



ATHLETICS WELLINGTON INC

Annual Report

and

Statement of Accounts

For the year to 31 March 2019

Presented to the

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 19 June 2019

OFFICE BEARERS 2018/19

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 Dalgliesh, 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) Julia Ratcliffe Michael Wray (Re-joined February 2019) Andrew Wharton (from May 2019) Kate Slater (from May 2019) David Robinson (from October 2017) Mark Dunlop (from April 2017) Dan Hunt (Resigned May 2019) Sue McLean (Resigned January 2019) Nick Hegan (Resigned December 2018)
Committee Chairs	Willy Szeto (Juniors) TBC (Charlie Nairne to May 2019) Todd Stevens – Acting (XC&R)
Officials Coordinator	TBC (Jim McIlroy to Feb 2019)
Sport Development Manager	Karin Burger
Treasurer	Todd Stevens

Chair's Report

Welcome all

Chair's Report

It is with pleasure that I submit this Chair's report for the 2018/19 year,

I want to start with a theme I finished on in last years report however at the moment its top of mind not only in our sport but sports in general

Our sport relies on volunteers to make it successful and firstly i would like to thank from not only myself and the board but the whole athletic community for your time and dedication to athletics whether it be coaching, helping out on event days or driving athletes to training.

The art of volunteering is dying and it's hard to blame the governing bodies in any sport. They're all in a serious bind, and none of their options are appealing.

Whatever flavour the government of the day happens to be, you can guarantee they'll talk a good game when it comes to the value of sport and recreation. Sadly, precisely nothing has been done about the snowballing collapse of the volunteer system that has underpinned sport in New Zealand from day dot. Beyond a total restructure of community sport bankrolled by an engaged government, there are no obvious solutions. And to me things will not get better or easier.

Collectively we contribute a lot less these days, but that hasn't stopped us expecting more. We live in a world where instant gratification is becoming the norm

Life is now 24/7 in terms of time management and a 9-5pm Monday to Friday work day and nights for recreation are a thing of the past. As for weekends it's not the same.

We need to appreciate every volunteer in our sport as once they stop there is never a logical next person up.

One of the boards goals is to become more aware this year and acknowledge our volunteer community. Our first concern is Officials which is a well known issue within the sport. There are 30 officials in the Wellington area which frankly is not enough and not sustainable. Our focus is trying to encourage more people to become officials and as with my comment above the next person up.

On that some of our key volunteers have decided to step away from their roles within Athletics and both have put in many hours over the years for the love of the Sport.

Jim McLiroy has decided it's time for a break from his role as both Officials Regional Coordinator and as an Official at both local and National events. Jim has spent xx year was an official and has spent many hours at both Newtown Park and other venues nationally making sure that athletes times and efforts are recognised and recorded.

Also Charlie Nairne has decided it's a good time to step down as Chair of the Senior Track and Field committee. Charlie has spent a total of 11 years in committee roles having spent 7 years on the Junior committee and the last 4 years on the senior track and field committee as Chair.

I would personally like to thank both Jim and Charlie for both their time and passion for the sport.

In light of these two decisions we are making some initial changes to both roles

We are in the process of appointing a Officials coordinator for the region which we will communicate soon. This role is vital for athletics to tick

We also thought it was a good time it review how the Senior Track and Field committee functioned and we appointed Marshall Clark to form a working group to coordinate the next steps. Marshall is in the process of providing recommendations which will be communicated next month. Change is unavoidable and these recommendations should put us in good stead for the future of the sport at that level. If you have anything topics you wish to contribute to this or any ideas please contact Marshall directly. I would like to thank Marshall for his time in looking into this and his enthusiasm to making these improvements

Karin Burger our Sports Development manager left last week for the Netball World Cup as a Silver Fern. We wish Karin all the best. Some of Karin's netball commitments have meant a lot of you will not have seen or interacted with Karin as much as she hoped however from August Karin will be seen a lot more.

Tonight is the same night as the Sport Wellington Awards night (which I apologise for the conflict however it was unavoidable this year) We have a good range of Athletics finalists in Josephine Reeves for Emerging Sportswomen of the year, Daniel Du Toit for Emerging Sportsman of the year, Corran Hanning & Janiece Pollock for Disabled Sportsperson of the year and Mike Ritchie for Coach of the year, We wish them all the best .

The 6th Athletics Wellington awards dinner was held in May 2019 It was a great occasion to recognise the performances of our sportswomen and men, and all of our volunteers. Thanks to Amanda Goldsmith who again did a fantastic job of coordinating both the judges to select the winners and also the event itself. As I mentioned last year we have the right venue in Newtown Park and each year this event will get better and better.

On the competitive front we acknowledge the following awards, achievements and selection in NZ teams.

Josephine Reeves – high jump with a height of 1.86m (PB) at Australia Championships in Sydney Aus – 3 gold medals at Senior, Junior and Youth competitions.

Maiya Christini - bronze medal in 1500m & bronze medal in 5000m – Open woman competitions

Hamish Carson – Gold and silver medals in 1500m with a best time of 3:52.32. Representing NZ in 3000m at the World Indoor Championships in a time of 8:14.40

Cam Robinson – Javelin – 2 gold and 1 bronze medal with a best distance of 65.42m

William Crayford – high jump - 1 silver and 1 bronze with a best height of 2.06m

Maia Ramsden – 1 gold medal in 1500m and 1 bronze medal in 800m. Best times 4:30.94 and 2:12.97 respectively. 2 PB's

Alison Andrews – Paul – 800m in 2:12.68 (PB) in Texas Tech Classic Lubbock USA

Quentin Rew – 20Km road walk in 1:23.42 at OCE & Aus 20km Road Walk Championship. 50Km road walk in 3:49.48 at All Japan RW meet and 10,000m track walk in 41:02.24 at Australia Championships. Gold medal in 10,000m track walk and represented NZ at Commonwealth Games in the 20Km walk and at the World Road Walk Championships in the 50Km.

Nick Willis – Placed in the following events. Mile in 3:54.80 at Millrose Games New York USA.

Mile in 3:56.77 at Muller Grand Prix Birmingham GBR. 5000m in 13:55.76 at North Shore Night of 5's NZ. 5000m in 13:49.93 at USATF Distance Classic in Eagle Rock USA. 800m in 1:50.47 at BMC Grand Prix Loughborough GBR. 800m in 1:50.05 at Capital Classic NZ. 1500m in 3:35.25 at ISAF Berlin GER. 1500m in 3:41.70 at Cooks Classic NZ. Represented NZ numerous times.

Daniel Du Toit – 3 gold and 2 silver medals in 3,000m, 10000m track, 5Km road and 10Km walk. Compete in Junior, Youth and U20 men

Kirstie Rae – 2 silver and 1 gold medal in 5,000m, 3000m and 1500m respectively. Represented NZ at the World Cross Country Championships.

Toby Gualter – 2 gold medals in 5000m and mountain running respectively. Represented NZ at World Cross Country Championships. Placed in 3000m, 5000m and 10Km.

Hamish Lock – 2 gold medals in 110m hurdles in the Youth and junior men categories respectively. Placed in various championships and competitions.

Will Anthony – 1 bronze and 1 silver medal in 6Km and 1500m respectively.
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Jacqueline Wilson – Silver medal in the walk at the World Masters Championships

Tina Faulkner – placed 4th at the World Masters Championships in 1500m and 5000m.

Peter Stevens placed 4th in the World Masters Championships in the 3000m Steeplechase

Nick Horspool – NZ Masters Distance athlete of the year in a time of 2:18 marathon and a 29:52 10000m.

Lindsay Barwick – gold medal at NZ Road Championship and Wellington Road competition.

The following junior, youth and senior athletes has been selected to represent NZ at the Oceania Championships in Townsville

Libby Leikis.	Josephine Reeves.	Daniel Du Toti
Anna Thomson.	Keely O'Hagan.	Nick Willis.
James Preston.	Joshua Ledger.	Rowan Blaikie.
Sam Hyde-Smith.	Cam Robinson.	Cody Wilson.

Libby Leikis has also been selected to represent NZ at the World Para Championships.

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

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:

Andrew Wharton

Andrew will be familiar to members of the Scottish Club with him being a keen competitor in the Winter running side of the sport. Andrew is kept busy with a young family and is a manager of commercial procurement at WorkSafe New Zealand

Julia Ratcliffe

Julia is a New Zealand track and field athlete who specialises in the hammer throw. She won the Gold medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast, having won the Silver medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow

Julia graduated from Princeton University in the USA in 2017, and majoring in Economics with a certificate in Political Economy. While at Princeton she broke the Ivy League record for the indoor 20 lb weight throw in her first competition. She currently holds the New Zealand national record in the hammer throw with a distance of 70.75 m set in July 2016. Julia currently works as an Economist in the Reserve Bank in Wellington

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Life Membership

Life membership is recognition of outstanding service to Athletics Wellington over a number of years. This year we had a nomination for Simon England which the board unanimously agreed on.

Before finding his love for coaching junior athletes, Simon was a Harriers coach. In 2004 Simon started coaching juniors in Lower Hutt. He was an IP manager for 12 years and coached many junior athletes to winning medals and setting records in their individual field. Simon is a very dedicated coach and a great motivator to his athletes. He has attended a number of coaching courses and was actively involved in programs developing the young athletes. Simon has a passion for the development of young athletes and pushing them to achieve their goals and becoming the best athletes they can be. Simon has been an absolute value to this sport and shows his passion for the sport through his coaching and the programs he has been involved in.

We welcome Simon to the Life Membership club of Athletics Wellington and can I ask the last member appointed, Will Szeto, to present Simons award.

My last observation is to be open and honest about any issues or feedback you have about Athletics in the region. The adage of we don't know what we don't know applies so any feedback or suggestions about how to improve things are welcome. My door (or email inbox) is always open and we will always provide a response or feedback to anything put forward.

This is a crucial time for athletics and we need to make sure we are set up to succeed.

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2018/19 Athletics Wellington Annual Sports Awards

The 6th Athletics Wellington Annual Sports Awards were held in May 2019. Awards winners were:

Male Coach of the Year - 2018/19	Mike Ritchie
Female Coach of the Year - 2018/19	Amanda Goldsmith
Male Volunteer of the Year - 2018/19	Ed Hutchinson
Female Volunteer of the Year - 2018/19	Amanda Goldsmith
Male Official of the Year - 2018/19	Jim McIlroy
Female Official of the Year - 2018/19	Karen McIlroy
Special recognition for commitment to junior athletics	Simon England
Top Male Jumper	Billy Crawford
Top Female Jumper	Josephine Reeves
Top Male Thrower	Cam Robinson
Top Female Thrower	Montaya Wharehinga
Top Male Middle & Long Distance	Hamish Carson
Top Female Middle & Long Distance	Maiya Christini
Top Male Athlete - Track & Field	Hamish Carson
Top Female Athlete - Track & Field	Josephine Reeves
Top Male Cross Country Athlete	Toby Gualter
Top Female Cross Country Athlete	Maiya Christini
Top Male Masters Cross Country & Road	Brian Garmonsway
Top Female Cross Country & Road	Lindsay Barwick
Top Male Masters Track & Field Athlete	Jim Blair
Top Female Masters Track & Field Athlete	Tina Faulkner
Outstanding Junior Male Athlete	Will Anthony