

## AA AGM and Presidents' Meeting / AT Board Meeting

I have two updates following the Athletics Australia AGM and Presidents' Meeting and the Athletics Tasmania Board meeting.

### AA AGM/Presidents/EO Meetings: 27/28 October 2016

Gabby and I attended the AA AGM and the respective CEOs/Presidents' Meetings in Melbourne on 27/28th October. The Member Associations spent time with the AA board members and board chair discussing matter of interest and sharing experiences from each state.

The key messages from these meetings are:

- AA is working with Little Athletics to achieve alignment under the One Sport Concept. They are not pursuing a merger.
- Each member association faces very different challenges and opportunities in relation to Little Athletics and the methods of alignment vary from joint competitions to free membership to senior clubs for Little As. There is no ideal model that suits everyone.
- The state championships are now the pinnacle meet for each association for the track and field season in the absence of the national tour.
- The Nitro series is being progressed however more details are not available yet as it is commercial-in-confidence.
- Recreational running remains a high priority as a pathway to attract athletes. AA have signed an MOU with Parkrun and AA would like member associations to explore this relationship further as they see fit.

### AT Board Meeting 29 October 2016

The AT Board discussed the following matters:

- The outsourcing of financial tasks (invoicing, accounts, financial reporting etc) to Blue Cube Accounting is almost complete.
- Wayne Fletcher's continuation as Public Officer was endorsed.
- Life Member and Special Awards conferred at the recent AGM will be presented on Reunion Day to Rex Morris and Bill Palmer - arrangements to be made for presentation to Helen Moir.
- Darren Sheen represented AT at a joint meeting with Little Athletics to discuss the One Centre Model paper presented by Little As. Darren will continue to work with Little As on opportunities for AT and LAT to work together. AT gave in principal support for Little As to conduct two trial events to gauge interest in holding open age events at Little A meets. Trials will be conducted in St Helens on 29 January 2017 and Sorell on 2 December 2016.
- A para classification day was held on 29 October with five participants.
- The nomination committee for the AT Awards will determine nominees for the Athletics Australia Awards (selection criteria provided by AA).
- The board noted the upcoming carnival season and resolved to assist promotion of events.

Finally I have been contacted by Parkrun Hobart who endeavour to provide pace runners on the last Saturday of every month. Hobart Parkrun is held at 9am at Risdon Brook Dam every Saturday and is 5km. If any clubs are in a position to provide several pace runners for the last Saturday of any month, please contact Hobart Parkrun or myself and I will pass your details on. Last season we recruited several Parkrun competitors to the Aths South winter competition. I encourage clubs to explore this option, at Hobart, Launceston and Devonport.

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