



***ATHLETICS WELLINGTON INC***

*Annual Report*

*and*

*Statement of Accounts*

*For the year to 31 March 2018*

*Presented to the*

*Annual General Meeting*

*Tuesday 19 June 2018*

## **OFFICE BEARERS 2017/18**

### **President**

Louise McDonald

### **Life Members**

Clive Chandler, John Riseborough (dec 2016), Peter Tearle, Ray Wallis, Geoff Henry MNZM, Peter Jack, Alan Stevens MNZM, Jim Blair MNZM, Colin Maclachlan, Peter Maunder, Sylvia Maunder, Bruce Perry, Don Dalglish, Peter Rendall, David Lonsdale, Willy Szeto

### **Chair**

Hamish Girvan

### **Board**

Hamish Girvan (from June 2014)  
Tim Fulton (from August 2014)  
Jake Inwood (from April 2017)  
Sue McLean (from April 2017)  
Nick Hegan (from April 2017)  
Mark Dunlop (from April 2017)  
David Robinson (from October 2017)

Andrew Cooper (from June 2014 – June 2017)  
Louise McDonald (from June 2015 – June 2017)  
Vaughan Oates (from Jan 2013 – June 2017)  
Alessandro Pinna (from June 2016 – June 2017)  
Michael Wray (from June 2016 – March 2018)

**Committee Chairs**

Willy Szeto (Juniors)  
Charlie Nairne (Track & Field)  
Todd Stevens – Acting (XC&R)  
Mark Dunlop (Health & Safety)

**Officials Coordinator**

Jim McIlroy

**Sport Development Manager** Karin Burger

**Treasurer**

Todd Stevens

**Registrar**

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## **Chair's Report**

It is with pleasure that I submit this Chair's report for the 2017/18 year,

The sport in the Wellington region continued to prosper over the past year due to the hard work of Jo Murray and a committed group of volunteers, officials, coaches, parent helpers, committee and board members.

Jo Murray tendered her resignation in November 2017 after 5 years in the role as Sports Development Manager. Jo was instrumental in getting the sport to where it is today with her tireless effort and enthusiasm. Jo took up a role at Wellington Hockey where I am sure her passion will become a presence there too.

After a long and careful search we employed Karin Burger as the new Sports Development Manager. Karin comes from 4 years the New Zealand Institute of Sport where she was Special Projects Manager and has a background in competing at one of the highest level of sports as current member of the Central Pulse netball team. Karin will through her engagement planning with the clubs, become more familiar to you over the next few months.

I would like to share with you some of the activity of the past year as well as detail some of the Board's activities.

A snapshot of the past year, includes:

- Year 5 of the Kids Cross Country Series in 2017 saw the number of children continue to grow on the previous year. The support of the host clubs and the help of a large group of teenage volunteers was fantastic and is a key contributor to the success of the series. Unfortunately there will be no kids Cross Country Series this year as we did not have the resources to coordinate properly this winter however we are planning for a 2019 series.
- The 2018 Athletics Wellington Athlete Development (AWAD) Programme did not receive the funding we usually get from Sport Wellington. There were a number of reasons around this and in light of that as well as other feedback from the athletics community we are making some changes as to how it will run in 2018/19. Details will be communicated soon.
- This year we have a great representation of finalists in the Wellington Sports Awards with 6 nominations recognising fantastic performances and contributions in athletics over the past year. The Awards night is on Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Athletics finalists are Jim McIlroy (Official), Campbell Robinson (Emerging Sportsman), Imogen Skelton (Emerging Sportswoman) Ben Ellis (Para athletics) Libby Leikis (Para athletics) and Jo Murray (Leadership).
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Athletics Wellington awards dinner was held in May 2018. It was a great occasion to recognise the performances of our sportswomen and men, and all of our volunteers. Thanks to Amanda Goldsmith who not only coordinated the selection panel for the difficult task of selecting finalists and our overall winners but also took on the logistics of organising the night at the Newtown Park function centre. I think we have found the right venue ongoing now at the home of Athletics Wellington
- On the competitive front:
  - Hamish Carson was a Gold medal winner in the Senior Men 1500m at the NZ Championships in a time. Represented New Zealand in the 3000m at the World Indoor Championships
  - Alex Haye received a Gold at the NZ Senior Men Championships in Hasting with a time of 47.63 in the 400m
  - Thrower Cam Robinson got a Gold at the Oceania U18 Championships with a Javelin throw of 63.03
  - Ruby Muir got a Gold in Athletics NZ SW 10km Cross Country with a time of 38.18
  - Imogen Skelton got a Bronze medal at the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas.
  - Finlay Seeds achieved 18 Golds at both Regional and National running events

- Veronica Gould received 4 Golds at the NZ Masters Championships across various running distances and Long Jump and has a No.3 World Ranking in the 100m in her age class
- Michael Wray received a Silver in the 5000m in the World Masters Games
- Anna Thompson received a Gold at the Triple Jump at the New Zealand Nationals Championships
- Peter Stevens was a Gold medal winner in Cross Country at the World Masters Games
- Stephen Day received Gold at the New Zealand Cross Country Championships in the Masters Class
- Shaka Sola opened his indoor throwing facility in January
- Jim McIlroy was an official for the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in April 2018.

**There will be many others who have achieved various honours at both National and International level which we congratulate.**

### **Board activity**

The Board has formally met monthly over the past year, along with usual collaboration on individual initiatives that are aligned to our strategic plan.

The primary focus of the Board is on governance and ensuring that the sport, principally through the work of the sub-committees, operates in a manner that meets the needs of those participating in our sport. It is important that we do not lose sight of this. I would like to thank the Board members for their time and diligence to the governance of our sport.

Last month the board met to reassess our strategy outlined last year. One of the outcomes was to support both the committees and clubs more.

We agreed that there should be more involvement and connection with the clubs. A forum will be set up that would meet every two months with clubs and their club captains asking them what they need from us. This will only work if we get feedback and support from the clubs. The Board would like to test the validity and will go out to club captains this month to gain feedback

The Board would also like to invite a rotation of various committee members to Board meetings on a monthly basis to participate in the discussions, put forward suggestions and provide feedback. We will extend the invitation formally to committees this month.

In addition to the development of the strategic plan, key areas of focus for the Board over the past year have included:

- Building on the relationship with Athletics NZ
- Recruitment of new Board members (discussed below)

- Seeking views of the sport, both formally through surveys, and informally through conversations – this feedback is being used to guide our planning for the future
- Governance of the sport's finances, including development of relationships with funders

## **Board membership**

Another key focus for the Board over the past year has been to attract and recruit new Board members to replace recent departures and bring new talent onto the Board.

During the past year, two Board members have resigned: -

- Andrew Cooper
- Michael Wray

## **Board elections**

The Board of Athletics Wellington comprises:

- Four persons elected by the AGM
- At least three persons appointed by the Board

Refer clauses 15.2 and 15.3 of the constitution.

Due to the resignations of two of the Board's elected members, and to ensure the Board continues to comprise four elected members, the AGM is asked to elect the following member to the Board:

## **Hamish Girvan**

Hamish Girvan joined the Athletics Wellington board in June 2014 and became Chair last year. Hamish is an experienced marketing executive with over twenty year's experience working for a number of telecommunications and energy companies, including Spark New Zealand, Sprint Ltd (USA), and Contact Energy. Hamish has commercial and strategic skills, with particular expertise in business relationships, and product and programme management. Hamish lives in Hataitai and is married with two daughters.

## **Jake Inwood**

Jake Inwood joined the Athletics Wellington Board in April 2017. Jake brings proven experience in leveraging commercial and grant funding partnerships to support regional sport programmes and facilities. This experience will assist Athletics Wellington to develop further income streams to enable their programmes to expand. As well as this, Jake brings a wealth of knowledge of community and performance sport, having been involved with both areas in over four years with the Wellington Hockey Association.

## **David Robinson**

David Robinson is a member of the Kiwi Athletic Club and a keen masters athlete competing in throws and sprints. He is currently an appointed Director of Athletics Wellington and a member of the Athletics Wellington Track and Field Committee. David and his wife, Shelley, run a private medical company and a hill country farm near Hunterville. Prior to medicine and farming David spent 20+ years in the oil industry where he was CEO of NZ Energy Corp, CEO of the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand, Commercial General Manager for Z Energy and Director of Shell New Zealand. David and Shelley have two teenage sons active in Athletics. Both boys are current NZ Secondary Schools Javelin champions in their respective age groups. Their elder son, Cam, is the current U20 NZ Champion and is part of Athletics NZ Pathway to Podium program. David wishes to contribute to the sport and the community by serving on the Board of Athletics Wellington.

## **Acknowledgements**

The Board is very appreciative of the work undertaken by the committees and those who freely volunteer their time to oversee the operational delivery of our sport. In particular, the Board would like to acknowledge the significant contributions of the committee chairs – Willy Szeto (Junior Committee), Charlie Nairne (T&F Committee) and Todd Stevens (Cross Country & Road) the latter who took up the Chair in the resignation of Juan McDonald

I would also like to thank our countless volunteers. We are a sport that relies on a huge number of hard working people in order to successfully operate – be they officials, coaches, administrators, volunteers. We would not have a sport without everyone's collective efforts. Often the work is 'thankless' but I can assure you that the Board deeply appreciates the time people have dedicated to athletics in Wellington. The volunteers make the sport "tick" and there is a lot of unseen work that goes on unbeknown to many.

## **Future**

Like a number of sports in New Zealand we face similar challenges in terms of participation, increasing expenditure to run the sport and resources to make things happen.

We live in a world of rapid and constant change and as an organisation we need to adapt to this change. For example partnerships and relationships with key stakeholders like councils, sponsors and other organisations are key to getting the sport front of mind from a funding and support viewpoint

Our youth are the key to making the sport kick on and a more innovative approach is required to meet their demands and needs in today's world. The Board is committed to making some changes in the sport over the next 12 months which will provide in the most excitement and create a buzz. To do this we need member's feedback and collaboration to make this happen. Our door is always open so don't hesitate in coming forward with any ideas to help achieve this goal.

# 2017/18 Athletics Wellington Annual Sports Awards

The 5<sup>th</sup> Athletics Wellington Annual Sports Awards were held in May 2018. Awards winners were:

<i>Senior Female Para Athlete</i>	Libby Leikis
<i>Senior Walker - Male or Female - any age</i>	Daniel Du Toit
<i>15 and under Girls Jumper</i>	Lola Fowler
<i>15 and under Boys Jumper</i>	Ari Koed Chang
<i>Junior Female Jumper</i>	Josephine Reeves
<i>Junior Male Jumper</i>	Gerard Hickey
<i>Senior Female Jumper</i>	Anna Thomson
<i>Senior Male Jumper</i>	Brendon Barnett
<i>15 and under Female Thrower</i>	Elizabeth Hewitt
<i>15 and under Male Thrower</i>	Caleb Stanley
<i>Junior Female Thrower</i>	Amania Mafi
<i>Junior Male Thrower</i>	Cam Robinson
<i>Senior Female Thrower</i>	Montaya Wharehin
<i>Senior Male Thrower</i>	Nataniel Sulupa
<i>15 and under Girls Sprinter</i>	Alyssa Wilson
<i>15 and under Boys Sprinter</i>	Andrew Jenkins
<i>Junior Female Sprinter</i>	Victoria Green
<i>Junior Male Sprinter</i>	Nick Smith / Cody Wilson
<i>Senior Male Sprinter</i>	Alex Hays
<i>15 and under Girls Distance Runner</i>	Ester Kozyniak
<i>15 and under Boys Distance Runner</i>	Finlay Seeds
<i>Junior Female Middle Distance Runner</i>	Charlotte Floodsmith Ryan
<i>Junior Male Middle Distance Runner</i>	Max Spencer
<i>Senior Female Middle Distance Runner</i>	Tina Faulker
<i>Senior Male Middle Distance Runner</i>	Hamish Carson
<i>Senior Female Distance Runner</i>	Melissa Black
<i>Senior Male Distance Runner</i>	Sam M Cutcheon
<i>15 and under Girls Cross Country</i>	Maali Kyle - Ford
<i>Senior Female Cross Country &amp; Road Runner</i>	Ruby Muir
<i>Senior Male Cross Country &amp; Road Runner</i>	Nick Horspool
<i>Male Team</i>	Scottish Senior Men Road Relay
<i>Overseas Female Athlete</i>	Maia Ramsden
<i>Overseas Male Athlete</i>	Quentin Rew
<i>Female Volunteer</i>	Sally Mills
<i>Male Volunteer</i>	Charlie Nairne
<i>Junior Female Coach</i>	Amanda Goldsmith
<i>Junior Male Coach</i>	Mike Ritchie
<i>Senior Coach - Male or Female</i>	Shaka Sola
<i>Official</i>	Jim McIlroy
<i>Top Thrower</i>	Cam Robinson
<i>Top Female Athlete</i>	Ruby Muir
<i>Top Male Athlete</i>	Alex Hays
<i>Outstanding 15 and under athlete - male or female</i>	Finlay Seeds
<i>Masters Female Track &amp; Field Athlete</i>	Veronica Gould
<i>Master Male Track &amp; Field Athlete</i>	Michael Wray/Peter Stevens
<i>Masters Female Cross Country &amp; Road Athlete</i>	Debbie Platts -Fowl
<i>Masters Male Cross Country &amp; Road Athlete</i>	Stephen Day
<i>Top Jumper - male or female - any age</i>	Anna Thomson
<i>Top Middle Distance Athlete - male or female</i>	Hamish Carson
<i>Leadership Certificate (special presentation)</i>	Jo Murray