period of 2 years.

#### ***8.2 Directors***

The Chair confirmed the appointment of Suzanne Bain-Donohue and Naomi Wagstaff for periods of 2 years and 1 year respectively.

The Chair also advised that Meg Milne and Angela Backhouse had been reappointed as the Board-elected Directors for a period of 1 year.

### ***Committees:***

#### ***8.3 Competition Committee***

The Chair confirmed the appointment of Dianne Calvert and Gerard Ryan.

#### ***8.4 Selection Committee***

The Chair confirmed the appointment of Samantha Manning and the following 3 members were elected from the floor:

- Barbara Eddowes nominated and seconded by Dennis Goodwin;
- Marnie Gigliotti nominated and seconded by Mick Morris; and
- Phil Henderson nominated and seconded by Dennis Goodwin.

#### ***8.5 Officials Committee***

There were no nominations for this committee however Peter Boden advised that the One Athletics Working Party had endorsed terms of reference for the establishment of a 'joint' committee.

### ***General Positions:***

#### ***8.6 Technical Manager – Vacant***

- 8.7 *Equipment Officer – Vacant*
- 8.8 *Media & Publicity Officer – Vacant*
- 8.9 *Records Officer – Paul Brennan*
- 8.10 *Statistician – Neil Boden*
- 8.11 *Honorary Auditor – Andrea Mackay*
- 8.12 *Public Officer – AACT President (Neil Boden)*
- 8.13 *Member Protection Officer – AACT Executive Officer*

## **9. General Business**

### **(i) Clubs/Centres Affiliations with AACT**

Chris Hanna queried whether the AACT Board had made a decision regarding possible affiliation applications from Murrumbateman and Corroboree for 2020-21. Neil Boden advised that the Board had approved in-principle the proposal endorsed by the One Athletics Working Party however saying that any application would be assessed against the relevant clause/s in the AACT Constitution and By-Laws. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed further at the Club Presidents' Workshop on Sunday 6 September 2020

### **(ii) New One Athletics Registration System**

Chris Hanna expressed concern that a couple of outstanding registration issues had not been completely resolved and requested at least a 24-hour delay to the launch of the new system scheduled for Monday 31 August. One Athletics Project Officer, John Fleming, agreed to contact LAACT President, David Lemon, to discuss an appropriate delay.

The AGM was closed at 10:52am.

Meeting notes were taken by Kerry Boden (given the recent resignation of the Executive Officer) and the minutes written by Neil Boden, Athletics ACT President.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

### *COVID Impact*

In presenting my report for the 2020-21 Financial Year it would be impossible and quite disrespectful to ignore the devastating impact of the COVID Pandemic around the World and, to a lesser extent, here in Australia. The impact on the sporting landscape in our country has been considerable and in terms of our sport of Athletics resulted in the cancellation of iconic events in 2020 such as the Australian Cross Country Championships and the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships.

Due to the diligence, commitment, and passion of the administrators in our sport ACT events returned to some normality from August 2020 onwards. This allowed a full Summer Series of track and field events to be conducted which culminated with the 9-day Open and Junior Australian Championships in Sydney during mid-April 2021. By the time you read this report the Tokyo Summer Olympics will be almost completed and the Paralympics about to start. On behalf of all Athletics ACT members, best wishes are extended to our local able-bodied and para athletes selected in the respective Australian Athletics Teams.

### *One Athletics*

The last 12 months has seen steady progress with the One Athletics projects at both the national and ACT level. The Athletics Australia (AA) and Little Athletics Australia (LAA) national merger project received a major boost early in 2021 with the appointment of former head of the Australian Sports Commission, Kate Palmer, to the key role of CEO One Athletics and she is now guiding both organisations towards a successful merger vote in the latter part of October. In a sign of unity, AA, LAA and AMA were due to host the joint 2021 Australian Cross Country Championships in Adelaide on 21-22 August with 2,500 athletes competing for national titles across 10 age groups including Masters Athletics – sadly news has just come to hand advising the postponement of this event to a later date due to the COVID-impacted border closures.

In the ACT, the Athletics ACT (AACT) and Little Athletics ACT (LAACT) Boards, together with the ACT Masters Athletics (ACTMA) Executive, have maintained solid progress towards the establishment of a new single entity for our sport of Athletics to include Canberra and the surrounding regional areas of NSW. Following the implementation of a number of 'operational' initiatives during 2020 the key focus in 2021 has been the development of a strategic work plan and timeline in order to complete a number of key 'governance' activities in preparation for AACT members to undertake a 'vote' at a Special General Meeting (SGM) planned for the weekend of 27-28 November to approve the establishment of a new single

entity. This approval would result in the dissolution of both Athletics ACT - and similarly Little Athletics ACT via their own SGM.

A key outcome of the 3 organisations working together under the '*Athletics in the ACT*' banner was the conduct of the following 'joint' events during the Summer months:

- Joint AACT/LAACT/ACTMA Relay Carnival;
- Stromlo 5km Road Race – an initiative developed by EO, Dan Wallis, in setting-up an internationally measured 1km loop course where 130 competitors participated across 4 separate events;
- ACT v Riverina T&F Meet – an excellent day of athletics where athletes of all ages competed for the inaugural 'Bill Jacob Shield';
- 2-day ACT Combined Event Championships; and
- 3-day Joint AACT/LAACT U14-18 Championships – the first such event conducted in Australia thanks to LAACT amending a significant number of competition rules in order for the event to proceed.

### *Clubs and Membership*

Twelve (12) Clubs were affiliated with AACT during 2020-21 with registrations decreasing to 778 (922 in 2019-20) comprising 703 athletes and 75 officials and administrators. A particular highlight was the affiliation of Euro Coast Athletics Club, a one sport club covering a considerable part of the NSW South Coast from Bateman's Bay to Tuross and Bodalla. The decrease in registrations is largely attributed to the lack of RunACT cross country events during the 2020 winter period due to the COVID lockdown where this number dropped from 138 participants in 2019-20 to zero in 2020-21.

### *ACT Competition & Major Events*

After a hiatus of over 6 months due to the COVID lockdown track and field competition resumed with several 'High Noon' meets during August/September conducted under very strict ACT Government COVID protocols. The 2020-21 'Summer Series' commenced in October still under tight restrictions and this became the standard for the majority of our local Summer season. Once again Canberra hosted a hectic schedule of events from January through to mid-March including two AA 'High Performance' meets where a large contingent of Australia's elite athletes looked to establish qualifying performances for the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.

In a COVID-impacted season it is a credit to members of the Competition and Officials Committees, together with tremendous support from our Executive Officer, Dan Wallis, and Senior Participation & Development Officer, Matt Wade, that AACT was able to successfully conduct the following events in addition to the joint 'One Athletics' events mentioned earlier:

- Winter 'High Noon' Track & Field Series – 3 meets in Aug/Sept
- 'Summer Track & Field Series' – 13 meets from Oct-Mar
- 3-day ACT Open & Junior T&F Championships – 12-14 Feb
- Coles Super Series HP Meet (hosted on behalf of AA) – 25 Feb
- 3-day 'Summer Down Under' International Wheelchair Series – 6-8 Mar
- Canberra Track Classic (hosted on behalf of AA) – 11 Mar

As has been the standard in recent years interstate athletes flocked to Canberra in early February resulting in a large number of the 690 entries for the ACT Open and Junior Championships. Sincere thanks are extended to Gerard Ryan, Mick Morris, Dianne Calvert, together with our hard-working band of Technical Officials and Volunteers, for their valuable contributions in ensuring the success of not only this event but all events conducted during the Summer period under strict COVID protocols.

On the back of a full 'Summer Series,' where participant numbers increased by 13% with 124 per meet in 2020-21 compared to 110 per meet in 2019-20, it was no surprise to see a large team of 150 U14 to Open age able-bodied and para athletes selected to represent the ACT at the Australian Athletics Championships in Sydney from 12-19 April.

The performances of our local athletes was simply outstanding with the 'ACT Team' returning home with a staggering haul of 52 Medals (17 Gold, 17 Silver, 18 Bronze) including an amazing 90 PBs.

All 2020 Primary and Secondary School Athletics Carnivals were cancelled due to COVID meaning AACT's 5-year MoU with School Sport ACT (SSACT) was put on hold until 2021. In an exciting extension of this partnership however, AACT signed a separate MoU to manage and conduct all Primary and Secondary Schools Cross Country Carnivals in 2021.

### *Financial*

The 2020-21 financial statements reflect a loss of \$9,956.00 against a budgeted profit of \$542.00. This result was anticipated given the unforeseen challenges experienced during the financial year given the impact of the COVID Pandemic. There was a decrease in revenue associated with the cancellation of athletics events during the 2020 lockdown period, especially the lack of school carnivals where AACT budgets for a small profit through its MoU with SSACT.

Sneha Ravindra, kindly took over the Finance Director role from Mick Morris and did an excellent job in trying circumstances. Sneha comes from a non-Athletics background and as such has enjoyed the challenge of appreciating the complexities of our sport and especially given that the past year has definitely not been a 'normal' year!

### *Volunteers*

At this stage of my report it is most appropriate to extend a huge vote of thanks to our dedicated band of volunteers who work as board and committee members, technical officials, and club administrators for their marvelous contribution throughout the year in ensuring the ongoing successful operation of the Association.

### *Board of Directors*

A very special “thank you” is extended to my colleagues on the AACT Board who have shown enormous commitment during a very challenging 12 months - not only ensuring that the Association maintains a successful ‘business-as-usual’ operation but also committing time and expertise to the important ‘One Athletics’ project. The Directors have assisted me greatly in undertaking my 6<sup>th</sup> year in the President’s role through their professional expertise, advice, and tremendous support in ensuring the management and governance of the association is conducted in a professional and accountable manner.

### *Stakeholders and Partners*

In conclusion, let me say that I am proud of the achievements of the Association during a very challenging 2020-21, both on and off the field, in particular the ongoing strong relationship with; LAACT, ACTMA and the recently established Canberra Runners (formerly YMCA Canberra Runners Club), together with our key stakeholders including Athletics Australia, AIS, ACT Government and ACT Sport and Recreation, and maintaining the high standing in which state and territory Member Associations regard our Association.

Neil Boden

President

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

### *ACT ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

I have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statements of the ACT Athletics Association for the financial year ended 30 April 2021. These financial statements include the Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and accompanying Notes. In conducting this audit, I have reviewed the transactions underpinning the financial statements as well as the actual presentation of the financial statements.

#### *Director's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

The Directors of the Board of Management of the ACT Athletics Association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein. This includes the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet the Board's reporting requirements and the needs of the members of the Association. The Board is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining appropriate internal control systems.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

I have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the Board or the members of the Association. The audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards.

My procedures included the examination, on a random sample basis, of the evidence supporting the transactions and the amounts involved. These procedures have been undertaken to enable me to form an opinion as to whether, in all material aspects, the financial statements are presented fairly.

These special purpose financial statements have been prepared for distribution to the members of the Association for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's reporting and accountability requirements. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on these statements to any persons other than the members of the Association or of any purpose other than that for which it was prepared. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### *Audit Opinion*

In my opinion, the financial statements of ACT Athletics Association Incorporated fairly represents the assets and liabilities of the Association as at 30th April 2021 and the revenues and expenses of the Association for the financial year ended 30th April 2021.

Andrea Mackay Chartered Accountant Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021





## FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

### *2020 - 2021 Annual Financial Statements*

Attached are the April 2021 Financial Statements showing the 2020-21 full year budget, the year-to-date actuals, prior year year-to-date comparative and the prior year full year comparative. Also attached is the Jobs Report and a Disbursement (ie Payments Made) report for the month.

The current year budget is based on the 2019-20 actuals but adjusted for inflation factors plus expected variations. The budget predicts a profit of \$542 compared to the 2019-20. These statements reflect a loss of \$9,956 compared to a profit of \$9,481 for the same period in the prior year.

Registration revenues are \$13,048 more than the same period last year. The Competition Revenue has reduced significantly. This is due to the fact that we had no winter competition during the COVID-19 shutdown. Support to Carnivals revenue is \$39,455 less than compared to the prior year, due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

Grant funding is in line with the prior year. Development Revenue is \$27,483 more than the same period last year. Miscellaneous revenue is \$41,262 less than the same period last year and this relates to the insurance payments in the prior year for the Woden shed fire.

Overall, Revenues are now \$135,896 less than the same period last year.

Office expenses are \$4,712 more than the same period last year. The increase relates to the AACT share of the RevSport system with \$4,000 of this being for "one off" implementation costs. Competition Expenses have reduced significantly due to COVID-19 shutdown. Depreciation expense is \$2,580 more than the same period in the prior year.

The decrease in Miscellaneous Expenses of \$9,840 relates to the OneSport consultancy cost that occurred in the prior year. Overall, Expenses are now \$116,460 less than the same period last year.



In terms of the Balance Sheet, the Cash-at-Bank has decreased by \$43,740. Receivables have decreased by \$35,835 and Prepayments have reduced to zero. This amount relates to having paid no deposits to the 2020 All Schools.

Creditors have decreased by \$2,732 whilst Unearned Income has decreased by \$53,766. This relates largely to invoicing and recognition of the 2021 admin grant and the ACT COVID-19 Support Grant.

**Sneha Ravindra**

**Finance Director**

27th July 2021

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Competition Committee (CC) was made up of myself as Competition Manager, along with Dianne Calvert (Club Representative) and also Mick Morris, who joined the group late in 2020. AACT Executive Officer James Kaan gave support for the CC until his departure mid-year to take up an exciting opportunity with Rob De Castella's IMF project. The new EO Dan Wallis was a regular adviser to discussions, as was Matthew Wade the AACT Senior Participation and Development Officer. Their support to negotiate COVID-19 requirements was crucial.

The CC met on occasions, but more regularly via email or Zoom meetings, particularly around the major event times. This season completes my 16<sup>th</sup> year as Competition Manager.

The CC's main responsibility was for organizing the Summer Competition, including the Open and U20 AACT Track and Field Championships, the ACT Combined Events Championships & All Comers' Meet, the Winter High Noon meets, and having representation on the newly formed Joint Competition Committee (JCC) as part of the One Athletics approach to competition in Canberra. The JCC had responsibility for the U14-U18 Track and Field Championships and the Combined Cross-Country Championships.

The last 12 months has been a very, very difficult time throughout Australia with the COVID pandemic and there was a flow on affect to our ability to conduct any of our events without significant amounts of additional work and new processes. Significant amounts of groundwork were done by James, Dan and Matthew developing the extensive COVID safe procedures required by ACT government legislation and the AIS.

The 2020 Winter High Noon competition originally had 6 scheduled meets but COVID issues reduced this to 4 held under very tight conditions with COVID safety officers at the gate, no on-day entries and no athlete check-in on the day. The average number of competitors was 70, similar to the previous season.

The 2020/2021 summer season had 13 scheduled meets as well as the Summer Down Under, The Combined Events and the major Championships. Competition venues were shared between the AIS and Woden. AACT also assisted AA with two major meets.

The average number of entries over the summer season was 124. This is approximately 13% more than the previous 2019/20 season.



Another meet held was the One Athletics Relay Championships. The number of senior Club athletes was not high.

All competition dates, and event schedules were on the website from the start of the year. Requests from coaches and athletes for additional events were again done through emails and then publishing changes on the AACT website.

The future AACT CC may likely be asking coaches and athletes to plan their competition around when events are offered and not be asking for extra events to be added to the program which places additional work on Officials and volunteers.

During the season, entries were again taken on-line before the meet entries for on-the-day entries being charged at a higher fee. Over the whole summer season approximately 95% (an increase of 11% from last season) of athletes did online entries, not including the ACT Championships where 100% of the entries were online.

Due to Dianne Calvert's enormous, tireless efforts, all competition days were staffed with an adequate number of Qualified Officials and parent/athlete/coach volunteers thus ensuring that they were at AA Permit level.

Over the whole season (not counting the Combined Event Championship and ACT Championships, 1,732 athletes competed of which 44% were Open Age, 13% U/20, 16% U/18, 14% U/16 and 13% U/14 representing 44% Females and 56% Males.

The highlight of the 2020/2021 season was again the Open and U20 ACT Championships and the Combined U14-U18 Championships where 690 and 263 athletes competing respectively.

This year, for the first time, the Championships were split as the athlete numbers for a fully combined all-ages Championship are now unworkable in a three-day period. In the end, each of these events were conducted over three days and was more effective for Official's workload.

The COVID situation also resulted in much additional work for some Officials who took on the onerous responsibility of athlete/coach/spectator entry into the venue for both the Open/U20 and the U14-U18 events.

At the Open and U20 ACT Track and Field Championships, 56% of the athletes were Open Age and 21% U/20, with invitation events for the U18/16/14 groups making up the remaining 23%. The Open and U20 Championships were live streamed albeit in a reduced form with an innovative pay-for view approach.

At the Combined U14-U18 Championships 35% were U/18, 45% U/16 and 20% U/14. The Combined U14-18 Championships was the first time AACT and ACTLA combined together for a single athletics Championship event. A great deal of “behind the scenes” work was done by both groups with regards to Competition Rules and Technical Specifications in order to get the event to operate with single age groups operating instead of the normal double age groups.

As a result of Dan Wallis and Matthew Wade’s work, an innovative weekend of running was held in January. On Saturday 9 January, a sponsored (thanks to Stuart Todd) 5k elite Road race with prize money along with a Community 5k was held on the Stromlo Forest Park Criterium Course with 127 competitors. The event was also live streamed which has become the “norm” around Australia. On Sunday 10 January, as part of the Summer Competition, a contingent of athletes from the Riverina (Wagga Wagga area) competed in an expanded competition competing for the Bill Jacobs shield. Bill was a well-respected Official from Wagga who gave more than 40 year’s service to athletics in that region.

An ongoing problem this season (as was the case in the last) has been the lack of an appointed AACT Technical Manager. This season, Chris Timpson, Owen Heness and Jayne Hardy very generously volunteered to assist in this capacity at different times. For the Open and U20 ACT Championships, and the ACT Combined Event Championships, we were lucky to get assistance from Athletics South Australia with their Technical Manager, Joe Stevens, who flew over for both meets. This came, however, at some cost to the Association.

In addition to the AACT Summer Competition, on behalf of NSW Wheelchair Sport, the Summer Down Under (SDU) Wheelchair track meet occurred on 6-8 March (delayed from January due to COVID). This year was the 12<sup>th</sup> year we have hosted the wheelchair athletes. Mick Morris worked extremely well with the SDU Event Manager, David Krantz (in his first year), before the competition to get things set up in Meet Manager. A small number of track events were also conducted for AACT athletes. An innovation this year was the addition of Frame Races, a category of disability that had previously not had an organized sanctioned event.

In addition to all the events above, AACT held separate Championships for the Open and Junior 3km, Open and U20 5km, as well as the Open and Junior Mile. Again, a 10k track Championship was not conducted.

A “highlight” of the season was the delivery of steeple barriers to Woden thus allowing for that event to finally be held at the venue without the need to borrow barriers from the AIS.

Another major AACT event was the ACT Combined Event on 16/17 January. This required a huge personal effort from Dianne Calvert, and from many Officials and volunteers. There were 45 athletes in the Combined Events. There were also opportunities for ‘non-combined’ athletes to compete.

The ACT Combined Cross-Country Championships, originally planned for June, were held on 12 September due to COVID restrictions. The AA and Australian School Cross Country Championships had been cancelled so there was no pressing need for an earlier date. The ACT Cross Country for the third time held as a Combined Championship between AACT, ACTLA and ACT Masters. The numbers competing (170 all up- 61% ACTLA, 30% AACT, 9% Masters) were slightly down from last year (2% decrease).

I would like to thank the many people who work with dedication for athletics but in particular:

- The AACT Board who have put in many hours setting up the scene for athletics in Canberra.
- Dianne Calvert who worked unendingly preparing the rosters of Officials and Volunteers through both Summer and Winter, assisting with catering at all major events and running additional fundraising events for the ACT Combined Events.
- Mick Morris who attends to many technical issues, Meet Manager data, and the online entry system.
- The many Qualified Officials and volunteers who turn up each week.
- Peter Boden (Officials Coordinator).
- 2021 AACT Executive Officers, James Kaan and Dan Wallis.
- AACT Senior Participation and Development Officer, Matthew Wade



Gerard Ryan , Competition Manager

April 25, 2021

## JOINT OFFICIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Season 2020/21 heralded the formation of a Joint Officials Committee (Committee) with representation from Little Athletics ACT, AACT and ACT Masters. The Committee worked to a Terms of Reference approved by the One Athletics Working Party.

The member composition of the 2020/21 Committee was:

- Peter Boden (Officials Education)
- Janice Clarke (ACTLAA)
- Lisa Colquhoun (AACT)
- Brian Sinclair (AACT)
- Ken Smith (Masters Athletics)

I take this opportunity to thank all members for their many contributions in support of the Committee.

Although the TOR calls for the Chair to be rotated during the term of the Committee, subsequent events following the formation led to Peter being the only member to hold the position.

Due to COVID restrictions, the Committee met on three occasions during the period September 2020 to June 2021. The focus of discussion and development of action items continued to be the recruitment, recognition, retention and education of Technical Officials and the need to recognise and retain Volunteers.

A new distinctive ACT uniform for qualified Officials was introduced as a part of the focus on recognition and retention. Work was continued on an incentive scheme by way of an award called 'Official and Volunteer of the Month'.

I thank all Committee members, particularly Janice, for work done to help refine and produce an updated version of the Athletics in the ACT component of the Athletics Australia Database for Officials. This work remains vital in helping to support aspects of recognition such as a Service Pin. The work is ongoing with a view towards an acceptable outcome before the commencement of season 2021/22. The outcome of such work will allow the best advice to be given to both the Joint and AACT Competition Committees on the appointment of Officials and Volunteers for all competitions. Continuing liaison with the AACT Competition Committee is also required to assess the efficacy of the Program called OAVA which was developed to aid the appointment of Officials.



The 2021/22 Work Plan for the Committee is envisaged to include the introduction of a regular gathering post meet for Officials and Volunteers, the development of a framework for an Official's Club and the provision of education by way of Seminars.

Peter Boden

Chair Joint Officials Committee

27 July 2021



## SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2020-2021 AACT Selection Committee consisted of Barbara Eddowes, Sam Manning, Phil Henderson, Marnie Gigliotti and Suzanne Bain-Donohue. Administrative and technical support was provided by Matt Wade, Senior Participation and Development Officer.

The 2020-2021 Selection Committee had a Covid-19 interrupted agenda throughout the last year with both the Australian Cross Country Championships and Australian All School Championships cancelled in 2020. With the additional base work that many athletes undertook during this period, the selection committee correctly anticipated an increase in performance levels across the board during the Summer Series program and leading into the 2021 Australian Athletics Championships.

A review of the ACT Athletics Selection policy for the 2021 Australian Athletics Championships held in Sydney from the 12-21<sup>st</sup> of April was conducted across January and February. The policy took into consideration dual registered athletes and their ability to compete at the ACT Athletics Championships for their Little Athletics centres. Additionally, on the back of the successful Emerging Athlete Program (EAP) and Target Talent Program (TTP) in 2020, a new relay team selection protocol was implemented.

From U14 to Open age athletes, high quality results were recorded throughout the summer leading to a large team of over 150 being selected for the Australian Athletics Championships. These championships continued to see some great performances by ACT athletes with 17 gold, 17 silver and 18 bronze medals being won and an amazing 90 personal bests (PBs) recorded. Additionally, several of our open and U20 athletes qualified for the U20 World Championships, Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held later in 2021.

MEN	Athlete	Medal	Event
	Angus Proudfoot	Silver	Open 400m Hurdles
	Ari Gesini	Bronze	Open Ambulant Long Jump
	Batten, Deery, Rizzuto & Lobo	Silver	U14 4x100m Relay
	Blake Deery	Gold	U14 High Jump
	Blake Deery	Silver	U14 Triple Jump
	Blake Deery	Silver	U14 90m Hurdles
	Blake Deery	Bronze	U14 Long Jump
	Cameron Crombie	Bronze	Open Ambulant Javelin
	Cameron Crombie	Bronze	Open Ambulant Shot Put
	Cameron Myers	Gold	U16 1500m
	Cameron Myers	Gold	U16 800m
	Chad Perris	Silver	Open Ambulant 100m
	Colby Eddowes	Silver	U20 110m Hurdles (WJQ)
	Gwyllym Young	Bronze	U20 10000m Race Walk
	Hayden Todd	Silver	U17 400m

	Hayden Todd	Gold	U17 800m
	Jake Lappin	Silver	Open Wheelchair 400m
	Jake Lappin	Silver	Open Wheelchair 800m
	James Turner	Gold	Open Ambulant 400m
	Joshua Kalozi	Silver	U17 110m Hurdles
	Joshua Lobo	Gold	U14 100m
	Joshua Lobo	Gold	U14 200m
	Kodi Clarkson	Gold	U14 3000m Race Walk
	Max Berry	Gold	U16 100m
	Max Berry	Gold	U16 200m
	Max Rosin	Bronze	U20 800m
	Misha Van Scheppingen	Bronze	U17 Pole Vault
	Nate Halpin	Silver	U20 Ambulant 200m
	Nate Halpin	Bronze	U20 Para Discus
	Owen Toyne	Gold	U17 5000m Race Walk
	Owen Toyne	Silver	U15 3000m Race Walk
	Sam Carter	Gold	Open Wheelchair 400m
	Sam Carter	Gold	Open Wheelchair 100m
	Sam Harding	Bronze	Open Ambulant 1500m
	Taj Sheers	Bronze	U16 High Jump
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>Athlete</b>	<b>Medal</b>	<b>Event</b>
	Angela Ballard	Gold	Open Wheelchair 400m
	Angela Ballard	Silver	Open Wheelchair 100m
	Alissa Jordaan	Gold	Open Ambulant 400m
	Amalie Leslie	Bronze	U17 Para Javelin
	Amalie Leslie	Silver	U17 Para Long Jump
	Amelia Norton	Silver	U15 3000m
	Amelia Norton	Bronze	U15 1500m
	Eliza Jane Ault-Connell	Gold	Open Wheelchair 100m
	Indygo Prebble	Bronze	U20 Para Shot Put
	Indygo Prebble	Bronze	U20 Para Discus
	Indygo Prebble	Bronze	U20 Para Javelin
	Kelsey-Lee Barber	Silver	Open Javelin
	Lauren Boden	Gold	Open 400m Hurdles
	Lucy Hincksman	Bronze	U18 1500m
	Tara Wyllie	Bronze	U20 Triple Jump
	Zyanya Holloway	Silver	U14 Pole Vault
	Zyanya Holloway	Bronze	U15 200m Hurdles



Our next selection will see a new era of athletics ushered in at a national level with Athletics Australian and Little Athletics Australia joining forces to deliver the Australian Cross Country Championships. The ACT will send athletes from AACT, ACTLA and ACT Masters set to represent the ACT as one team.

Suzanne Bain-Donohue  
Chair  
AACT Selection Committee

<b>Athletics ACT Board Meetings 2020-21 - Directors/EO/SPDO Attendances</b> (since 30 August 2020 AGM)												
<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Neil Boden</b>	<b>Suzanne Bain-Donohue</b>	<b>Meg Milne</b>	<b>Dennis Goodwin</b>	<b>Hamish McDonald</b>	<b>Sneha Ravindra</b>	<b>Naomi Wagstaff</b>	<b>Angela Backhouse</b>	<b>Barbara Eddowes</b>	<b>Phil Alchin</b>	<b>Dan Wallis (EO)</b>	<b>Matthew Wade (SPDO)</b>
<b>30/09/2020</b> via 'Zoom'	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	✓	✓	✓	.	.	Appointed Oct 2020	✓
<b>28/10/2020</b> via 'Zoom'	✓	✓	.	✓	.	✓	.	.	.	.	✓	.
<b>25/11/20</b>	✓	✓	✓	.	.	✓	.	.	.	.	✓	.
<b>27/01/2021</b> via 'Zoom'	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	✓	Resigned Dec 2020	✓				✓
<b>10/03/2021</b> via 'Zoom'	✓	✓	✓	✓	Resigned Mar 2021	✓		Resigned June 2020	Appointed Apr 2021	Appointed Apr 2021	✓	.
<b>25/5/21</b>	✓	✓	.	✓	.	✓		.	✓	✓		.
<b>8/07/2021</b> via 'Zoom'	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	✓	.	.	✓	✓	✓	.
<b>Total</b>	7	7	5	6	Nil	7	1	2	2	2	4	2

1. An additional Board Meeting is being held on 4 August prior to the AGM (after the Annual Report has gone to the Printer)

2. During the course of the past 12 months AACT Directors have participated in at least another 12 meetings/workshops specific to the 'One Athletics' project ... either with Club Presidents or joint Board Meetings with LAACT and ACTMA.

## 2020/21 MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

Count of Membership number	F	M	Grand Total
ACT Para-Athletics Talent Squad Inc	3	8	11
Cooma Athletics Club	4	2	6
Euro Coast Athletics		4	4
Ginninderra Athletics Club	44	45	89
Goulburn-Mulwaree Athletics	14	3	17
Murrumbateman Athletics Club	4	1	5
North Canberra-Gungahlin Athletics Club	43	50	93
Queanbeyan Athletics Club	12	7	19
South Canberra-Tuggeranong Athletics Club	13	25	38
Southern Tablelands Athletics Club	1		1
Weston Creek Athletics Club	16	24	40
Woden Athletics Club	61	55	116
ACT Masters Athletics Club			264
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>703</b>

Club	20	Open	U14	U16	U18	Grand Total
ACT Para-Athletics Talent Squad Inc	1	5		1	4	11
Cooma Athletics Club			4	2		6
Euro Coast Athletics		1	1	2		4
Ginninderra Athletics Club	5	8	45	23	8	89
Goulburn-Mulwaree Athletics			7	5	5	17
Murrumbateman Athletics Club		1	3	1		5
North Canberra-Gungahlin Athletics Club	6	19	24	25	19	93
Queanbeyan Athletics Club	2	2	8	6	1	19
South Canberra-Tuggeranong Athletics Club	6	13	10	7	2	38
Southern Tablelands Athletics Club		1				1
Weston Creek Athletics Club	2	19	11	7	1	40
Woden Athletics Club	15	27	36	21	17	116
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>439</b>

