

Winston Hills Little Athletics Centre
Special General Meeting 9th March 2019

Questions:

- **Why is the club affiliating with Athletics NSW (ANSW – seniors' athletics) as well as LANSW?**
 - *For a number of years, LANSW and ANSW have been working together to align athletics towards a common framework. This is called OneSport, and its aims are to provide clear pathways for growing children and teens to seamlessly continue their interest in athletics as they get older or are looking for different ways to do athletics. For the past 3 years, all U12-U17 athletes have had automatic dual registration with LANSW and ANSW. By having dual affiliation with both LANSW and ANSW, the club is better able to provide a pathway for our older athletes as they progress into the senior competitions. Winston Hills can do this as part of the OneSport framework utilising a single club committee to oversee both athletics operations, and this is encouraged by both LANSW and ANSW.*

- **Will there be a separate committee to oversee the senior's athletics?**
 - *No. The OneSport framework encourages Little Athletics Clubs to have dual affiliation, which can only be done through a single club committee.*

- **Why is the club changing its name?**
 - *The proposed new club name will be Winston Hills Athletics Centre, which encourages a focus on athletics in general within the Winston Hills area, rather than only focusing on young athletes. This is a common way of handling this change within the Little Athletics community, and is also the way most other sports clubs operate. This name change will be registered with the Department of Fair Trading as normal process.*

- **Will my child be affected by this change?**
 - *Not unless your child is U12-U17 and wishes to participate in senior's events. Currently for these athletes to compete in senior's events, they are required to join a Seniors club and compete in that club's uniform. The Winston Hills club currently has no part in monitoring progress and is not in a position to offer much in the way of support as they progress towards Senior's athletics. With dual affiliation however, the club is much better placed to monitor ANSW events and to provide the necessary support to all athletes. If your child is TT-U11, or does not wish to participate in ANSW events, then there will be no change for your child from current.*

- **Will we see senior athletes competing at Gooden reserve on Saturday mornings with the Little Athletes?**
 - *No. There are no plans to hold regular Seniors events at Gooden Reserve. If there became a need, and the ground is deemed suitable by both the club and council, then events may be held, however this will not be on Saturday mornings.*

- **Will this have any effect on the existing Little Athletics program at Winston Hills or other carnivals?**
 - *No. Senior athletes will only compete at the same competitions as Little Athletes at designated events, such as State Cross Country and State Road Walks, which have operated this way for a number of years. In this case, current U12-U17 Little Athletes would be able to compete for Winston Hills as a Senior athlete, rather than for another senior's club.*

- **Why does the Constitution need to change to allow affiliation with ANSW?**
 - *The Constitution specifies the operating parameters for the club, and currently only allows for affiliation with LANSW. For the club to be dual affiliated, the constitution needs to be amended to make mention of affiliation with both LANSW and ANSW.*

- **Are there any other changes to the Club Constitution?**
 - *Changes to the Club Constitution include multiple references throughout the document which allow for dual affiliation with LANSW, ANSW and also with Little Athletics Australia and Athletics Australia. The new constitution also uses the new club name of Winston Hills Athletics Centre. There are also some minor typographical and formatting changes. These are the only changes to the constitution. You can review the proposed changes on the club website.*

- **Does this mean that my child (U12-U17) can compete in ANSW events in their current uniform? What about my child (TT-U11)?**
 - *Yes. By having dual affiliation, all U12-U17 athletes can compete at Gooden Reserve in the morning, then compete in their same uniform at ANSW events in the afternoon. TT-U11 athletes will not be affected since they do not have automatic dual registration.*

- **Will the club become more focussed on senior athletes at the expense of Little Athletes?**
 - *It is the intention of the club to always remain a Little Athletics club as the priority. The club understands that athletics is vitally important for young children, and this remains the focus of the committee. The changes in this proposed constitution allow the club to nurture current and past athletes as they progress to senior athletics and allows for a better focus on athletics as a sport in the Winston Hills area.*