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## **RWLAC 2017-2018 Executive Council and Committee**

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## President's Report

*Christine Butters*

This report concludes the 38<sup>th</sup> season for Revesby Workers' Little Athletics Centre. As our name reflects we are closely associated with Revesby Workers' Club as one of their 40 sub-clubs and without their ongoing financial and collegiate support we would flounder somewhat. On behalf of the Committee, parents and athletes I express a big thank you to the President and Board of Directors of the Club.

The 2017-18 season was exceptional in terms of weather and conditions, we only had one and a half nights washed out and no cancellations due to hot weather. This was been reflected in the athletes' performances and results with many records broken and 3196 PB's achieved throughout the season. We had 285 children register with us, down a little from last years' 331 but still a good number making us the 4<sup>th</sup> largest Centre in our Zone. More pleasing still has been the athlete retention since the Christmas break, traditionally Centres lose 50% of their athletes after the break but we had our 6<sup>th</sup> highest attendance on our last night with 210 athletes, the fun activities and giveaways may have had something to do with it!

The collection of a vast amount of statistical data has been possible due to our embracing a new recording system called Results HQ, this is recommended and supported by LANSW. Thank you to Bree McGraw who has taken on the role of Records and Ranking Officer this season and managed to learn the program and interpret the data with minimal guidance. She was also able to get results online very promptly after each Friday night competition. This was aided by adding a parent roster role of data entry thereby having results being entered as the events were completed. For those of you who have been supporters of our Centre for some years now (e.g. our Life Members') you will appreciate the difference in how information is conveyed to our athletes now compared to 20 years ago!

We have again had a terrific representation at the Zone, and Region carnivals and were fortunate to have 7 of our athletes qualify to compete at State, including 3 in the walks and one athlete Ryleigh Delacour-Batch competing in 4 events as an under 9! I must make mention here also of the U8 Boys Throws Team who created a LANSW Record at the State Relays in November last year. Well done boys!

I was delighted that our own Erin Austin was recognised recently in the Banks Volunteer Awards for 2018. Erin was nominated for her exceptional role as our championships officer, now 3 seasons into this role her enthusiasm and zest for our Centre has not waned and she has continued to encourage and promote all the competitions outside of Centre level. Congratulations Erin.

This season we had one of our former athletes, Maddie Carroll return to run the Skill Development Program for our U6-8 year olds. Maddie did a terrific job and loved working with the younger kids and they certainly embraced her as well. We are hoping her Uni. schedule allows her to continue in this role next season...Thanks Maddie.

While most Friday nights were consumed with competition we were delighted to support a very worthy cause in November last year to raise awareness of childhood diabetes. Sadly one of our athletes' siblings succumbed to this disease and so we were only too happy to hold "A Day for Shay". The ground was a sea of purple and we raised over \$300 for Diabetes Australia while also collecting toiletry items for the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Thank you, Louise Anthony, for bringing this to our attention and helping to organise the night. Our Centre truly does have a community spirit.

Another display of our Community Spirit was evidenced in the number of our Little Athletes and families who participated in the recent ANZAC Day march and service held at RWC. It was terrific to see the children in their uniforms honouring our servicemen and women.

To all the non-committee helpers and supporters of our Centre, please accept my thanks, without your help we could not run the season the way we do. We were very fortunate to have the assistance of a team of coaches from Illawong-Revesby Workers' Athletics Centre who managed coaching sessions for our athletes. They have agreed to return next season and hopefully more of our older athletes will participate and gain the experience and skills that our younger ones did this season.

To our Walks Judges who came along every 3 weeks to coach and judge our walks competition, thank you! 3 athletes through to State in the walks and no DQ's is a testament to your guidance!

This season we had mixed success with our parent roster, some parents going above and beyond their rostered duties and others being absent on all their rostered nights! A big thank you to those who fulfilled their duty, we always had a cook or two on the bbq and always someone to do data entry meaning the kids got their results in a timely manner. Unfortunately it was in the field areas where we were most let down and despite rostering 4 or 5 parents to an event sometimes only 1 or 2 would turn up. We will be looking at this more closely next season and trying to ensure fairness and equity in the roster.

Another highlight this season was the sponsorship provided by Coles Supermarkets in the form of boxes of bananas. Every Friday night we were given 4 boxes (60kg) of bananas and the athletes and their families availed themselves of these healthy snacks at the end of the evening. This was a great initiative and one that I hope continues next season.

Prior to the commencement of the season we were fortunate to receive 2 financial grants, one to provide a defibrillator, first aid kit and first aid training for 2 personnel and the second to upgrade our technology. We used this second one to purchase laptops for data entry of results. I hope we never have the need to use the defibrillator but it is comforting to have it in our Canteen just in case.

The Committee this year has been made up of the following people: Tony Tahhan, Jackie & Peter Bottrill, Scott Wastell, Leanne Thompson, Rebecca Taylor, Lisa Wedgwood, Erin Austin, Mara Basic, Ben North, Mikaela Butters, Les Rolls, Stuart and Bree McGraw, Richard Loane, John Rodwell and Barry Butters. Each of them has played an integral part in the organisation and running of the Centre, much of the work is done behind the scenes to ensure the Friday evenings run smoothly. Thank you all. Scott has indicated he will be standing down from the committee next season, thank you Scott for the four years you have contributed to the Centre including 3 as Treasurer. Lisa Wedgwood has also decided to stand down due to family commitments but has indicated she will assist us if and when needed. Thanks Lisa for your 4 years on the committee and for being able to turn your hand to whatever task was needed to be completed. At the beginning of the season Maureen Carey also stood down from the Committee due to some health issues. I thank her for the seven years' service on the Committee including 5 as the Records and Ranking Officer.

Finally on a more personal note I would like to congratulate our Registrar, Mikaela and Straight Track Starter, Ben on their recent marriage. We wish you many happy years ahead.

I look forward to hopefully welcoming some new committee members on board for the coming season and working with you all to continue to grow our Centre in the spirit of Family, Fun and Fitness.

## Vice President's Report

*Tony Tahhan*

We have just completed the 38<sup>TH</sup> season and it has been another successful one. I must start with saying a big thank you to all of the parents and helpers who performed their rostered duties at the various events and especially for those who helped me at the long jump where I was on duty. This season I had plenty of help every week and long jump seemed to run well and smoothly most of the time. We had a large numbers of athletes this year, particularly in the younger age groups it was a little slow at the beginning until we adjusted the program to cope with the numbers so thank you for your patience. I was absent one week and as luck would have it, this was the time one record was set at long jump. I was disappointed that I missed out on seeing it.

We are there each week to make sure the children have fun and to do the best they can do. For this we, the mums and dads must continue our help in running the events, doing the rostered duties, being age managers and hopefully stepping up and joining the committee. Revesby Workers Little Athletics could not work or continue to run without all of the help and support we receive from the volunteers.

I would like to say a special thank you to our President Christine, the Committee and all of the volunteers, without you Revesby Workers Little Athletics wouldn't run.

Thank you for all the help and looking forward to our 39<sup>th</sup> season.



## Secretary's Report

*Jackie Bottrill*

The 2017-18 season was another busy but enjoyable one. It's great seeing the number of athletes getting involved in all the events on Friday nights, as well as all the parents and carers who help out and generally support the kids.

We had a number of athletes who took up other opportunities like zone championships, state relays, multis and gala days. The great thing about Little Athletics is that you don't have to be the best, just do your best. The benefits of these competitions are amazing. This year we had more athletes progress to State than in previous years, a great experience for them. Congratulations to all the athletes for their efforts over the season. A big thanks to parents, it's not always easy to get there on Friday nights and I'm sure the athletes appreciate your efforts.

Once again this year we had an amazing committee who work very hard behind the scenes as well as on Friday nights. The fact that many of the committee members are still involved even though their children no longer participate shows their love of the sport and desire to see young people involved.

I would like to thank everyone on the committee for their help and support. My job is made so much easier because of them. Special thanks to Chris, who works tirelessly to ensure that everything runs smoothly, she does an amazing amount of work for the club and the athletes and is a wealth of knowledge on all things to do with athletics. The help she gives me is phenomenal. Thanks also to Les and Colin, who make long nights on the circular track so much more enjoyable.

I'd like to wish our U17's all the best as they leave Little Athletics and hope that they stay involved in some capacity. To the other families, we hope to see you back in September for the 2018-19 season





## Treasurer's Report

### *On behalf of Les Rolls*

Due to unforeseen health issues our Treasurer was unable to submit his full report prior to the Annual Report going to print. It is intended that there will be a supplemental Financial Report ready for presentation at the AGM.

Les undertook the role of Treasurer at last year's AGM and has done a superb job in keeping the Centre's financial records. For the purposes of the Annual Report following are the opening and closing bank balances and Term Deposits status.

#### **General Account:**

Opening balance as at 1.4.17	\$17841.23
Closing balance as at 31.3.18	\$20421.75

#### **Canteen Account:**

Opening balance as at 1.4.17	\$ 9015.49
Closing balance as at 31.3.18	\$12018.24

<b>Term Deposit 1:</b> Opening Balance 1.4.17	\$23947.19
Closing Balance 31.3.18	\$24600.83

<b>Term Deposit 2:</b> Opening Balance 1.4.17	\$21161.58
Closing Balance 31.3.18	\$21637.72

The Committee will be looking at different payment methods in the upcoming season due to some difficulties experienced with utilising our cheque account facility in the past season. We hope to head towards cashless payments as much as possible.



Our State Athletes resplendent in their representative jackets



## Registrar's Report

### *Mikaela Butters*

The 2017/2018 season saw a bit of change in our numbers. While overall registrations were down from last year by 13.9% (42 athletes) we returned to a more manageable and sustainable number of members, 285, on par with recent seasons. The table below shows our registration numbers over the past 8 years.

2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
273	274	260	204	231	249	331	285

This year our centre managed to retain a greater proportion of our athletes from last season, with many families coming back year after year. This is a great reflection on the efforts of our committee and on our age managers who we see have developed a strong bond with the athletes and encourage them week after week. This season 57.55% (164 athletes) of athletes were re-registrations, compared with 43.83% last season.

This season saw the introduction of individual numbers across the Junior and Senior age groups throughout the state. Our junior athletes each had a unique registration number, which did challenge some of our track managers, having to record such large (5 digit) numbers but it was handled easily. In determining the best structure for the organisation of our program, we chose to combine our U13-17 boys and girls and make them a Senior boys and a Senior girls age group. I think this helped to build the social aspect of Little A's for these athletes and give them some extra competition. The next big challenge will be the change in the age groups for next season as we move to be in line with ANSW and school age groups, age groups will now be based on calendar years. More information will be released in the months leading up to the new season.

Another change by LANSW this season was having the manual registration forms phased out completely. As a centre we recognized this direction a couple of years ago and put in place measures to assist our parents register online. I am sure that in the coming seasons mandatory online payments will be introduced which will again further reduce the workload of the registrar.

I thank the committee for their efforts in helping on the registration nights, they could never be run by one person alone. Registrations for the new season will commence in August so keep an eye out on our web site for more information. I look forward to another season of Little Athletics and hope to see many of our athletes return for another year of family, fun and fitness.



## Season Registrations:

Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	2016/2017	2017/2018	2016/2017	2017/2018	2016/2017	2017/2018
Under 6	24	18	25	20	49	38
Under 7	27	15	21	24	48	39
Under 8	32	20	18	28	50	48
Under 9	19	16	30	15	49	31
Under 10	23	15	25	26	48	41
Under 11	11	14	14	18	25	32
Under 12	8	6	12	8	20	14
Under 13	5	8	12	5	7	13
Under 14	8	2	2	10	10	12
Under 15	3	10	3	1	6	11





## Records and Rankings Officer Report

*Bree McGraw*

This season Little Athletics NSW reduced the weight for the Under 6 Shot Put event from 1kg to 500g which meant that inaugural records were set for this event and subsequently broken a number of times throughout the season.

24 new Centre Records were set during the 2017/2018 season, by 18 athletes across 12 events. Some of the records broken were very long standing records. Congratulations to these 18 athletes.

This season we started using Competition HQ as the preferred Little Athletics NSW results recording system. The result sheet data was entered in to Competition HQ by parents (and grandparents) on data entry duty at the grounds on Friday nights. This enabled the results to be uploaded and available to parents and athletes in Results HQ very quickly. This season, results were live in Results HQ by 11pm every Friday night. Thank you to our data entry helpers, who did a great job each Friday night.



New Centre Records set during the 2017/2018 season:

AGE	NAME	EVENT	RECORDING	DATE	PREVIOUS RECORD
Under 6 Girls	Kenzie Delacour-Batch	Shot Put 500g	2.91m	22/09/17	N/A (new event)
	Kenzie Delacour-Batch	Shot Put 500g	3.58m	17/11/17	
	Francesca Condina	Shot Put 500g	3.64m	02/02/18	
Under 6 Boys	Matthias Pinder	Shot Put 500g	3.92m	22/09/17	N/A (new event)
	Charlie Ashton	Shot Put 500g	4.17m	08/12/17	
	Oliver Glas	Shot Put 500g	4.37m	23/02/18	
	Jack Bennett	Shot Put 500g	4.63m	23/02/18	
Under 8 Girls	Annabel Srbnovski	70 Metres	11.47s	02/03/18	2007
Under 9 Girls	Ryleigh Delacour-Batch	400 Metres	1m 16.72s	01/12/17	1999
	Ryleigh Delacour-Batch	400 Metres	1m 15.83s	02/03/18	
	Scarlett McGraw	700 Metre Walk	4m 17.03s	23/02/18	2004
Under 9 Boys	Charbel Khoury	700 Metre Walk	4m 40.95s	23/02/18	2004
Under 10 Boys	Cayde Herbert	70 Metres	10.59s	16/02/18	2011
	Cayde Herbert	70 Metres	10.52s	02/03/18	
Under 11 Girls	Brooke Hunter	Javelin 400g	12.41m	17/11/17	2016
	Brooke Hunter	Javelin 400g	14.33m	08/12/17	
	Brooke Hunter	Javelin 400g	14.62m	23/02/18	
	Ciara Cassilles	1100 Metre Walk	6m 12.22s	23/02/18	2011
	Renee Penitani	Triple Jump	8.87m	23/02/18	2002
Under 11 Boys	Daniel Merheb	Javelin 400g	11.91m	27/10/17	2017
	Kael Austin	Javelin 400g	12.37m	08/12/17	
	Tristan Otomancek	Javelin 400g	13.17m	02/02/18	
	Kael Austin	Javelin 400g	17.43m	23/02/18	
Under 13 Boys	Callum Powell	3000 Metres	11m 16.78s	03/11/17	2011

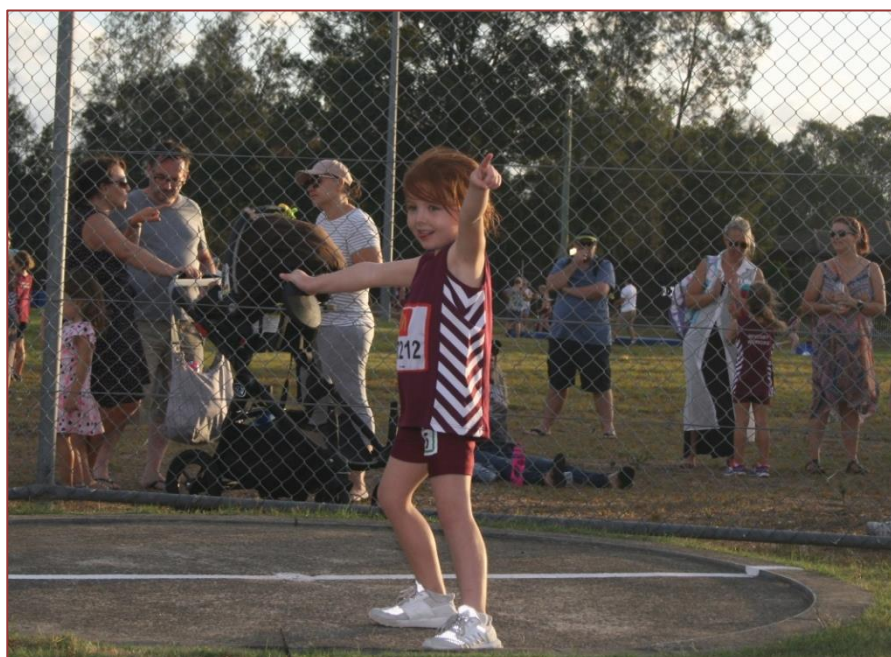


### Season Award Winners 2017-18

AGE GROUP	AGE CHAMPION	RUNNER UP	ENCOURAGEMENT	MOST IMPROVED	PARTICIPATION
Under 6 Girls	Kenzie Delacour-Batch	Emily Walker	May Orabi	Jade Harris	Kenzie Delacour-Batch
Under 6 Boys	Aaron Pasnin	Jack Bennett	Charlie Ashton	Thomas Wighton	Thomas Wighton Jacob Kokal
Under 7 Girls	Khloe Hunter	Liliana Anthony-Ligaiviu	Juliet Loane	Addison Mooney	Khloe Hunter
Under 7 Boys	Lachlan Wise	Benjamin Collins	Charlie Theodosiou	Zach O'Brien	Lachlan Wise Charlie Theodosiou Cooper Swain
Under 8 Girls	Annabel Srbinovski	Abbie Pasnin	Ava Hounslow	Emma Morgan	Emma Morgan
Under 8 Boys	Cooper Hunter	Damon Beard	Shea Cassilles	Eoin Richards	Cooper Hunter
Under 9 Girls	Ryleigh Delacour-Batch	Scarlett McGraw	Kiara Murphy	Bhavya Prasad	Scarlett McGraw Ryleigh Delacour-Batch



Under 9 Boys	Max Nicholls	Sean O'Brien	Sebastian Siegler	Charbel Khoury Harrison Phipps	Sean O'Brien
Under 10 Girls	Niamh Mackenzie	Matilda Richards	Sabina Khoury	Yen Do	Niamh Mackenzie
Under 10 Boys	Cayde Herbert	Jake Bender	Aiden Miller	Jonah Austin Liam Hanna	Jonah Austin
Under 11 Girls	Trinity Basic	Renee Penitani	Brooke Hunter Ciara Cassilles	Tegan Shankar	Trinity Basic
Under 11 Boys	Daniel Merheb	Benjamin Pittman	Tristan Otomancek	Kael Austin	Daniel Merheb
Under 12 Girls	Jennifer Sewell	Taylor Nangle	Phoebe Miller	Summer Choumar	Jennifer Sewell
Under 12 Boys	Samuel MacBeath	Kamran Kumar	Christian Khoury	Alexander Wastell	Samuel MacBeath
Under 13 Girls	Cate Bennett	Elizabeth Wastie	Olivia Siegler	Rhiannon Shipley	Olivia Siegler
Under 13 Boys	Callum Powell	Ben Exton	Travis Basic	Nicholas Otomancek	Callum Powell
Under 14 Girls	Brianna Whitney	Elizabeth Rolls	Evie Donnelly	Jessica Sewell	Elizabeth Rolls
Under 14 Boys	Noah Farrugia	William Braddick	-	-	Noah Farrugia
Under 15 Girls	Natahlia Dimanche	-	-	-	Natahlia Dimanche
Under 15 Boys	Debashis Prasad	Jack Exton	Mitchell Carroll	Dylan Bennett	Debashis Prasad
Under 17 Girls	Phoebe Bottrill	Angel Al Massoud	-	-	Phoebe Bottrill
Under 17 Boys	Thomas Padron	James Khoury	Lachlan Wright	-	Thomas Padron



## Banks Outstanding Sporting Achievement Awards

This season age managers were asked to nominate athletes in their age groups who have demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship, friendship, effort and personal achievement. The recipients of these awards are:

Under 6 Girls	Francesca Condina	Under 6 Boys	Blake Murphy
Under 7 Girls	Ruby McGraw	Under 7 Boys	Timothy Davie
Under 8 Girls	Chloe O'Brien	Under 8 Boys	Callum Clasper
Under 9 Girls	Erika Glas	Under 9 Boys	Jacob Sidrak
Under 10 Girls	Abbie Fenwick	Under 10 Boys	Cameron Poole
Under 11 Girls	Eliza Marsh	Under 11 Boys	Warren Beckwith
Under 12 Girls	Bridget Morgan	Under 12 Boys	Oliver Ames
Under 13 Girls	Elizabeth Wastie	Under 13 Boys	Blake Pryde
Under 14 Girls	Sarah Kennedy	Under 15 Boys	Challita Tahhan
		Under 17 Boys	Nelson Carey

## Service Awards

### 5 Year Awards

RWLAC 5 year Service Awards are awarded to all athletes who have completed five continuous years of Little Athletics with RWLAC during the current season. This season we exceed last year's number of athletes by 1 with a total of 21 athletes receiving this award. They were as follows:

Lydia	Alrahil	Niamh	Mackenzie
Jonah	Austin	Lily	Madden
Jake	Bender	Isabel	McFarlane
Rori	Brooks	Daniel	Merheb
Abbie	Fenwick	Aiden	Miller
Charlotte	Gorham	Phoebe	Miller
Amelia	Hastilow	Joshua	Nangle
Sarah	Kennedy	Matilda	Richards
Talia	Kumar	Elizabeth	Wastie
Kamran	Kumar	Matthew	Wastie
Violet	Loane		



## 10 Year Awards

This season we had 3 athletes who completed 10 years of membership at our Centre. They were Mitchell Carroll, Jordan Carey and Challita Tahhan. These boys were all in the U15 age group so we hope they will stay on with us and achieve their 12 year awards. Nelson Carey in the U17 Boys completed 12 years with the Centre starting with us in Under 6's and was duly rewarded at Presentation Night.



Top: Mitchell Carroll, Challita Tahhan and Jordan Carey 10 year award recipients.  
Bottom: Nelson Carey, James Khoury and Thomas Padron with U17 Boys age manager James Padron





State  
Representatives  
Front: Scarlett  
McGraw, Jake  
Bender, Renee  
Penitani  
Back: Ella  
Ashton, Nelson  
Carey, Ciara  
Cassiles, Ryleigh  
Delacour-Batch.



## Championships Officer's Report

*Erin Austin*

What a season, I was championships officer again and what a year it was. There were a number of highlights as follows:

**State relay** was an exciting time and with a large number of junior athletes keen to be involved we were able to enter some junior teams. Our focus this year was not on the number of teams but on the commitment from each of the team members. We increased the relay training, with help from our coaches and a few parents. What an amazing competition. All of our teams were able to perform, no teams were disqualified and we had some amazing results. Our u8 boys throw team (Callum Clasper, Cooper Hunter and Elijah Biuvanua-Heather) walked away with the gold medal, but also owners of the record. Our u7 girls 4x100m team came in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Every year our teams just get better and better, so I'm looking forward to the 2018-19 state relay.

**TransTasman** is an event open to the u11 and u12s where athletes trial to represent Australia, competing against NZ. It has been a number of years since a Revesby athlete has been selected to represent Australia and Ben Pittman was superb in the trials and was selected onto the Australian team. In February, Ben flew over to NZ for the competition and returned with a medal from the championship day. Congrats Ben, that's something you will remember forever.

**Zone championships** was a fantastic meet for our club. There were so many u7 athletes who really performed at the next level and progressed to the finals and came back to our tent with medals around their necks. Well done at your first individual meet. Well done to our older athletes, we had a large number progress to region and that was really nice to cheer you on.

**Region** was wonderful, there were so many athletes who progressed from zone that there was so much maroon and white on the track, so much more than we are used to. All our athletes tried and never gave up, it was wonderful to see the determination on their faces. A special high-five to the 7 athletes who progressed to State.



I personally attended the State relay, zone and region carnivals and the most amazing thing about those carnivals was the support and encouragement everyone gave to each other. Parents were looking for a Revesby uniform as races marshalled and yelling out encouragement as the athletes came past. It was really special to witness and I was really appreciative to all the parents who brought their children, but cheered just as hard for the other Revesby athletes.

This year was a record of achievements and I'm excited and nervous with anticipation on how far our athletes will go next year. There are PBs to achieve, new events to compete in as they move into the next age group, records waiting to be broken and lots of smiles around the corner as they realise their results at the zone and region carnivals and lastly sharing in their excitement as they find out they made it to state.

Enjoy the break, till next season.



L) Under 8 Boys throws Relay team. Gold medal to Callum Clasper, Cooper Hunter and Elijah Biuvanua-Heather



Left:  
Under 10 Girls relay team.  
2017-18  
State relays

I was very excited to visit New Zealand, the land of the long white cloud, I was told. We experienced this from day 1. We found that it rained very heavily and was very windy. The weather was so windy and it rained so hard that night 1 a huge tree collapsed and fell through our window. All the other windows rattled all night due to the constant wind. Fortunately, this was the worst of the weather and it warmed up from that time on. We visited many attractions around the north island of NZ. We went to the hot pools in Waiwera, the geysers and mud pools in Rotorua, spent a night at a marae in Taupo, the Rainbow End family fun park, Waihi gold mines, the Auckland Museum, a Maori concert, a steam train ride in Tauranga, Rainbow springs trout farm and Kelly Tarlton's underwater world.

It was the first time I travelled on a plane and found it fun. The accommodation was a dorm style at a local college and all the meals were supplied and very nutritious. On the trip from Rotorua back to Auckland, the bus broke down. This required the bus company to send a replacement bus 130km to pick us up.

I had a day out with a NZ family where we slid down the sand dunes and swam at a local lake before visiting my NZ family's house before returning to the college for a disco.

During the visit, we had 3 athletic competitions. The Colgate games (same as state champs), a warmup athletic meet and the Trans Tasman Challenge. Each of the competitions were held at Mt Smart stadium in Auckland. They were very competitive. I came 5<sup>th</sup> at discus and 6<sup>th</sup> at shot put and my team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the teams field relay (shotput, discus and long jump).

Overall it was an enjoyable experience and a once in a lifetime adventure, which I would recommend to everyone.

By Ben Pittman





### Michael Irwin Award for Athletics Excellence

**Ryleigh Delacour-Batch:** Ryleigh joined our Centre only 2 years ago and has shown her ability as an exceptional athlete for an Under 9 year old. Athletics seems to run in the family with her dad, aunty and cousins all having participated over the years and some still holding records at our centre.

The Michael Irwin Award is based on a points system taking into account participation and results from Zone, Region and State as well as Centre records for the current season. This year Ryleigh broke 2 Centre records, achieved a 1<sup>st</sup> place and three 2<sup>nd</sup> placings at Zone, three 2<sup>nd</sup> placings at Region and a 4<sup>th</sup> place at State a tremendous achievement for an Under 9 athlete.



### Joan Carroll Memorial Volunteer Award

**Siobhan Mackenzie:** Siobhan became involved with RWLAC when her daughter Niamh joined the under 6 age group 5 years ago. Siobhan herself competed at St George Little Athletics and is a keen netballer and observer of a fit and healthy lifestyle. From the start Siobhan assumed role of Age Manager for her daughter's age group and has mentored and encouraged all the girls in her group and fostered a terrific sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship among them all. This season Siobhan has had 26 girls in the Under 10 age group, 7 of whom have been with her since Under 6's. Siobhan has age managed some very big age groups 17 in the Under 6's, 19 in the Under 7's, 20 in the under 8's and 29 last year. Her ability to organise, support and encourage these young girls whilst also enlisting the help of the parents within the age group is testament to her skills as she promotes a love of athletics while seeking out the best in every athlete in her group. Siobhan has been prominent this year in her forward thinking, utilising the assistance of a trolley in which to place jackets, jumpers, drink bottles and at times athletes as well! Thank you Siobhan, for your commitment as an Age Manager and for your support of your daughter's age group and all the athletes who compete in it.



L) Siobhan Mackenzie:  
Recipient of Joan  
Carroll Memorial  
Volunteer Award  
2018.  
Below) Age Managers  
from U10-U17 age  
groups.





## Banks Volunteer Award

Erin Austin

Erin has been on the RWLAC Committee since 2013, the year after her son joined Little Athletics. She served two years as Secretary before nominating to be Championships Officer. In this role her enthusiasm has abounded as she has organised teams to participate in State Relays and Zone Championships. Each year she has garnered interest and canvassed parents and athletes and trained relay teams, not to mention sitting through two full days of Zone and region competitions and ensuring our athletes are always where they need to be at the correct time. Her support of our Centre is endless and she was a very worthy recipient of a Banks Volunteer Award recently presented by David Coleman Federal MP for Banks and the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs.



## Coaching Report

This season we have been very fortunate to have had the assistance of the Revesby Workers' Illawong Senior Athletics Club coaches who have attended our Centre on a Friday afternoons prior to competition. Their expertise has been invaluable in teaching our athletes some of the basic skills and then building on them. We noticed the dramatic improvement in athletes' performances at the Zone and Region Carnivals and look forward to another year working with them.



## Club Captains' Speech

*Phoebe Bottrill and Mitchell Carroll*

*Given at presentation Night 2018*

Welcome athletes, parents, distinguished guests and the Revesby Workers' Little Athletics committee. My name is Mitchell and this is my fellow captain Phoebe. It has been an honour to have been your Club Captains for the 2017/18 season. We would like to begin by thanking all of the people who have made athletics possible each Friday night and at Zone, Region and State Championships. We especially thank our hard working and dedicated Club President for her organisation and efforts every Friday night as well as at all of our competitions and fundraisers.

We also thank our Vice President Tony Tahhan and our announcer John Rodwell for their tireless support and commitment to the Club. To the committee who make every Friday night run as smoothly as possible, setting up equipment and helping at all events, our Club would not be the same without each and every one of you so we are extremely grateful. Another person our Club could not survive without is Rebecca, for running the Canteen, always ready to help out after a long night of events.

We would like to acknowledge the amazing work that our Championships Officer, Erin Austin does in organising our Zone, Region and State relay teams. Finally we would like to thank the parents who take time out of their busy lives to bring their kids to athletics and volunteer to help with timing, age group managing and recording, and the athletes who come every Friday night and make athletics an enjoyable experience for those around them.

The past season has been very successful with many athletes competing at Zone and Region as well as the 7 progressing to State, the most we have had in a number of years. Throughout the season each athlete has grown and improved with many personal bests, new friends gained and lots of fun had by all. We have also had a lot of Club records broken and overall it has been a fantastic year of athletics achievement.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the evening celebrating the many achievements of our athletes and club members from the 2017-18 Little Athletics Season.



Club Captains: Phoebe Bottrill and Mitchell Carroll with Club Vice Captain Dylan Bennet and Club President Christine Butters.



## AGE GROUP PHOTOS 2017-18



**Under 6 Girls**

**Under 6 Boys**







**Under 7 Girls**

**Under 7 Boys**







**Under 8 Girls**

**Under 8 Boys**







**Under 9 Girls**

**Under 9 Boys**







**Under 10 Girls**

**Under 10 Boys**







**Under 11 Girls**

**Under 11 Boys**







**Under 12 Girls and Boys**

**Senior Girls (u13-U17)**







**Senior Boys (u13-U17)**

**Committee (absent: Tony Tahhan, Lisa Wedgwood, Scott Wastell, Richard Loane)**





