

WINSTON HILLS ATHLETICS CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season 2021/22 didn't look like it was going to start when we were still in lockdown last year. Normally we would be gearing up for the season start from June or July, but by September we still didn't know what athletics would look like this season. In the end, we got the all clear by late October from the government and LANSW to start our season and the committee moved quickly to do all the groundwork necessary to start the season by 6th November. That was a massive achievement from the committee, and I congratulate each of you for your dedication, especially this season, another Covid affected season. The huge amount of work that goes on behind the scenes helps us to deliver a seamless athletics experience for our athletes.

The delayed start meant that State Relays were yet again a Covid casualty, and Zone was pushed back to late January, meaning a back end to the season that was heavy with championship events. Even Region was not without issues, having to use a grass track for the first time in a very long time. This was not due to Covid, but a result of our usual track at Blacktown Sports Park being renovated. We were also lucky enough to be able to return to one Saturday morning session, having to split the sessions last season due to Covid restrictions.

Despite the challenges faced, we had a very successful season, with many new athletes, as well as great success at the various championship events. What I enjoyed most was seeing the many parent helpers stepping up to take on any role that needed to be done, whether that be setup and pack-up, working in the canteen or BBQ, filling in for an Age Manager as needed, or helping to run events. You are the people who make this club so great. That Winston Hills spirit lays the foundation for a relaxed family atmosphere, which attracts new athletes to the club. We are proud as a club that we can continue to provide a safe and fun way for the children of the Winston Hills and surrounding areas to be physically active, one of the main aims of our club.

To our leaving U17 athletes, many of whom I have had the privilege to Age Manage for many years from U6-U15, thank you for representing Winston Hills Athletics Centre with such pride. I do hope that you return to the club either as senior athletes or in a volunteer role in future.

What a great season, and massive thank you to the committee, officials and parent helpers who without these people we would not be able to run the season. Thanks to Heidi and the parent helpers to get the canteen and BBQ back up and running this year and to McFarland's Quality Meats for supplying the meat.

Thank you also to Winston Hills Mall, Novale Bathrooms, Intersport, Irresistible Pools & Spas, Chatterbee Speech Pathology, Nadaya Financial, Mylonas & O'Callaghan Veterinary Hospital Blacktown and Classico Concrete for their support this year

Congratulations to every athlete that tried their best, had fun and made friendships along the way.

It was great to have Zone back this year where we had a large number of athletes participate resulting in many pb's, top 8 finishes and qualifications to region. Big shout out to the under 7 boys and girls on their medals and results and it was great to have plenty of support at the Winston hills tents to cheer on our athletes.

It was unfortunate that we could not run Region on a synthetic track due to the upgrades at Blacktown sport centre, but all our athletes still represented our club to their fullest and we had a large number of pb's, top 8 finishes and qualifications to state. Massive shout out to the under 8 boys and girls on their pb's and medals being it is their first Region although they are ineligible for state.

Congratulations as well to our state athletes as you should be proud on this accomplishment. I would like to especially congratulate Matilda Webb and Caitlyn Martin on making the NSW team.

We also had state multi this year, which was held in Maitland where we had good club representation and we hope to see more of you in Wagga Wagga next year. It is a great weekend away to have fun with your fellow athletics friends and families.

I hope this season was as enjoyable for everyone as it was for me and I look forward to seeing you all again in September for the start of another great season.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Another successful season for the Winston Hills Athletic Centre in what has been another challenging season battling with Covid, which affected many families. Let's hope we are nearing the end of the pandemic and we get back to enjoying a full season in 2022/2023.

Thank you to my fellow Committee members, age managers and parent helpers whose work has led to the smooth running of the Centre. Thank you to our many coaches and generous sponsors.

As a Centre, we enjoyed great success at all levels of competition. It is very pleasing to see some very promising athletes in the younger age groups who will continue to make our Club Stronger.

Athletics is a great sport as it caters for athletes of all standards, and I believe Winston Hills does a fine job in making everyone feel welcome and part of the athletics family. I would like to encourage anyone who is interested in joining the committee or coaching to step up. It takes more than a handful of people to run a Centre. New people bring fresh ideas and can only make the Centre stronger in the future.

On a personal note, I was disappointed in the failure of Athletics Australia and Little Athletics to merge into the One Organisation. Hopefully at the NSWLA Annual Conference, we can get an explanation as why our state body voted no.

Wishing everyone a good Winters break and hopefully see you all back in September.

COVID-19 and La Niña both significantly affected your Club this season as we were able to manage only 12 running days at Gooden Reserve, the fewest in recent memory and almost half of the 22 running days we held at Gooden Reserve during the 2017-18 season. Despite two seasons of limited activity, your Club remains in a strong financial position.

Registration fees fell by a further 10%, on a net basis, due to a reduction in athletes. Registration fees are now down by 19% from their peak in 2019-20, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most of our sponsors returned for the 2021-22 season. We would like to especially thank our returning sponsors: Novale Bathrooms, Winston Hills Mall, Classico Concrete, Chatterbee Speech Pathology, Nadaya Financial, McFarland's Meats, and Mylonas & O'Callaghan Veterinary Hospital. We would also like to welcome our new sponsor, Intersport Winston Hills.

During 2021-22, your Club received \$6,392 in grants from our former parent entity, Winston Hills Sports Club. We also received grants from Little Athletics NSW and the NSW Government totalling \$3,399 and \$1,000, respectively.

Our canteen sales were vastly improved this season as our Vice-President, Luke, and his family, organised the weekly barbeque that was manned by a roster of parents. The canteen, managed by Heidi Juhart, contributed \$4,238 to your Club this season, more than doubling the funds generated last season. We are grateful to all the helpers on the barbeque and in the canteen who contributed their time.

Uniform sales fell again this season, while purchases were also lower this season as we continued to hold an inventory of uniforms and hats for sales that did not eventuate.

Other income represents reimbursements from Hills Shire Council for line marking and a one-time refund from Hills Cross Country as their season was cut short by the return of COVID-19 restrictions.

Total income increased by \$7,071 or 11% from the prior season but remains 22% below levels achieved before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Purchases of assets and equipment more than doubled this season as your Club purchased new equipment, including \$6,798 for new hurdles, half of which was funded by a grant. We also finally replaced the two aging Husqvarna ride-on mowers, incurring costs of \$15,745 that will benefit your Club for many years to come.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Presentation Day expenses increased significantly as we were able to hold a presentation day due to the easing of social distancing rules. In addition, your Club purchased new State Representative jackets for all qualified athletes both last season and this season.

Sponsorship related costs returned this season as we spent more than the sponsorship funds raised purchasing training shirts for all our athletes.

Repairs and maintenance expenses were significantly higher this season as we spent substantially more purchasing line marking paint and repairing line marking equipment as the La Niña weather pattern caused the marked lines to decay and disappear fast than in previous seasons creating the need to use the equipment more to mark the lines more often. We also repaired the two ride-on mowers that have now been replaced and incurred higher fuel costs due to the aforementioned need to mark the lines more often.

Competition expenses increased as all championships and intrastate competitions, apart from State relays, returned from COVID-19 exile.

Registration fees paid were significantly higher as the membership fee with Athletics NSW, increased to \$800 per season this year. As we do not generate any registration fees from our senior athletes, this cost was paid by your Club.

General expenses increased as your Club now has to pay insurance for equipment when its value exceeds a threshold determined by Little Athletics NSW. We also had to replenish the first aid kits.

Total expenses were \$26,990 or 65% higher than the previous season, contributing to a net reduction in cash of \$2,945 for this season.

Your Club remains in a strong financial position, with a closing cash balance of \$116,633. We will also receive our share of the funds remaining in the Winston Hills Sports Club when it is finally dissolved.

It should be noted that the Income and Expenditure Statement are fully reconciled and have been examined by a current member of the Club.

1 April 2020 to 1 April 2021 to
31 March 2021 31 March 2022

Opening Balance	96,811.88	119,577.20
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Income

Registration fees	34,830.71	31,278.11
Sponsorship	12,000.00	11,900.00
Grants and rebates	7,552.51	10,790.95
Canteen and BBQ sales	2,876.60	10,029.51
Uniform sales	5,971.38	5,408.34
Other income	160.00	1,775.00
Fundraising	870.00	0.00
Coffee commission	0.00	150.00

Total income	64,261.20	71,331.91
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Expense

Purchases of assets	4,781.66	17,627.67
Purchases of equipment	6,640.00	7,226.60
Presentation day / end of season	9,489.31	16,709.88
Sponsorship related costs	0.00	12,100.00
Repairs and maintenance	2,420.67	5,966.82
Canteen expenses	1,186.80	5,791.50
Uniforms	7,188.50	3,568.91
Competition expenses	280.00	1,202.00
Registration fees	275.00	1,002.50
Postage, printing and stationery	722.73	914.48
Grounds hire	1,094.40	884.13
General expenses	47.19	823.07
Volunteer appreciation	3,197.30	275.30
Bank charges	656.86	184.01
Coaches, conferences and training	130.00	0.00
WHSC fees	2,070.00	0.00
COVID-19 expenses	1,315.46	0.00

Total expense	41,495.88	74,276.87
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Income less Expense	22,765.32	-2,944.96
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Closing Balance	119,577.20	116,632.24
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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

With a delay in the start of our Athletics season, we were able to start the season with minimal to no restriction's due to COVID.

This season launched with a new registration platform rolled out by LANSW from Sports TG to GameDay. The transition between platforms occurred quite effortlessly for parents of athletes registering.

Triallists

Once again WHLAC were able to offer a 2 week trial to interested athletes prior to the commitment of registering. This allows new athletes to give all the events a go and experience the structure of the events on Saturday mornings. We once again used the online registration platform for triallist registering.

- 36 Triallist
- 20 converted into New Registrations

LANSW Registrations

From our 402 athletes, we welcomed 117 new athletes to Winston Hills. 31% of these athletes were for our tiny tots, with the remainder 69% being spilt across our 6 to 17 age groups.

Total Registrations 2021 / 2022 Season:

Age Group	2021-2022 Current Season			2020-2021
	Female	Male	Grand Total	Grand Total
Tint Tots	22	18	40	28
Under 6 Athlete	15	22	37	42
Under 7 Athlete	21	22	43	50
Under 8 Athlete	16	32	48	48
Under 9 Athlete	23	26	49	42
Under 10 Athlete	17	16	33	33
Under 11 Athlete	12	12	24	45
Under 12 Athlete	20	20	40	23
Under 13 Athlete	10	9	19	32
Under 14 Athlete	11	17	28	23
Under 15 Athlete	7	11	18	20
Under 17 Athlete	11	12	23	26
Grand Total	185	217	402	415

Senior's Registrations

In the 2021/22 ANSW season, Registrations were as below:

Dual Athletes	34
Committee	2
Total	36

A big thankyou to Revathi for all of her assistance with registration packs throughout the season!

Championships wise the 21/22 season started to resemble the pre pandemic season tempo. There were four championships meets, a zone carnival in January, a region carnival in February, then both a state combined meet at Maitland and state championships at Homebush during March. A thank you to the Hills little athletics club for hosting the zone and regional carnival three weeks apart, as well as the many WHAC officials who volunteered, many with no current athletes at the club.

For the zone carnival, 140 WHAC athletes competed. Four athletes set zone records, Theodore F (8B 400m pack), Joshua W (9B 700m walk), Vanessa A (17G high jump) and Lachlan W (17B 100m).

Six under 7 athletes medalled at zone:

- Shreya: 1st in 50m, long jump, shot, discus
- Patrick M: 1st in 70m, 100m, 200m, long jump
- Evie G: 1st in 70m, 100m, 2nd in 50m
- Charlotte A: 2nd in 70m, 200m, 500m
- Max A: 2nd in discus, 3rd in long jump
- Miles H-F: 2nd in 500m

WHAC had 107 athletes compete at region. Two under 8 athletes medalled at region:

- Theodore F: 1st in 200m, 400m, 700m and 60m hurdles
- Oliver D: 1st in 100m, 2nd in 200m, 3rd in 70m

Thanks also to the senior boys and junior girls relay teams and to Charlie Tees for your coaching preparation.

The state combined meet was held at Maitland in early March 2021. Congratulations to the four WHAC athletes who medalled at this meet, with Shreya (7G) and Vanessa (17G) winning gold, while both Aaron (12B) and Nicho (14B) won bronze in their age groups.

55 WHAC athletes qualified for the state championship meets. It was pleasing to see that 19 of the athletes were first time state qualifiers, coming from across the 9's to the 17's age groups. 12 WHAC athletes achieved state medals across 13 events, congratulations to:

- 1st: Nate 9B 700m walk, Matilda 13G 1500m walk, Danelia 14G 1500m walk
2nd: Taine 11B high jump, Aaron 12B triple jump, Aaron 12B javelin, Caitlyn 13G high jump, Josh H 14B 400m, Vanessa 17G high jump
3rd: Sanjana 11G discus, Henry 14B javelin, Isaac 15B javelin, Lachlan W 17B 400m

Caitlyn M and Matilda W were both selected on the NSW representative team for the under 13 Australian Little Athletics Championships in Melbourne. Congratulations to you both for your selection, it's a fantastic recognition of your great effort and results.

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